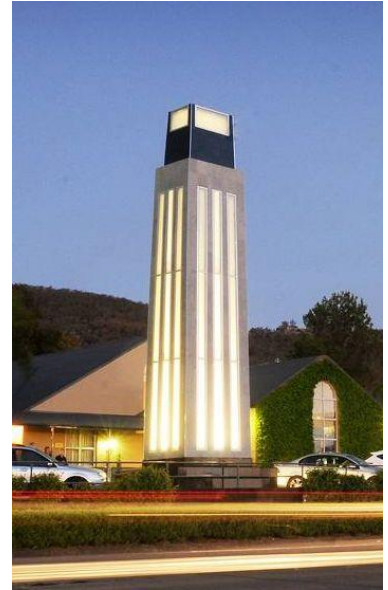




Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

2017 2018

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NO MEETING FOR ROTARY TODAY WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 2018

Meeting 1402

Wednesday 25 APRIL 2018

Quote: In peace sons bury their fathers, In war fathers bury their sons – Herodotus

Well great to conduct another induction of a new member, the third in as many months. Welcome to John Rouvray and his wife Christine We hope you will enjoy being a member of the best Rotary Club in the District!! Please get involved in as much as you can with the Club and you will truly get more back if you do.



Thanks once again to Michael O'Connor for his detailed and moving talk on the Gallipoli campaign from 100 years ago now There are a lot of stories, myths and untruths around war and this part of it is no different Thanks for giving an honest and open account of the battles. I have been to Gallipoli like many Australians have now and it is truly moving, I can't wait to get to France to experience that part of the conflict as well.

Thanks also to Brett White for sharing his family story and bringing along his display,



A truly great thing to have in your family.

On a more uplifting note – did you miss the sergeant this week??

He will be back bigger than ever next week so bring your pennies.

This report gives me another chance to thank everyone involved in the PTP last week

It was a well-run fantastic family event. Well done to all those involved.

Raising that sort of money is not easy and takes a lot of planning and effort.

Our next big event is Careers Expo

Please see Marina if you would like to get involved

It's a big event, not as big as her wedding according to Facebook, but very big none the less.

See you next week, no not next week, the week after!! A sleep in you beauty.

Cheers Michael

Reminder.

Rob Sharp is off to Popondetta and Rabaul in August. Would you like to accompany him?

John Treloar is looking for Golfers to go to the Gold Coast.

Marina needs help to set up on 15 May and later to pack away for Careers Expo.

WHAT'S ON THE FUTURE PROGRAM.

APRIL 25 ANZAC DAY no Rotary meeting

MAY 16 Careers Expo Breakfast at the TREC

26 District Assembly at Gunnedah

JUNE 16 Change over Dinner

ROTARY MEETING 18APR18-ANZAC DAY Presented by Michael O'Connor.

This morning I would like to speak to you all about a number of matters in relation to ANZAC day.

- Firstly, a little history about the ode and we will say the ode in respect to soldiers fallen.
- A brief history of what ANZAC was about, was it a bad idea?
- Honour relatives of members who served at Gallipoli
- A meeting of two grand daughters whose grand fathers served at Gallipoli on opposite sides.
- A tribute to the soldiers lost attributed to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk-made in 1934

THE ODE

Originally from a poetry piece called "For The Fallen" by Robert Laurence Binyon written in 1914. Consisted of 7 stanzas', but stanza's 3 & 4 is commonly used today at Military ceremonies in the Commonwealth.

I would like to start my brief presentation by citing the Ode, "For The Fallen" and holding a one minute of silence in respect, which is our usual practice. Could you all stand.



“They went with songs to the battle, they were young, straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow,
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”
Lest we forget.

THE STRATEGIC CASE FOR GALLIPOLI

Our old friend Winston Churchill was involved. The strategic origins of the Gallipoli operation were to use naval power decisively to influence the war on land. The Gallipoli campaign, among other things was intended to force Germany's ally, Turkey, out of the war. It began as a naval campaign, with British & Allied battleships sent to attack Constantinople (now Istanbul) and the narrows known as the Dardanelles. This failed when the warships were unable to force a way through the straits known as the Dardanelles. A hastily planned land campaign was then commenced.

