



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



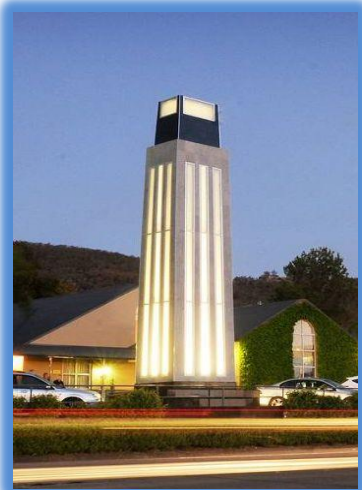
2020 - 2021

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MEETING 1514

ISSUE 6

WEDNESDAY 5 August 2020



Sunrise at "Maharaja" Northern Territory - Thank you Jane Alcock

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR 2020 - 2021

15 – 22 August - DISTRICT 9650 RYLA – KEEPIT DAM

19.08.2020 DG Debbie Loveday's Official Visit

NOTES FROM LAST WEDNESDAY'S MEETING

James Treloar noted that instead of each one of us having to sign in – we will provide a list of attendees with mobile numbers to the Catering Director – Peter Carlyle – who will hold for 28 days before discarding.

Richard Walker suggested that we create a “sewing bee” to make masks that we might sell to members – strangely not well received but may become a necessity as we all have to wear masks in shops and public transport etc.

Mitch Soree has updated Facebook – worth taking a look otherwise we won't know what he has said about us as individuals!

One Minuter – PP Vicki Cooper – spoke about a new golf course to attract the golfers back to Queensland – a Rotary Fellowship Golf event her club of Maroochydore is organising but also congratulated the number of Past Presidents who are still members of this Rotary Club and, of course, the long-standing members of this Club – always created a great atmosphere!

A wise man to his son: “my boy! When you accumulate the understanding to know why a pizza is made round, to be put in a square box and is eaten in triangles, then my son, you will be able to understand women” 18:21

In The Wisdom Of Solomon

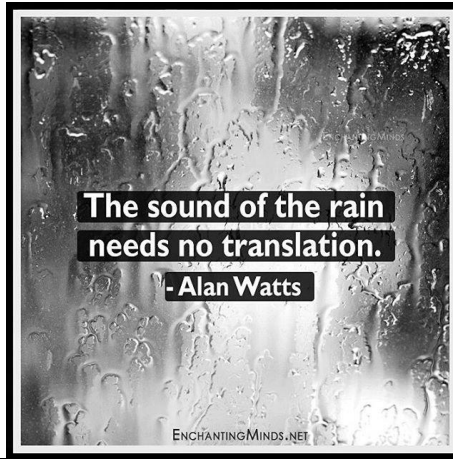
Two women in a bus fighting bitterly over the last available seat.

The conductor had already tried unsuccessfully to intervene when the bus driver shouted to the conductor, “Let the ugly one take the seat”

Both women stood for the rest of the journey

Argument done!

Quote of the Week



Dear Members and Friends

Fantastic to see so many members and guests at the meeting this week.

Our Mystery Minute was dedicated to our Past Presidents (PP). I am so proud that 15 of RCTFL PP's remain valued members of our club.

We had a lovely video from PP Vicki Cooper congratulated all of the group.

She briefed us on a Rotary Fellowship Golf event her club of Maroochydore is involved in next year. This is the link <http://rotaryclubmaroochydore.com.au/> (then click on the AGFR 2021 link to the information page)

Rotary Fellowship Golf event her club of Maroochydore

Everyone enjoyed an informative and varied chat with Bede Burke. He has made such a contribution to so many organisations.

Thanks to all the members and friends who were able to make it to our PO Hotel social night last Friday.

None of us won in the raffles but the meals and the conversation were great.

Hope to see you all next week

DEB BARNES

Lachlan Alcock (Richard & Kerry Walker's grandson) competed in an AWABA race near Newcastle. He is 13 years of age and came second in a Hard Tail Open class recently competing against 16+ age group. Maybe we have another Olympian in our ranks – time will tell!





The old lady handed her bank card to a bank teller and said, "I would like to withdraw \$500".

The teller told her, "For withdrawals less than \$2,000, please use the ATM."

The old lady wanted to know why ...

The teller returned her bank card and irritably told her, "These are the rules. Please leave if there is no other matter. There is a line behind you."

The old lady remained silent for a few seconds, then handed the card back to the teller and said, "Please help me withdraw all the money I have."

The teller was astonished when she checked the account balance. She nodded her head, leaned down and respectfully told her, "My apologies Ma'am, you have \$35 million in your account and our bank doesn't have so much cash currently. Could you make an appointment and come again tomorrow?"

