



Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



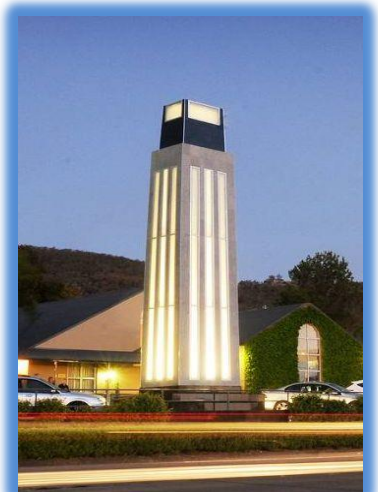
2020 - 2021

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MEETING 1526

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WEDNESDAY 28 October 2020



*SPRING - THE IRIS HAVE
BEEN EXCEPTIONAL THIS
YEAR*

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR 2020 - 2021

**Our Club will be celebrating Hat Day on
Wednesday, 28 October 2020
Best Hat Prize – start the artistic juices flowing!**

Saturday, 28.11.2020 – Registration Form in ENEWS 18.10.2020 Issue

D9650 ROTARY SHOWCASE – West Tamworth League Club – 10:45AM – Registrations

Dinner at Wests

Sunday 29.11.2020 – 8:45 – 1:30PM

Closing date for Registrations – Wednesday, 11 November 2020

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



**Christmas Party
Barefoot Bowls & Dinner**

**Thursday, 3 December 2020
at 6.00PM**

Tamworth City Bowling Club



*This is a fun way to celebrate Xmas and the first SIX months of President Deb's year.
Dinner will be after the bowls and be an "Asian Banquet"
for the very reasonable cost of \$22 per head.
Drinks are at your own expense.*

*For catering purposes, I need to know numbers beforehand –
we are limited to 64 under current restrictions.*

*Please feel free to invite a friend or prospective member along
or indeed any past members who may wish to catch up.*

**RSVP: pfpenman@gmail.com or text on 0407 662 438
by Wednesday, 25 November 2020.**

**Philip Penman
Club Admin Director 2020-21**

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

Saturday, 19 June 2021 – First Light Changeover – The Event Centre – Hotel Mercure



Quote of the Week



Dear Members and Friends

What a wonderful wet weekend we are having. Almost 50mls here at the Longyard (and still raining). I hope the rain is arriving at the right time for you. We certainly got away with an ace last weekend with our golf.

Thanks to Mal Campbell for his entertaining presentation last week. He certainly made us giggle. So glad someone checked that he gave the suit back!

I was reading the article in the October Rotary Down Under about Australia's world first with the release of the "[Donation Dollar](https://donationdollar.com.au/)". I wonder if we can create a project to collect the most of these coins in Tamworth for a special cause. Please chat with me if you would like to help and have any ideas on how we could build this project. - More information at: <https://donationdollar.com.au/>.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday
Thanks

DEB BARNES

MYSTERY MINUTE – STEPPING BACK INTO THE PAST – Jane Bradford

Many years ago, when my mother was a young girl – her father managed a property very close to Willow Tree. As you drive on the Highway to Willow Tree past the turnoff to Quirindi there is a long silo with a big hill behind that was part of this property on the right-hand side.

On special occasions – school holidays or visitors, the family would go up and into the hollow at the top of that hill. The children would ride and the parents would come via horse and buggy. The second buggy would be used to bring additional visitors and, if required, the third buggy would bring staff, table and chairs, food and liquid refreshments plus cloths for the tables, china, glasses and cutlery to eat and drink with. By the time the tables were set – it would be lunch time and in due course the staff would pack up everything while the parents and guests would return to the homestead later in the afternoon.

However the important fact of this hollow at the top of the hill were the instructions that the girls were not allowed to trot or canter or disturb the cattle grazing up there because the hills surrounding that whole area are quite porous so by trotting or cantering the underground would generate an echo which would unsettle the cattle and horses and as they began to trot – the louder the sound became so into a gallop and louder so panic and chaos would set in....

Years later when the "new" road across the top was being built – mother would comment that the road would never hold up as the surrounding hills were so porous with movement and the road would need constant repair work. If you remember this happened for a very long time after the road was initially completed. The other comment from mother was that they would never be able to build another railway line through because of the fragility, porous and hollowness of the mountains yet a possible new line is still talked about even today – decades later!





OCTOBER IS ROTARY MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

ELLIOT WATERS - 2014 RYLARIAN SPREADING THE WORD..

Mental health is something that affects all of us. In any given year in Australia 1 in 5 people will be suffering from a mental illness. I am one of these people. It has been my goal and vision to do what I can to ensure others don't have to go through what I did.

That is why I am a Youth and Community Lived Experience presenter with the Black Dog Institute. I volunteer my time giving presentations to high schools, sporting groups, parent associations and more, attempting to highlight the importance of building resilience, that help is out there and to build a knowledge base around these issues.

Although large campaigns by government agencies and other large entities are good, I do believe speaking with and embedding one within our communities is vital in driving change from the bottom up. I hold the belief that improving mental health outcomes across our communities starts with the individual, and it is these individuals I try to connect with when I set off to give a speech.

Although I attempt to convey a message which will educate and spur action, it is often myself who appears to learn the most from the event. Every person has a story and embedded within I have found numerous examples of strength and resolve in the face of adversity. I feel a sense of privilege and pride when others let me in on their own struggles and triumphs. Our stories may be unique, but we all share common themes and it is important we use this to lessen each other's burdens.

When I attended the RYLA camp in 2014 I met people from all walks of life. But during one eventful afternoon where each of us opened our hearts to each other and poured out our feelings and emotions, not only did it prove to be one of the most moving experiences of my life, it was incredible to learn that we are all shouldering our own stories yet together we formed a safety net of sorts for each other, to the difficulties of our lives. It is this fostering of togetherness and belonging that I try to create with my audiences and I owe RYLA a big debt of gratitude for illuminating this truism to me.

