



# Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



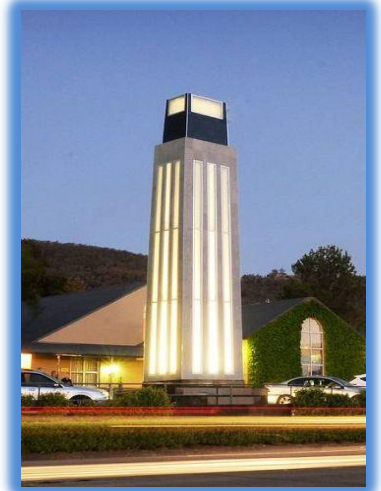
**2019-2020**

District Governor [Phil Hafey](#)

President: [Barry Biffin](#)

Secretary: [Liz Gill](#)

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**MEETING 1506**

**WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2020**



*Margaret Lyon's tame magpie called "Junior" - photos are a month apart - "Junior" has made himself at home - quite happy to walk inside if the door is left open!*

# IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2020

**This Wednesday, 17 June – POST OFFICE HOTEL - 6:30 AM - \$23.00 PP**

**Saturday 18 July is Changeover Date – further information to follow**

Saturday, 26 June -D9650 Changeover – Laurieton – POSSIBLE?

## **15 – 22 August - DISTRICT 9650 RYLA – KEEPIT DAM**

It's important to identify **AND** nominate potential participants **NOW** to ensure they have the opportunity to organise leave **AND** be part of the premier youth program at District level, Nationally **AND** Internationally.

**Saturday 15 – Saturday 22 August 2020**

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre

**RYLA Needs YOU!!!**

**Accepting nominations now**

Please encourage your members to:

**identify** potential participants

**tell** them about the RYLA program

**share** the positive impact it will have on their lives

**encourage** them to apply

**encourage** employers in your Club to sponsor an employee

**invest** in the future of your Club

**RYLA is the future of Rotary...**

[www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA](http://www.rotary9650.org.au/RYLA)

**The program is brilliant, the results outstanding, the experience is life changing.**

**Nominations close Friday, 24 July 2020**

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact:

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**Louise Matthews** D9650 RYLA Secretary (RC Tamworth First Light) 0420 743 083

Yours in **Developing Rotarians of the Future**

**LOUISE MATTHEWS**

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**Quote of the Week**

*The English country gentleman galloping after a fox -  
the unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable.  
Oscar Wilde (A Woman of No Importance)*

Hello Members and Friends

**BREAKFAST IS AT THE POST OFFICE HOTEL THIS WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE AT 6:30AM – COST AS BEFORE - \$23.00 PER PERSON.**

This meeting will also include a “special” presentation so don’t miss out

What a great meeting last week, wonderful to get to meet in person again. It was good to have Chris Watson talk to us about the effects Covid19 had on his travel business as with others in the travel industry.

I believe that Chris will be joining us again on a more regular basis.

The raffles are back and Richard Walker and Peter Leonard had good support on Friday night. Thank-you Andrew Cootes for your support, with Breakfast and Raffles.

**RYLA - MEMBERS – PLEASE look around your businesses** – you must have employees who would truly benefit from an opportunity like this – we see year after year the change in the applicants who go and employers speak very highly of the positive changes within the workplace afterwards – aren’t the successes from RYLA the reason we support this and our other Youth programs to benefit our youth.

**More details / discussion about our change-over on Saturday, 18 July.**

Liz's new knee is working well and she will be home soon.

Rain is wonderful so I look forward to seeing more members back this Wednesday.

See you at Jamaica Blue after our ZOOM meeting.

Have a great week.

**BARRY BIFFIN**

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## OUR GUEST SPEAKER LAST WEEK WAS AN EX-MEMBER CHRIS WATSON WHO SPOKE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF TRAVEL AND HOW COVID-19 AFFECTED BOTH CRUISING AND AIR TRAVEL RIGHT ACROSS THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY

Introduced by Terry Robinson

- The first real inkling of what was to come happened on 4 February with the first cases of the Corona Virus on the Diamond Princess anchored in Japan for two weeks and the Australian arriving back in Australia for a further two weeks of isolation
- Second and major drama was on 8 February last with the Ruby Princess – Chris was a passenger and the cruise was cut short by two days
- Between 8 – 16 February – his travel agency received 96 cancellations
- 18 February – 3 March – Chris had to travel to America with 70 clients and flew home out of New York which was the start of the Corona Virus pandemic in the States and on arriving back in Australia had his temperature taken
- In that short time his travel agency had received a further 250 cancellations
- Followed by a further 700
- Arriving home the first issue was trying to keep all staff – Job-keeper has been a major benefit for the travel industry overall – just hope that end of September is not a strict cut-off but an easing back over the next period for overall survival
- Further 800 cancellations – he and his staff who have worked incredible hours trying to re-assess, re-book, re-fund – have now seen the very best and the very worst of people during the past four months
- All international tours were cancelled to February 2021
- Trying to refund, rebook etc – airlines and cruises kept changing their rules
- ATAS Credit Agency has proved a major benefit and asset – have been truly supportive of the Travel Industry
- Went through a bad patch where he stayed home for 24 hours – could not face anyone – understands why people feel they can't go on
- With all of the above happening – people still want to go cruising and already making bookings for next year
- At the same time our business, as every other similar business is looking towards the future and assessing where / what can they do to survive this pandemic
- Looking at “Rediscovering Australia tours” must be local – Tasmania, Floriade and similar and bookings already coming in for these tours with amazingly good prices.
- Travel industry first hit and will be the last to recover.