The old lady then asked how much she could withdraw immediately. The teller told her any amount up to \$250,000.

"Well, please let me have \$250,000 now", she requested.

The teller did so quickly, then handed it in a very friendly and respectful manner to her elderly client.

The old lady put \$500 in her bag and asked the teller to deposit the balance of \$249,500 back into her account.

🌸 *Don't be difficult with old people, they spent a lifetime learning these skills.*

‘ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES’ Excerpts from an article by Ryan Hyland, RI website

Rotary International President Holger Knaack is encouraging Rotarians to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich their lives and the communities they serve.

"We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help. Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere," said Knaack.

Knaack also urged members to embrace change so Rotary can expand and thrive. Rather than setting a specific target for increasing the number of members, Knaack said he's asking clubs and districts to think about how to grow in a sustainable and organic way.

He wants clubs to focus on keeping current members engaged and adding new members who are the right fit for their club.

Extract from Rotary on the Move -July 2020





Photos from Bruce Hemmett – Happy crowd – Badges -hardly anyone missing and great breakfast!

Richard Hardwick receiving the
Steve Burrows Award as the
“Club Rotarian of the Year 2019
– 2020”
presentd by IPP Barry Biffin



GUEST SPEAKER - BEDE BURKE AM

Introduced by Ian Howle - Bede is, or was, a member of:

West Tamworth Rotary, Tamworth Aero Club, Tamworth Swimming Club, St Patricks Catholic Church, also was Chairman of Tamworth Rural (the Old Farmers Co-op) where he helped insure a fair price for shareholders plus the Rural Fire service - also member of Tamworth Egg Cooperative (Tamegg) and former Chairman NSW Farmers Egg Committee and former Chairman NSW Nationals 2014 – 2019.

Bede opened by acknowledging a few members – Barry Biffin, Richard Walker, Tom & Val Hellmann (eggs) John Treloar (Co-op) and Jane Bradford (Tamegg). Bede turned 60 last February, is married to Narelle – they have six children – five have now completed their education through University and getting along in their relevant fields and the youngest is now in Year 12.

Travel industry is certainly hurting at the present time as with so many other tourist destinations. He and Narelle did travel to Coffs Harbour to see Elton John via Chris Watson Travel but, like so many others, have been grounded at home-base ever since!

Anyone on the land will confirm that Australia has droughts – can be an area, a State or almost the whole country and yet we can still provide food to countries who cannot provide enough food for their own populations. We also know that we average a drought every five years but getting closer as the decades pass. 2018 was possibly the worst year – unable to grow anything – however in spite of Covid-19 – it looks as though we might have good crops this year!

We aim to be self-sufficient with the crops we grow (3,000 acres) so when we have to buy product – it proves a particularly expensive exercise and it will take time to recover – we will need to recover \$1.6M back to where we are today.

Looking at where eggs are sold – this year the supermarkets are selling eggs like never before – hard to keep up with demand. However, restaurants, motels and similar businesses – their demand has dropped to almost zero.

National Party – became a member, became Deputy Chairman then Chairman 2014 – 2019 – started with Warren Truss, followed by Barnaby Joyce and currently McCormack.

The highlight of his term was winning back to back State and Federal elections – it was thrilling and a great honour.

Worst time was the dual citizenship which created such a ruckus – Barnaby Joyce had the opportunity to come back again. However, an excellent Senator in Fiona Nash – chosen for the longer period – was unable to return – NSW lost an excellent Senator.

Tamworth Rural (was The Co-op) sold the business to Pursehouse Rural pre-drought. The Tamworth Co-operative was in business for over 90 years so had history. Warren Newman did a great job with the History of the Co-op and completed not long before he died. John Treloar and I were two of the last Directors of the Co-Op and managed to obtain a reasonable return back to the shareholders. Phil Heffernan's father worked at the Co-op for over thirty years.

Currently he sells some three quarter million eggs a week via Ballina into Sydney with some eight dealers.

Having planted 3000 acres of grain crops and increasing the size of his property with the proposed purchase of another farm next door

A very positive presentation from an outstanding Tamworth local.



Glenn McIntosh thanked Bede Burke for a particularly interesting presentation.



‘YOUNGEST STAWELL ROTARY PRESIDENT EVER’

From ABC Ballarat, 22 July 2020 and
The Wimmera Mail Times, 17 July 2020 by Cassandra Langley

The Rotary Club of Stawell has just elected its youngest ever president, and she's got big plans for the small club. Taia Hayter succeeds her father, at just 18 years old.

Taking the reins in 2020-21, Taia has her sights set on making a change in the community. "I replaced my Dad as the outgoing president and we modelled the idea after other clubs," she said.

"We have a three-year plan to help build the club. We want the club to have more members, more funds, more events to work with.

