



# Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



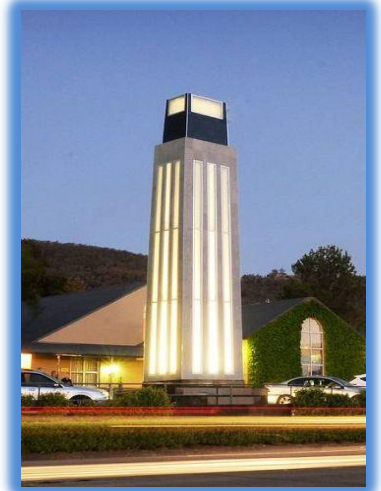
**2019-2020**

District Governor [Phil Hafey](#)

President: [Barry Biffin](#)

Secretary: [Liz Gill](#)

Treasurer: [Deb Barnes](#)



**MEETING 1507**

**WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2020**



*Sheba Dam early morning - thank you David Hinwood*

# IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2020

**This Wednesday, 24 June – POST OFFICE HOTEL - 6:30 AM - \$23.00 PP**  
**Last meeting for Barry's year – let's aim for maximum attendance!!!**

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

Saturday, 26 June -ZOOM D9650 Changeover

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR 2020 - 2021

**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 President serves his term - We all serve  
Anon.*

Hello Members and Friends

Welcome to my last story for the Bulletin. What a year with records broken in many areas, and the support from our Club has been excellent - I will elaborate at our Changeover dinner.

The Date and Venue are locked in for our Changeover which is on Saturday, 18 July 2020 at the **Chillingworth Room** at Wests. What we are seeking are a couple of volunteers to take this to the next level, that is to get bums on seats, theme, menu and costs and times.

**BREAKFAST IS AT THE POST OFFICE HOTEL THIS WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE AT 6:30AM – COST AS BEFORE - \$23.00 PER PERSON.**

I am enjoying the meetings at the Post Office Hotel, so if you have not attended please consider braving the weather and early start and come and enjoy the fellowship.

We have some applicants for RYLA and the Club will be supporting these young people in the usual way.

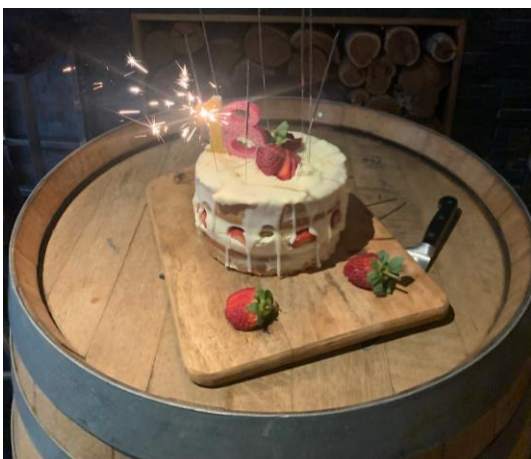
Also, at this week's meeting, I will outline the groups and causes that we will be supporting financially this year.

Looking forward to next week.

Regards

**BARRY BIFFIN**

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*Sharing Janni's 18<sup>th</sup>  
birthday with her*

*Janni returns to  
Finland within the  
next few weeks -  
been a delightful  
visitor to our shores*

*Come back to  
visit us SOON*



## VALE

The passing of Past Rotary International President (PRID) Sir Clem Renouf last week can't go by without a comment or two. He was the instigator of the 3-H program (Health, Hunger and Humanity) which included the polio eradication effort amongst other things. His year of office was 1978 – 1979.

PRID Ian Riseley made the following comment about Sir Clem Renouf “Most of us have heroes, even if the person in question isn't aware of the impact they have had on us.”

PDG Jane Bradford made the following comment – “Over a life time one occasionally meets a person who makes a marked positive impression upon you – whether it is made in half an hour (for me) or over years – the positive impression will never be forgotten. That is my memory of a brief meeting with PRID Sir Clem Renouf back in 2007 - 2008. A truly remarkable man.”

The following quote has been attributed to Sir Clem Renouf:

‘Rotary takes ordinary men (and women) and gives them  
Extraordinary opportunities to do more with their lives  
Than they ever dreamed possible”

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## Proposed District 9660

**District 9670** has to reach over 1,100+ members by 1 July 2020 – at 1 March 2020 had 1,069 members

District 9650 at 1 March 2020 had 1,392 members.

The first District Governor has been chosen – PDG Neville Parsons from D9650.

The District will be divided into eight areas consisting of 15 Rotary Clubs per area and will be governed by eight Area Governors. This will be a two-year position and will receive funding via the District Governor allowance issued by Rotary International.

An Area Governor will receive training at District level and the applicant will have a minimum of five-year's experience and been President in at least one Club.

The District Governor's (DG) position is basically Administrative and the Area Governors will visit their 15 Clubs as the DG's did in the past. However, the DG can, of course, be invited to specific celebrations if time permits.

Considerably more current technology such as Zoom etc and the use of the Area Governors will cover most areas and this can also apply to Annual District Conferences.

It is anticipated that the larger area will create more choices for our Youth and RYLA programs with more flexibility in training venues and could be run in two separate programs or Areas.



## THE WARRIORS – SPEAKER – JAMES TRELOAR – PRESIDENT OF TAMWORTH WEST LEAGUE CLUB

James opened by speaking about the timeframe for the Warriors' to arrive in Australia.

National Rugby League started on 12 March and stopped on 21 March.

