



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



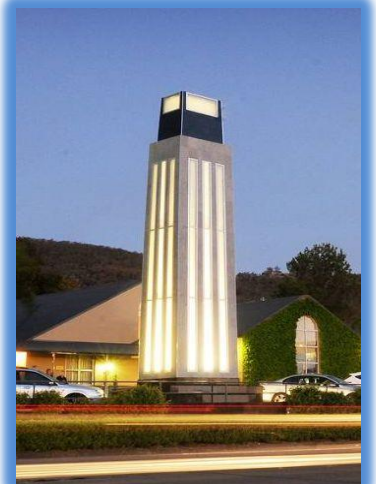
2020 - 2021

District Governor - [Debbie Loveday](#)

President: [Deb Barnes](#)

Secretary: [Sue O'Connor](#)

Treasurer: [Michael Smith](#)



MEETING 1508

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2020



Sheba Dam early morning - thank you David Hinwood

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR 2020 - 2021

Saturday 18 July is Changeover Date – Chillingworth Room, Tamworth West League Club

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

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:

David Mayne DGN & D9650 RYLA Chair (RC Port Macquarie) 0434 860 680

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

Yours in **Developing Rotarians of the Future**

LOUISE MATTHEWS

Val Hellmann's twin grandchildren living in London wearing masks from Inspirations - thank you to Peter & Leonie Bell



Quote of the Week

The President serves her term – We all serve.

Anon

Dear Members and Friends

Welcome to the New Year of 2020 / 2021. I look forward to sharing the year with you, hopefully with lots of fun activities and our usual major events.

I would like to congratulate Barry on holding us all together during the last year, it was, still is unbelievable what the world has thrown at us.

On Sunday we say farewell to Janni, our beautiful exchange student from Finland. What a pleasure it was to have her. It was so disappointing that she missed many highlights of her visit due to the virus. Maybe she can return one day to participate in those Aussie activities.

It's also sad that we farewell several members at the end of 2019 / 2020. Maureen Thornton, Rob Clifton, and Lesley Hood, we thank you so much for the wonderful service over the years.

I'd like to thank in advance all the people that make our Club so amazing and look forward to what we will achieve. Please be sure to contact me at any time for a chat.

Cheers

DEB BARNES

Club donations for 2019 – 2020

Lifeline (DG's Partner's Project)	\$1,000
Rotary Foundation	\$2,000
Westpac Helicopter	\$2,000
Youth Insearch	\$1,000
Club Person of the Year	\$1,000
RYLA – Two Participants	Club covers
RYLA Terry Burgess Scholarship Foundation	covers one

President Barry Biffin will have more to say at our Club Changeover on Saturday, 18 July in the Chillingworth Room – Tamworth West – further details and invitations will be out shortly but please mark the date in your diary.....



ALLYN PURKISS – RURAL FIRE SERVICE CAPTAIN

Our Guest Speaker today

Introduced by Glenn McIntosh

Thanked by James Treloar

Allyn opened with some basic fact – this area covers 10,000 kilometres from the Queensland border south

- 37 Brigades
- 1,200 volunteers
- 7 Permanent Staff
- 80 Vehicles across the Brigades

Annually they respond the following plus anything else that arises

- 80 plus incidences each year – the last twelve months absolutely above anything experienced to date
- Average 6,500 hours of training across all levels each year
- Two groups in Tamworth – Fires & Rescue covers Tamworth and HAZMAT
- Rural Fire Service is outside Tamworth

Cover things such as

- Missing persons
- Drug finds and anything that relates to these
- Prevention Work – go to Local Shows plus AG-QUIP
- Prepare for bush-fire season with back-burning
- **Note** this was totally irrelevant over the past season – the fires too fast, too hot – just overran any prepared areas and created own climate
- Work with Police, SES, Ambulance as required

Three State of Emergency calls for these area

- 1 Tenterfield area
- 2 Nambucca Area
- 3 Down south – did have members go down to assist

