



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



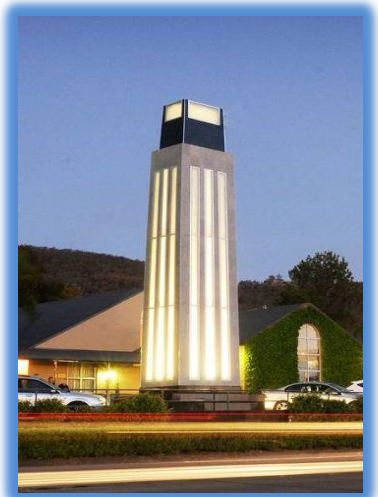
2020 - 2021

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MEETING 1520

ISSUE 12

WEDNESDAY 16 September 2020



Sandy Dunes at Sunrise in Tasmania – Thank you David Hinwood

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR 2020 - 2021

Saturday, 19 September – Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner – bookings essential – details below!

Friday, 16.10.2020 – Our Club will be holding a Fundraiser Golf Day in Tamworth please note in your diaries **NOW** – donations towards prizes for the day would be welcomed!

Wed, 2 December 2020 – AGM – start thinking whether you wish to stand for a position and have a chat with President Elect Marina Hearne!

MAY 2021 RYLA CAMP AT KEEPIT DAM - start looking for applicants NOW please!!



RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR CLUB!

25% COMMISSION
TO ANY ROTARY CLUB OR DISTRICT THAT SECURES AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR RDV.

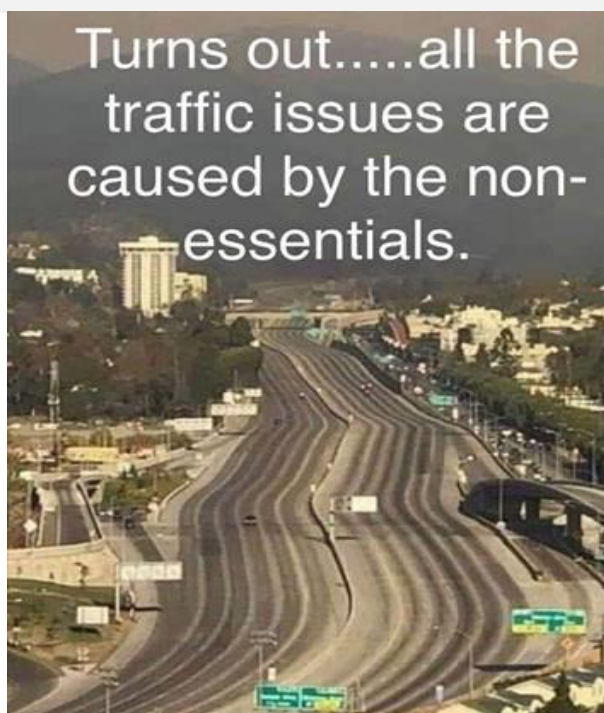
HOW IT WORKS:

- 1 x full page advert at a cost of \$3520 - commission payable = \$880
An annual booking of a full page advert - commission payable = \$7108
- 1 x 1/2 page advert at a cost of \$2090 - commission payable = \$522
An annual booking of a 1/2 page advert - commission payable = \$3932
- 1 x 1/4 page advert at a cost of \$1320 - commission payable = \$330
An annual booking of a 1/4 page advert - commission payable = \$2420

If you're having a bad day remember that these 2 guys unloaded six thousand bricks at the wrong address



Turns out.....all the traffic issues are caused by the non-essentials.



Quote of the Week

“I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.”

Thomas A. Edison

Dear Members and Friends

Thank you so much to Brian Logan for his hospitality in inviting us to his home for the album appreciation afternoon. It is always a treat to be anywhere if Brian is catering!

Thank you to Jeff Budd for his talk last week, we were incredibly lucky to have Jeff visit and share some thoughts with us on Policing “then” and “now”. It is always good to hear stories from another viewpoint.

My quote for this week is about failing but not giving up. I would like everyone to read an article in the September Rotary Down Under (Page 15) if you can find 5 minutes. The Title is “Imperfection is better than Inaction”, it inspires us to take a step to be more environmentally sensible people. “Seemingly small lifestyle changes can have an enormous impact on the environment. Imagine the impact of that small change replicated by 1.2 million Rotarians”. I would like to encourage us all to keep trying to eliminate some more plastic from our life. As the article indicates “every piece of plastic ever created still exists”. Let us find a way to share environmentally sensible ideas/projects to make a difference in our environment.