After Week One the Warriors were not going to travel because of International Travel Restrictions so their home base was to be the Gold Coast

16.03.2020 West Entertainment sent an email to the Warriors offering Scully Park but “lockdown” arrived and they returned to New Zealand

17.04 2020 – Discussions started with the Warriors and Peter Valandies

Going to Gold Coast – Q'land introduces lockdown at the border

Lennox Heads – State controlled operation

Tamworth Has the Oval, Accommodation, Club Resort

24.04.2020 decision made and the arrangements started

01.05.2020 Public announcement made that they were coming to Tamworth - we had less than 48 hours to prepare

- Hunter New England Health – Tamworth (Sue) - was brilliant – advised us on how isolation had worked in Sydney – advised on areas we would need to address and the Plan was handed to NSW Health and Border Force - it had been handed into Sydney – neither could find a point that needed to be amended or changed
- Kevin Anderson was impressive – he liaised with the National Rugby League and Peter Valandies and Border Force
- Catering did require further discussion – Rod Laing was absolutely everywhere – finally came to an arrangement of \$110 per day for food
- Tamworth Airport is not an International Airport – Getting Customs from Newcastle required some pressure but they arrived

03.05.2020 The Warriors arrived (49 in the group – one left in New Zealand and one in Sydney) and had a bus and escorted from airport to the Mercure by police – both Health and Police had been checking the Mercure and surrounds frequently over this period of time.

Whilst here in lock-down – Rules of Entry for everyone – Temperature checked – hand-cleaning / sanitiser, gloves and masks.

Player in Sydney arrived a few days later and the player in New Zealand given clearance and arrived in Tamworth – an additional short week in Tamworth for the Team.

### What Did We Learn?

- **The Warriors** – could not fault them – they were a credit to their country, to their team members and officials, to our staff – Thank you!
- Toilets – common areas and rooms – doors – sanitised in and out constantly – all team members could only use the toilet in their own room so at Scully Park – had to go back to their room!
- Food – The “shared thing” like knife & forks, plates, mugs, straws – could not pre-set tables etc – each had to collect own items.
- Alcohol – none of the players came to the bars – did not drink whilst here – the non-players did – not excessively.
- Then they leave and I would like to quote two well-known statements as we said Farewell.
- “Success has many fathers – failure is normally an orphan”. I cannot speak highly enough about any of the following – they all worked incredibly hard, they were supportive of each other – no matter how stressed they may have felt or who they were dealing with.
- Thank you to Cameron George (CEO of the Warriors), their coach, Steve Kearney, Sue (NSW Health), Kevin Anderson, Peter Valandies and the National Rugby League Management and the entire Warriors Football Team for their support, strength, assistance and help



- Now I would like to thank Wests starting with Rod Laing who put in 20 hours a day and his amazing team – all of whom are here as we say Farewell to the Warriors.
- By choice the team worked for \$750 – Jobkeeper allowance – no overtime and all volunteered and put up with having their temperatures checked daily etc etc.
- Finally, a special thank you to St George Football Club for an email of thanks to Wests and Tamworth for providing this opportunity to the Warriors and consequently the Competition itself.
- The Warriors are now leaving and the second Statement I wish to talk about – the six phases of a project and these are
  - Enthusiasm
  - Disillusionment
  - Panic
  - Search for the Guilty
  - Punishment of the Innocent and the big one
  - Praise and Honour to the Non-Participants.

It proved an extraordinary experience – we all gained lots of ideas / thoughts for the future!

Q. What is happening to Treloar Park?

A. Have a grant from Federal Government of \$1.3M to re-surface the courts and substantial changes within the Club House – bar will go down to opposite end – the top end will be the Tennis Club and refreshments for players and will have a Centre Court for final matches. As this will be a family facility – no gaming machines, TAB but TV will be there for Sports and KENO will be there - aiming for the youth. There will be one bowling green.

Q. When do you think the Mercure may be opened?

A. Difficult – staff normally on \$250 as a casual now on Jobseeker receiving \$500 per week – not interested in working the awkward hours such as breakfast or late shifts – just cannot find the staff prepared to work at present so unable to provide an answer for you.

### **James Treloar being thanked by Peter Bell**



## 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

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## WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLES

	24 June 2020	1 July 2020	8 July 2020
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Allyn Purkiss Bush Fires &amp; Prevention PO Hotel</b>	<b>Kevin Anderson 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>	Steve Hawkins Peter Bell	Bruce Hemmett Naomi Blakey	Peter Ryan Ian Howle
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Anne Jacob	Phil Knight	Brian Logan
<b>Door Team</b>	Dennis Johnson	Graham Dooley Marina Hearne	Peter Hyde Steve Massey
<b>President Assist</b>	Michael O'Connor	David Hinwood	Glenn McIntosh
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Paul Stevenson	Val Hellmann	John Rouvray
<b>Welcome</b>	Brian Thompson	Louise Matthews	Mitch Soree
<b>Bulletin Notes</b>	Glenn McIntosh	Phil Penman	John Worldon
<b>Introduction</b>	Glenn McIntosh	Phil Penman	John Worldon
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	James Treloar	Brett White	Ron Allen

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

26 June 2020	3 July 2020	10 July 2020	17 July 2020
Steve Martin Phil Knight	Phil Knight Phil Penman	Phil Penman Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree Brian Logan

### BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS

<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Nil
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Nil
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Roslyn & Dennis Maunder (43yrs 24/06);
<b>Club Induction</b>	Bruce Hemmett (30yrs 30/06);

<b>Attendance</b>	76%
<b>Make-ups</b>	
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Janni Sievanen (YEP);
<b>Visitors</b>	Chis Watson, Mark Smith
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	NIL
<b>Raffle</b>	NIL