Ms Hayter participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange program and went to Brazil for three months in 2018. "I joined the club after that to give back to the community," she said.

"Locally we try to add things to the community that is needed and builds on them. It's great the younger members can work in with some of our older members and find a suitable balance which will ensure the longevity of clubs like Rotary in the community," Taia added.

Extract from Rotary on the Move – August 2020

KNITTING

A Highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting!

Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, "PULL OVER!"

"NO!" the blonde yelled back, "IT'S A SCARF!"



Thank you from our YEP student Janni Sievanen's Parents

Dear members of Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

Thank You so much for hosting Janni for her exchange year in Australia and Tamworth. It was very nice to see she had such loving and warm adults around her in a different culture and environment. She has been back for a few weeks now - got through the self-quarantine and recovered the rest of her travel belongings from the customs just this week. She will continue her studies in Helsinki and was so quick that she already moved to her own place closer to the school in Helsinki. Janni is also learning to drive with learner's permit here in Karjaa, where the traffic is a bit less dense than in Helsinki, so we still see her every week at home too.

We have been seeing a lot of photos from her year and hearing a lot of stories about how things were in Australia. Joey from Newcastle is still in Finland until January, so Janni has a smooth adaptation back to Finnish life. Most of the foods like TimTam's and Milo have been eaten but fortunately there still is some Vegemite to enjoy and remember this great year.

We would like to send very special thank you and warm greetings to the whole club and especially to:

Marina and Jordan for keeping such great communications with us and organizing everything so fast, even when Janni could not live in the same household with Chaos and Bumblebee. Also for your support in every practical issue is greatly appreciated.

Liz and Kate for contacting us and welcoming Janni so warmly even when she was still in Finland and waiting for the big adventure. And for hosting and showing her around so much, without You she probably would not have experienced Nimbin and many other interesting places.

Sue for lovingly hosting Janni even when there was difficult time in the family.

Liz and Laurie for taking care of Janni in those weekends when Janni needed a place to stay temporarily.

Ruth, Steve and Kate for hosting Janni from Christmas onwards and providing such loving family during the difficult spring with Corona-virus. We felt very confident back at home that Janni is safe in Australia and is able to complete her exchange year as planned. Max the dog was also very dear to Janni as were all the other dogs during her stay and now she has been asking for a puppy 😊

***How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.
- Winnie the Pooh***

During the whole exchange all the communication was excellent, and we were sure that Janni feels comfortable and safe and is having a really wonderful adventure, getting to know a whole new culture and way of life. Hopefully Janni was able to pass some Finnish spark also to You.

We are so glad that Janni got to be in Australia and especially in Tamworth with Your great Club. You really all are wonderful persons. Hopefully, we in the future will be able to visit Australia and First Light Rotary Club.

With loving wishes / Rakkain terveisin,
Johanna, Mikko and Matias

A Pun or Groaner

A rubber - band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.



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
The Events Centre
Hotel Mercure
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

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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Treasurer – Deb Barnes



WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLES

	5 August 2020	12 August 2020	19 August 2020
Topic	Dean Cummins Something Exciting! Hotel Mercure	Kelly Makepeace Dolly Parton Literacy Hotel Mercure	DG Debbie Loveday Hotel Mercure
Sergeants	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
Corporals	Brian Logan Steve Massey	Laurence Hearne Peter Leonard	David Hinwood Brian Thompson
Meeter & Greeter	Glenn McIntosh	Terry Robinson	Michael O'Connor
Door Team	John Rouvray Mitch Soree	Brodie Shields John Treloar	James Treloar Barry Biffin
President Assist	Peter Ryan	Richard Walker	Paul Stevenson
Visitor Assist	John Worldon	Naomi Blakey	Marina Lawrence
Welcome	Peter Bell	Liz Gill	Peter Hyde
Bulletin Notes	Steve Hawkins	Anne Jacob	Dennis Johnson
Introduction	Steve Hawkins	Anne Jacob	Dennis Johnson
Vote of Thanks	Richard Hardwick	Bruce Hemmett	Phil Knight

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

31 July 2020	7 August 2020	14 August 2020	21 August 2020
James Treloar Brett White	Brett White Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson David Hinwood	David Hinwood Louise Matthews

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	Phil Knight (08/08)
Partners Birthdays	Ruth Martin (09/08); Lisa Treloar (10/08);
Anniversaries	Hellen & Ron Allen (34yrs 09/08)
Club Induction	Nil

Attendance	91%
Make-ups	
Visiting Rotarians	Bede Burke (Tamworth West)
Visitors	Steve Mansur, Phil Heffernan, Bev Fletcher, Chris Watson
Heads & Tails	Mitch Soree
Raffle	Laurie Hearne