It was over 100 years ago that the first Allied landings took place on the Gallipoli peninsula in an attempt to seize the Dardanelles and open a sea route to Constantinople (now Istanbul) that would enable Britain and her allies to establish a southern front against their enemies during the First World War.

A campaign that was supposed to end in a quick and decisive Allied victory became bogged down in the face of determined and resourceful Turkish resistance. Each side fired artillery shells at the other, sniped and fought at close quarters, yet the Allies were ultimately pinned down, unable to take the Turkish forts that commanded the heights of the peninsula. By December 1915 the campaign was deemed a failure, and the Allied forces withdrew.

On the face of it, the plan was sound, open up an additional front against Germany. If there was no way through the Western Front then attack in the rear through the Balkans, knock the Turks out of the war and be an alternative supply route to Russia via the Black Sea, who were still in the war at the time.

A few observations about the land campaign. The British could only raise 75,000 troops to land in the first phase of an attack on Gallipoli. Yet the Turks had no less than 500,000 troops to call first rate, but they had the basic equipment to hold ground, machine guns and artillery. They held the high ground and also had the expertise of the German Imperial Army at their disposal. The allied leadership was also deemed to be incompetent. But this was a new type of warfare.

And one final fact must be noted. The allied plans were based on the assumption that the defeat of Turkey would somehow have a cosmic influence on the war as a whole. This was far from the case. The defeat of Turkey would be the defeat of Turkey. The great engine of

the war was the German Imperial Army and its position in France & Flanders. What happened at the Balkans did not matter, the only front that mattered was the Western Front. Until the German Army in the West was beaten the war would have continued. There was no way round, the allied energies would probably have been better spent helping to attack Turkey from the Suez and allowing victory on the only front that really mattered, the Western Front. Who knows what the result may have been if the allies were successful?

Stats:

KIA-Australian-8709

KIA-NZ-2721

WIA-AUST & NZ-24193

British, French, Indian KIA-32613-WIA 72651

Turkish KIA-86692-WIA-164617

Gallipoli did two other major things, it created the Australian identity and the modern Turkish Nation. That is another story.

RELATIVES WHO SERVED

May I thank our members who took the time to send me information about their relatives. It is great to see that we are keeping the tradition or remembrance alive. There were plenty of entries, but I have intended to concentrate on Gallipoli vets.

- Dennis Maunders wife, Roslyn's Grandfather. Charles Towers Norris, fought and was wounded at Gallipoli. He served in the 1st Light Horse. He was a farmer from Manilla and enlisted at Manilla. The Norris family still to this day farm in the Manilla/Somerton area. He died in Tamworth in 1985.
- Mitch Sorees Great Grandfather on his mother's side, Edwin John McNaughton, served at Gallipoli in the 3rd Infantry Battalion. He later serves in the 1st Machine Gun Battalion in France. Returned to Newcastle to live.
- Liz Gill's great Uncle, Tom Johnston, born at Walcha, served as a driver in the 1st Field Artillery Column at Gallipoli. He had time at Lone Pine. Also served on the Western Front, Ypres, Zillibecke, Paschendale were mentioned in his diary. Gassed in Belgium lived to 89 and died at Walcha in 1978.
- Phil Lyon Grandmother's brother, Frederick Clyde, served at Gallipoli. Born at Adlong NSW, KIA 27APR15, buried in Shrapnel Valley.
- Sarah Massey-did a presentation at our club Great Uncle George Harman Burke-served at Gallipoli.
- Ian Howle-Great Uncle Samuel Beddie MC served at Gallipoli. Won a MC for his bravery. "Devotion to duty. He has visited the Battalion practically every night while in the lines, as quarter master, and in all sorts of weather, thus ensuring that on no

occasion has the battalion been without stores or rations". Does not sound much but visiting the front was a feat by itself.