We look forward to seeing you all at this Wednesday's meeting.

DEB BARNES

*Clever advertisement on public transport
There are more Rotary Clubs in the world than McDonald's.*

Join one of the 36,000 Rotary Clubs across the world and do good in the world.

Quite a message!



OUR GUEST SPEAKER WAS JEFF BUDD OFFICER IN CHARGE OF TAMWORTH POLICE

Introduced by Brodie Shields

Jeff was born and grew up in a farming family in Parkes. Worked in the Nestle chocolate factory for 18 months before joining the police force in Sydney aged 19.

After completing training as a new recruit he was assigned to North Sydney Police Station – quite an experience – he and the other recruits were thrown into the back of a F100 paddy wagon when the driver was ordered to attend an armed robbery. The drive in the back of the truck was far more scary than the actual armed robbery!

Recruits were thrown into any type of situation without much warning – you “sank or swam” – transferred to Mosman Police Station and was sent to the morgue to look at trays of bodies – now-a-days recruits are introduced to difficult situations in a much gentler manner.

Transferred to

In the early days Tamworth for three years in 1989, five years in Glen Innes (including Mungindi as Sergeant and it was a great place to be), transferred to Moree as Inspector and transferred to Tamworth in 2008 now responsible for 86 staff.

In the early days it was difficult to gain access to a typewriter – always Olivetti and manual – even luckier if it worked properly! Actually had to provide “clean” reports – no typing errors – no Tippex / White Out etc. You were allocated one pencil and had to prove you had used it before you could have a new one! Manual Switchboards – we gained surprising and unexpected skills back then! Finally North Sydney received two electric typewriters – how modern were we!

Now-a-days an officer attends the scene and the whole incident is recorded on a hand held PC and the report is filed before the officer leaves the scene.

Back then we carried handcuffs and a pistol – now-a-days we carry a range of sprays including pepper and a taser plus handcuffs and a pistol much heavier weight to carry, particularly if an officer has to move quickly. Another plus is the accuracy of DNA testing now – very new back then.

In 2009 the population of Tamworth and surrounds was around 32,000 and for night duty we have one police car and four staff on duty.

Today the population is around 45,000 and we now have 10 staff on night duty and four sergeants against one sergeant then.

We have 27 police stations in this territory and we now work in eight-hour shifts.

Currently Endeavour House holds 70 prisoners – main crimes faced now are domestic violence, drugs and alcohol but scary because you have no idea what type of situation you are going into for any of these phone calls.

Currently handle some 40 plus domestic situations over any weekend. If jailed – no support inside and even less when released so it all happens again. Tamworth prison is mainly for domestic violence offenders.

Drugs main issue – heroin still widely used – can correct if caught early.

Ice is a different issue altogether – can take up to a year to detect and all too late.

Covid-19 – almost impossible to comply with the constantly changing regulations.

Thank you for listening



- Q. Covid-19 – any comments about the way NSW is handling the pandemic?
A. Older and middle-aged parents will do anything to protect their children
Youth – doesn't care
Media – just want front page headlines regardless of accuracy



Tasers – another story – Jeff said he put his hand up to be tasered to assist new recruits to experience it and to understand how to use the taser. It proved the most painful experience he has ever experienced and it was just a five (5) second burst!

Thanked by Laurence Hearne with Jeff Budd OIC

‘SERVICE VERSUS FUNDRAISING’

Article by ARC PDG Doug St Clair

There is no doubt that Rotary clubs need to raise funds and have a source of annual income to survive. Often our service projects require seed funding and we also have causes such as our Polio Plus program, our drought appeal or even supporting a Youth Exchange student. Some “easy” sources of income are Local Council Grants and the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (in Queensland but probably existing in other jurisdictions) and to a lesser extent District and Global Grants. Of course, there is always the Bunnings BBQs.

Many clubs have a long history of donating funds, often towards the end of the Rotary year, to a range of worthy causes and even sometimes to other charities. This is fine and makes us feel good and enhances our respect within the community. Rotary, however, is a service organisation, not a fund raising organisation and if half the effort we spend on devising ways to raise funds and then carrying out the fundraising activities was put into community service I think we would quickly begin to gain even more respect within the community and see a positive influence on our membership numbers.

I'm not suggesting you “scrap” the Bunnings BBQ but it's probably going to be a lot easier to invite prospective members to a clean-up day in the local park or painting a local hall than working at a sausage sizzle. I personally enjoy the latter but if I were considering joining or new to a club, I'd want to know what else there was to satisfy my need to serve.