Items of interest

- 21 people rescued by helicopter
- Chaffey Dam not utilised due to dam levels
- 24 million litres of water by air tankers mixed with retardant (quite a number of homes now have pink roofs – will wear off in time)
- Some 90 aircraft maximum of 104 one day – in the air around the
- Gasper Mountain largest and most dangerous fires
- Some international personnel – Canadian, USA and New Zealand volunteered
- Over 109 million viewers to their site
- 35,000 enquiries to join the Service
- Over \$1million raised – will provide funds for major upgrades of equipment etc for various brigades

Q How do we clean up to avoid happening again?

A Prevention all year round – properties must be better prepared

Q Can you enforce people to leave?

A No but we can assist elderly / disabled etc

Q What about the Indigenous cool fires?

A Yes, we can down at the coast – it is more a cultural burning – small areas cleared for green grass to emerge and animals return and they have food – happens across countries such as Africa, South / North America etc



Q Fire Trucks – what is, or has been, done to make them safer for the firemen?

A Now have a Safety curtain inside the truck which drops down the windows plus a Fire Blanket plus a water spray which can be switched on inside cab and washes water down sides of fire truck. These saved a number of personnel this year

Q Compliment – great job all round and much appreciated – from a local perspective – what are you hoping for the future?

A Will make a few random remarks:

Used the correct vehicles for each all out – major plus

Weather conditions plus fires can create the “right” climate for the massive fast extremely hot fires experienced this past year

Weather balloons do assist fire fighters

Government has been very supportive – bought another plane this year and it worked well

Q Employees / Volunteers – long fire year – how did this work?

A Excellent employers – local community mostly stayed here – some used holidays to stay out longer and a few did travel further south

Q Can you “make” people clear up their rubbish around properties etc?

A No! However, can warn if a fire breaks out – that we cannot guarantee protection.



JANNI'S FAREWELL FROM FIRST LIGHT ROTARY AT LIZ GILL'S HOME - SUNDAY, 29 JUNE 2020 FROM NOON –



Perfect weather to sit outside at end of June (Aussie winter 23° outside in mid-afternoon) – Janni cannot believe the warmth for her last few days of winter in Australia and enjoying her sixth birthday cake to date.....

Collage of photos on a lovely Sunday afternoon at end of June 2020



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—Deb Barnes](#)

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WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLES

	1 July 2020	8 July 2020	Sat 18 July 2020
Topic	Kevin Anderson PO Hotel	 Phil Betts PO Hotel 	Changeover Chillingworth Room - West – Phillip Street
Sergeants	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
Corporals	Peter Ryan Naomi Blakey	Ian Howle Bruce Hemmett	Laurence Hearne Peter Leonard
Meeter & Greeter	Phil Knight	Brian Logan	Terry Robinson
Door Team	Graham Dooley Marina Heame	Peter Hyde Steve Massey	Brodie Shields John Treloar
President Assist	David Hinwood	Glenn McIntosh	Richard Walker
Visitor Assist	Val Hellmann	John Rouvray	Peter Bell
Welcome	Louise Matthews	Mitch Soree	Richard Hardwick
Bulletin Notes	Phil Penman	John Worldon	Steve Hawkins
Introduction	Phil Penman	John Worldon	Steve Hawkins
Vote of Thanks	Brett White	Dennis Johnson	Anne Jacob

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

3 July 2020	10 July 2020	17 July 2020	24.07.2020
Phil Knight Phil Penman	Phil Penman Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree Brian Logan	Brian Logan James Treloar

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	Nil
Partners Birthdays	Nil
Anniversaries	Nil
Club Induction	Nil

Attendance	84%
Make-ups	
Visiting Rotarians	Janni Sievanen (YEP)
Visitors	Allyn Purkiss (Bush Fires – Guest Speaker)
Heads & Tails	Terry Robinson
Raffle	N/A