- My wife-Gloria O'Connor-her grandfather, a farmer from Manilla-George Alfred Coulton joined the AIF on 14SEP14, as was attached to the 6th LH. Served in Gallipoli and was evacuated due to trench fever and influenza. After recovery was posted to the Western Front and served with the 57th Battery, Field Art Brig. Returned to Australia in 1919 and continued farming at Manilla for a time, joined the PMG and retired in 1958 in Gunnedah. He also served in WW2 in the 11th Australian Garrison Battalion in gun emplacements around Newcastle. He may have known, Charles Norris, Roslyn's grandfather?

Ladies & Gentleman we honour your relatives today.

ROTARY VISIT TURKEY-2006

In 2006 myself & Gloria visited Turkey with a group of Rotarians from Melbourne and QLD. We visited Gallipoli and the battle sites and attended the Rotary District Conference in Istanbul.

We were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gorsu. We advised Gorsu of our Gallipoli connection in advance. They were able to identify that one of their Rotary members wives, Fidon Guler, grandfather, Mehmet Ali Arutan served with the Turkish Army at Gallipoli and survived. It was a memorable and emotional moment for these two Granddaughters to meet in peace 91 years later.

In 1934, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk wrote the famous words that reached out to the mothers of his former enemies.

"Those heroes that shed their blood And lost their lives.

You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore, rest in peace.

There is no difference between the Johnnies And the Mehmetts to us where they lie side by side Here in this country of ours,

You, the mothers, Who sent their sons from far away countries Wipe away your tears,

Your sons are now lying in our bosom And are in peace

After having lost their lives on this land they have Become our sons as well".

	Wednesday 2 May West Diggers 6.30 for 7am	Wednesday 9 May West Diggers 6.30 for 7am	Wednesday 16 May West Diggers 6.30 for 7am
Topic	Peter Ross_TRC Manager of Entertainment		
Door Team	Paul Crosby Phil Heffernan	Richard Hardwick Dennis Johnson	Helen Tickle John Rouvray
Meeter & Greeter	Peter Hyde	Robert Sharp	Naomi Blakey
Welcome	Ronald Allen	Bruce Hemmett	Phil Penman
President Assist	Barry Biffin	Phil Lyons	David Hinwood
Visitor Assist	Stephen Hawkins	Sue O'Connor	Chris Watson
Corporal Assist	Marina	Terry Robinson	Louise Matthews
Bulletin Notes	James Treloar	Mitchel Soree	Stephen Massey
Introduction	James Treloar	Mitchel Soree	Stephen Massey
Vote of Thanks	Maxwell Cathcart	Maureen Thornton	DJ
60 seconds			
PO Raffle	20 April	27 April	4 May
NOW @6.30	Sue O'Connor Marina	Marina Lawrence Brian Logan	Brian Logan Andrew Maughan
11 May	18 May	25 May	1 June
Andrew Maughan John Treloar	John Treloar Sue O'Connor	Sue O'Connor Lawrence Hearne	Lawrence Hearne John Rouvray
Corporals for April		Corporals for May	
Bruce Hemmett & Maureen Thornton		Ian Howle David Hinwood	
Birthdays, Anniversaries and Inductions			
Members Birthdays	Philip Penman 28/4		
Partners Birthdays	Angela McIntosh 29/4		
Anniversaries	Paul & Susie Stevenson 29/4		
Club Induction			
Attendance	79%		
Make-Ups	nil		
Visiting Rotarians	nil		
Visitors	Christine Rouvray;; Sarah Massey		
Heads & Tails	nil		
Raffle	John Treloar		

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

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?

Tamworth—First Light

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Other Clubs meet:

Monday	Tamworth West, West Tamworth Bowling Club, 6:30pm
Tuesday	Tamworth Rotary Club, Service Club, 6:15pm
Wednesday	Tamworth on Peel – (Calala Rotary), Calala Inn, 6:30pm
Friday	Tamworth Sunrise, Sanctuary Inn, 7:00am