I know that many of you have heard this before but I still keep running into clubs and members who get really hooked on coming up with ways to raise funds for their club and don't spend an equal amount of time or more on working out what service projects they can achieve.

Courtesy of September issue of Rotary on the Move



Could this be true?

*A guy is browsing in a pet shop, and sees a parrot sitting on a little perch.
It doesn't have any feet or legs.*

*The guy says aloud, 'Jeesh, I wonder what happened to this parrot?'
The parrot says, 'I was born this way. I'm a defective parrot.'*

*'Holy crap,' the guy replies. 'You actually understood and answered me!'
'I got every word,' says the parrot 'I happen to be a highly intelligent, and a thoroughly
educated bird.'*

*'Oh yeah?' the guy says. 'Then answer this, how do you hang onto your perch, without any feet?'
'Well,' the parrot says, 'this is very embarrassing, but since you asked, I wrap my willie around
this wooden bar, like a little hook. You can't see it, because of my feathers.'*

*'Wow,' says the guy 'You really can understand, and can speak English, can't you?'
'Actually, I speak both Spanish and English, and I can converse with reasonable competence on
almost any topic, politics, religion, sports, physics, philosophy. I'm especially good at
ornithology. You really ought to buy me, I'd be a great companion.'*

*The guy looks at the \$200.00 price tag. 'Sorry, but I just can't afford that.'
'Psssssst,' says the parrot, 'I'm defective, so the truth is, nobody wants me, 'cause I don't have
any feet. You can probably get me for \$20, just make the guy an offer!'*

*The guy offers \$20, and walks out with the parrot. Weeks go by. The parrot is
sensational. He has a great sense of humour, he's interesting, he's a great pal, he understands
everything, he sympathizes, and he's insightful.*

*The guy is delighted. One day the guy comes home from work, and the parrot goes,
'Psssssssssst,' and motions him over with one wing.
'I don't know if I should tell you this or not, but it's about your wife, and the DHL man.'*

*'What are you talking about?' asks the guy. 'When he delivered a package today, your wife
greeted him at the door, in a sheer black nightie.'
'WHAT???' the guy asks incredulously. 'THEN what happened?' 'Well, he came into the house,
and lifted up her nightie, and began petting her all over' 'reported the parrot.
'NO!' he exclaims, 'and she let him?' 'Yes. Then he continued taking off the nightie, got down on
his knees, and began to kiss her all over.'*

*Then the frantic guy demands, 'THEN WHAT HAPPENED?'
DUNNO?!? I got an erection, and fell off my perch!'*

Short video to bring tears to a man's eyes



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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

President—Deb Barnes

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Secretary—Sue O'Connor

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Treasurer – Michael Smith



WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLES

| | 16 September 2020 | 23 September 2020 | 30 September 2020 |
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| Topic | Rod Laing Hotel Mercure | Bill Gleeson "Flying High" Hotel Mercure | Louise Matthews & RYLArians Hotel Mercure |
| Sergeants | Mandy Fisher Steve Martin | Mandy Fisher Steve Martin | Mandy Fisher Steve Martin |
| Corporals | Peter Hyde Phil Knights | Naomi Blakey Graham Dooley | Phil Penman John Rouvray |
| Meeter & Greeter | Marina Heame | Richard Hardwick | Peter Ryan |
| Door Team | Peter Bell | Steve Hawkins Ian Howle | Richard Walker Laurence Heame |
| President Assist | Louise Matthews | Peter Leonard | Mitch Soree |
| Visitor Assist | James Treloar; | Steve Massey | Ron Allen |
| Welcome | Brian Thompson | Brian Logan | Brett White |
| Bulletin Notes | David Hinwood | Phil Lyon | Barry Biffin |
| Introduction | David Hinwood | Phil Lyon | Barry Biffin |
| Vote of Thanks | Paul Stevenson | Glenn McIntosh | Terry Robinson |

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

| 18 September 2020 | 25 September 2020 | 2 October 2020 | 9 October 2020 |
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| John Rouvray Louise Matthews | Louise Matthews Peter Leonard | John Rouvray Richard Walker | Richard Walker |

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS

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| Members Birthdays | NIL |
| Partners Birthdays | NIL |
| Anniversaries | Annette & Peter Ryan (24yrs -17/09/1996) |
| Club Induction | NIL |

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| Attendance | 89% |
| Make-ups | |
| Visiting Rotarians | NIL |
| Visitors | Bev Fletcher, Jeff Budd (Guest Speaker) |
| Heads & Tails | Skinner |
| Raffle | Glenn McIntosh |