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- Q. Rediscover Australia – How many tours have you created?
- A. 85 packages currently from short to two-week style tours
- Q. What about flights within Australia?
- A. Qantas has just opened another 300 flights internally – New Zealand still considering opening in July – the “bubble” but all State borders must be opened first – Possibly include some of the relative islands in the Pacific who are Corona Virus free
- Q. Places like Norfolk Island be opened?
- A. Yes, have some packages available
- Q. YEP students going home / arriving home?
- A. Refunds due in August – now offering 70% and claim rest from Insurance Company
- Q. Can airlines make air-travel safer in relation to air-conditioning?
- A. Emirates appear to be leading the way and Qantas is currently offering sanitiser and masks.

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Thanked by David Hinwood – very informative and appreciate what a stressful period that all staff members and the industry as a whole must be going through and feeling.

*Our first actual meeting after eight ZOOM meetings – quite a shock to have to dress instead of staying in our PJ's and having breakfast at the same time!*



**A REMINDER TO BOTH OLD AND NEW MEMBERS  
ABOUT THE DUTIES OF THE WEEKLY ROSTER**

**SERGEANT/S**

Responsible for putting out all Club Property and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting with two Corporals each week to assist - **includes setting up and putting away the laptop and projector for presentations**

**Need to be in attendance by 6:30AM**

**CORPORALS**

To assist the Sergeant by putting out all Club Property, collecting fine monies, and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting - **includes setting up and putting away the laptop and projector for presentations**

**One Needs to be in attendance by 6:30AM.**

**DOOR TEAM**

To record the attendance of our members and guests, collect meeting dues, and if possible, balance the cash float - monies paid = monies received.

**Need to be in attendance at 6.30AM**

**MEETER AND GREETER**

To meet and greet our members and welcome guests to our Club at the top of the stairs and to hand name badges to members. Also ensure any guests of members or visiting Rotarians are introduced to the Visitor Assist to ensure they are made feel welcome.

**Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am**

**WELCOME**

To publicly welcome our Members and Guests (following the introduction) to our meeting when called upon by the President or his / her substitute.

**Need to be in attendance by 6.40 am (or earlier)**

**PRESIDENT ASSIST**

To ensure members who are rostered for the duties of, Meeter and Greeter, Door, Visitor Assist, Welcome to our Members and Guests, Introduction of the Guest Speaker(s) and Vote of Thanks are present and if they are not to find a replacement and ensure those people's names are updated on the President's Running Sheet. Select the Table Order (after the head table).

**Need to be in attendance by 6.30AM**

**VISITOR ASSIST**

To ensure any visitors to the Club are made welcome by introducing yourself to them and other members and guests of our Club. **To also include them in fellowship before and, where possible, introduce them to the President**, make sure they are included with several members for breakfast and are not left on their own.

**Need to be in attendance from 6.30 am**

**INTRODUCTION**

Make yourself known to our Guest Speaker/s, assist them to the head table and sit with them. During breakfast find out some information about the guest speaker which will assist you in your introduction. Assist with PowerPoint set-up etc

**VOTE OF THANKS**

To move a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and present a little thank you gift (ensure you have it before the meeting commences and take notes during their presentation to ensure that your thank you is informed).



## The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

### Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good  
We thank Thee for our daily food  
May Rotary Friends and Rotary ways  
Help us to serve Thee all our days

### Tamworth—First Light

Meets Wednesday morning,  
6:30 for 7:00 am at  
Mercure Function Room  
Kent Street  
South Tamworth

### The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### Other Clubs meet:

Monday PM – Tamworth West  
Tuesday PM – Tamworth  
Wednesday PM - Calala  
Friday AM - Sunrise

Club Officers and contact details

[President—Barry Biffin](#)

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## WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLES

	17 June 2020	24 June 2020	1 July 2020
<b>Topic</b>	<b>James Treloar "West's &amp; Treloar Park" PO Hotel</b>	<b>PO Hotel??</b>	<b>PO Hotel??</b>
<b>Sergeants</b>	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
<b>Corporals</b>	Laurence Heame John Treloar	Steve Hawkins Peter Bell	Rob Clifton Naomi Blakey
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Richard Walker	Anne Jacob	Phil Knight
<b>Door Team</b>	Michael Smith Ron Allan	Les Jacob Dennis Johnson	Graham Dooley Marina Heame
<b>President Assist</b>	Dennis Smith	Michael O'Connor	Phil Lyon
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Brodie Shields	Paul Stevenson	Val Hellmann
<b>Welcome</b>	Terry Robinson	Brian Thompson	Louise Matthews
<b>Bulletin Notes</b>	Peter Leonard	Glenn McIntosh	Phil Penman
<b>Introduction</b>	Peter Leonard	Glenn McIntosh	Phil Penman
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Maureen Thornton	James Treloar	Brett White

### POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM

19 June 2020	26 June 2020	3 July 2020	10 July 2020
Peter Leonard Rob Clifton	Rob Clifton Phil Knight	Phil Knight Phil Penman	Phil Penman Mitch Soree

### BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS

<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Brodie Shields (21/06)
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Nil
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil
<b>Club Induction</b>	Louise Matthews (18yrs 18/06); Brett White (22yrs 20/06))

<b>Attendance</b>	60%
<b>Make-ups</b>	
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	N/A
<b>Visitors</b>	Chis Watson
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	N/A
<b>Raffle</b>	N/A