Talking about mental illness doesn't have to be a traumatic experience. Often just knowing those around you are willing to listen when required is enough to push forward with making the changes to one's life that is needed. This is certainly true for me and continues to be. Together we are stronger, and the first step is to start the conversation. You never know what you might learn about yourself or those around you, the strength and resilience that lies within and the experiences we share.

Elliot Waters – RYLA 2014



GUEST SPEAKER – MAL CAMPBELL talked about the “past” – his past!

Peter Leonard introduced

Mal owns Ray White Real Estate (Tamworth) – long standing auctioneer– is married with three children.

Mal opened with “As a young fellow he always wanted to be an auctioneer of stock and would escape to the saleyards whenever possible and helped out until his mother found out! He went to Hawkesbury Agricultural College and obtained a stock agent’s licence so back home to Singleton. Applied for a number of jobs and received a job offer at Rockhampton, Qld so at age of 20 he set off to Qld. This position finished shortly after so he moved to Yeppoon Real Estate – still aged 20 – was enjoying himself but no money seemed to be coming in so spoke to his boss who said Commission on Sales – so that he didn’t starve he worked at the pub!!

He met an American guy with a beautiful property he wished to sell worth \$40M plus. The chap took him up in a small plane (first ever flight) over the property and he realised that this was a “big” sale – who could possibly afford this type of property. Kerry Packer came to mind as he did also have other rural holdings so with the bravado of youth, he obtained permission from his boss to drive to Sydney and set off on the 15-hour drive to Sydney. On the way he realised he did not have a suit so rang his doctor in Singleton and asked if he could borrow a suit – ill-fitting but he had a suit and on to Sydney.

He caught the ferry across the harbour and walked to Consolidated Press – no appointment – bowled through the front door to be stopped by two security guards – shocked no appointment – Kerry Packer was playing polo overseas. Not daunted asked to see the man in charge whilst Kerry was away and he actually met with Nick ??? – gave his spiel but no success.

Left and went off to see an old friend at Ray White Real Estate – Tony Fountain – 4th floor and got a job at Elders Cloncurry Qld in auctioneering. Two months later he returned to Sydney for an interview – faced a panel (not expected) no resume or plan etc but landed the job as NSW State Auctioneer – worked six days a week – Sundays off and the Christmas break.

Married 15 January 1999 and was transferred to Western Australia as that State’s auctioneer. Not initially aware that he would fly to Indonesia – certainly more often than expected as this market grew and grew!! People paid \$1,000 .00 each to participate – high stakes – 600 people in attendance – stopped for morning tea then the auction began and finished 40% over reserve. Seeing rapid changes in the industry – with the advances in IT upgrades – not necessary to be in a city office – can work from anywhere.

About now my wife suggested a change as they had one baby with another on the way and he was away six months of the year and he needed more time off to be with she and the children!

The family moved back to NSW and bought Ray White Real Estate Tamworth and moved here in 2000.”

- Q. What happened to the suit?
- A. Returned it on the way back to Yeppoon Qld
- Q. Did you ever get paid?
- A. Yes!
- Q. Brief update on what is happening in Tamworth?
- A. Residential – excellent sales at any level
Rural properties selling very well
Commercial and Industrial taking a bashing
Retail down about 20%

Under the current circumstances of Covid-19 etc Tamworth is doing very well and so are the Eco Cities – Wagga Wagga, Dubbo and Orange as examples.



Mal Campbell being thanked by
Louise Matthews



UPS is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident...

Pilots lodge a written list of any issues on their flight

These are some of the more unusual responses received from the Service Department

P: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

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P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

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P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

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P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

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P: Autopilot in altitude hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce the problem on ground.

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P: Evidence of leak on the right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

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P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to a more believable level.

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P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what friction locks are for.

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P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

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P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

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P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after a brief search.

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P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious.

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P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.



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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Treasurer – Michael Smith



WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLES

	28 October 2020	4 November 2020	11 November 2020
Topic	Kate Arndell & Mick Cameron Mental Health Hotel Mercure	Hotel Mercure	Hotel Mercure
Sergeants	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
Corporals	Mitch Soree Brett White	Bruce Hemmett Peter Bell	Anne Jacob Richard Walker
Meeter & Greeter	Laurence Heame	Brodie Shields	John Rouvray
Door Team	Dennis Maunder Marina Heame	Graham Dooley Naomi Dooley	Brian Logan Glen McIntosh
President Assist	Anne Jacob	Dennis Johnson	Ian Howle
Visitor Assist	Richard Walker	Chris Watson	Phil Knight
Welcome	David Hinwood	Paul Stevenson	Michael O'Connor
Bulletin Notes	Richard Walker	Richard Hardwick	Brian Thompson
Introduction	Richard Walker	Richard Hardwick	Brian Thompson
Vote of Thanks	John Treloar	Steve Hawkins	James Treloar

POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:30 – 7:30PM

30 October 2020	6 November 2020	13 November	20 November 2020
Brian Logan Phil Penman	Phil Penman Phil Lyon	Phil Lyon Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	John Rouvray (02/11);
Partners Birthdays	Cheryl Hardwick (28.10)
Anniversaries	NIL
Club Induction	Anne Jacob (22yrs 28/10/1998); Paul Stevenson (29yrs 01.11.1991)

Attendance	90%
Make-ups	
Visiting Rotarians	
Visitors	Mal Campbell (Guest Speaker), Erin Cumming; Helen Tickle;
Heads & Tails	Erin Cumming
Raffle	Skinner

