



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



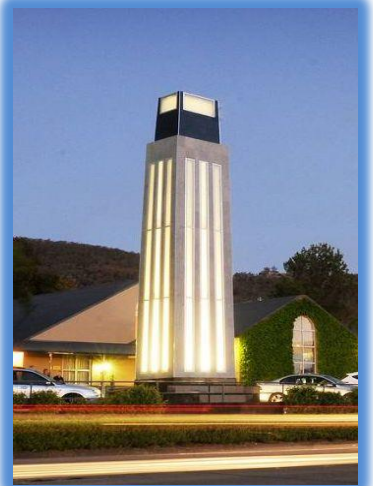
2020 - 2021

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MEETING 1527

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WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2020



Reflections - brilliant - thank you Peter Bell

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR 2020 - 2021

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 07:00 PM – POLIO MOVIE – I AM WOMAN – Helen Reddy
Tickets \$20.00 per person – Funds to the END POLIO Campaign with the Rotary Foundation

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

Saturday, 28.11.2020 – Registration Form in ENEWS 18.10.2020 Issue - Dinner at Wests

Sunday 29.11.2020 – 8:45 – 1:30PM

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATIONS – WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2020

Wed, 2 December 2020 – AGM – only four 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

If parents pass
enthusiasm along
to their children,
they will leave
them an estate of
incalculable value.

- Thomas Edison

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Dear Members and Friends

Thank you to Robbie Sefton for her talk this week. She really proves the theory that you never know what is going to happen next. We all would like to have a fridge / freezer like the one she had in Perth.

Please remember that the End Polio Now Movie night is on Wednesday. 25 November, it will be wonderful if we can fill the cinema. If you cannot come, please try to send your friends along!

This week at the Combined Presidents meeting we were advised that a cheque for \$17,860 was passed to Sunrise Club for the work David Stevenson has been organising for Rotary Lodge. This is a major combined project of **Cluster 6** (which includes Calala, 9650 E-Club, Manilla, Quirindi, Tamworth, Tamworth First Light, Tamworth Sunrise and Tamworth West Clubs) and will be of great benefit to the people of our region.

I am looking forward to heading north this week to see my family in Queensland (I need to check that my son is passing on "enthusiasm" to my grandangels). What a crazy year we have all experienced.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday
Thanks

DEB BARNES

MYSTERY MINUTE – JOHN ROUVRAY – Why he was ashamed to be Australian on three separate occasions:

1. Alice Springs – overt racism – white "trash" would go out to the Aboriginal camps and push over their humpies, rape the women, be abusively rude to them in the streets – was quite shocked
2. Darwin – Lindy Chamberlain case – was called to Jury duty and was shocked at the treatment she and the family received from the public service putting out false news, the police who made the decision she was guilty and would prove it one way or another. 140 called for Jury duty – finally found 12 – most released because they stated clearly that "she was guilty so why waste the money on a court case" or "why can't we burn witches" and similar
3. Cronulla Riots – an utter disgrace caused by just a few with a few too many drinks under their belts.



OUR GUEST SPEAKER LAST WEEK WAS ROBBIE SEFTON- HER TOPIC - 'A TRUE STORY'

The Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light had the pleasure of hearing from Robbie Sefton, regarding her life and career to date.

Robbie reflected on the changes in her life- from her beginnings growing up in Deniliquin, to her current farming operations at “Braemar” towards Manilla.

Robbie operates a farm with her partner Alastair, with between 6,000 and 11,000 sheep plus cropping operations. This year shearing twice – March and now – sheep had been fed for three years and lambing well

Robbie also has an impressive portfolio of positions on various boards, and her own marketing and communications company which is involved in high level government strategy and bilaterally communicating with government and people in 'the bush' – rural and regional areas. It is unbelievably hard to make city people realise or understand the major difference between the bush and the city is “water” – five years of constant drought means nothing to city people who rarely have heard or experienced slight water restrictions.

In Robbie's early days in Deniliquin, she finished school to commence work as a vet nurse, before a sense of adventure led her to seek work as a Jillaroo in the Northern Territory – aged 19 with a girlfriend the same age -this also included sometime hunting buffalo – dangerous but fun -working with Aboriginal stockmen. From there, a mustering role in “Fossil Downs” kept her busy, sometimes working until 3AM in the morning to avoid the heat.

After 18 months away a quick three week visit back to Deniliquin and see her family and back to Perth – unemployed for three weeks - obtained a job in marketing working for the Bond Corporation - around the time of the America's Cup, where interactions with Bondy (Alan Bond) opened some work opportunities for developing her passion for marketing and communications as a profession- all by the age of 25. This role included the marketing of, and opening of gold mines, five major department stores in Perth and surrounds (now owned by David Jones) and other events which were the face of the company to the communities in which they operated.

Later a role emerged with the Wool Corporation- acting as marketing controller for what was then a significant commodity in the Australian Marketplace. This was until the market collapsed forcing a career change. Then, in what could be considered an almost ideal job, Robbie created her own business in 1990 and first client involved marketing a new brand for Streets Ice Cream – “Connoisseur” premium ice cream- a brand many of us would know. She was not a cook but always had a deep freeze full of ice-cream and a fridge full of bubbly....

Robbie's husband, Alastair worked on oil rigs all around the world but they saved and purchased the family property at commercial rates in WA and experienced drought and floods and decided to move back to NSW. Brought some 6,000 sheep across by B-double Trucks – took over a month to stop and feed and move the sheep but finally settled at Coonabarabran on a very run-down place at the foot of the Warrumbungles with five amazing waterfalls and did it up and sold in 10 years.as planned. experienced Australian rural life with a number of years of floods and drought and purchased “Braemar” at Manilla and experiencing a first – two shearings in one year plus harvesting.

Robbie has 22 employees across Australia – feels Covid-19 has made us, as a nation, stronger and more independent and capable – feels young women should work towards stepping out of their comfort zones – don't expect hand-outs – make your own way in the world.



Robbie has been, or is currently on a variety of Boards

- Murray Darling Basin – Socio / economic Committee - \$300M came back to the community
- Australia Day Committee – Deputy Chair
- Prime Television – one year only – my work covers national levels so not eligible to remain
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (only appointment outside Qld)
- CRC
- SRC – Smarter Region looking at Artificial Intelligence into rural / remote Australia

Robbie ended by saying she was proud of being a member of this city and region – however we always must keep looking forward – no Country Music Festival – what's next? By her own admission, Robbie loves the land, farming, agriculture, rural, regional and remote communities, and their people. We need to always be one-step ahead for Tamworth and surrounds!

It was great to have such a passionate advocate for regional Australia in our community, but furthermore, it was even better to hear such an interesting story.

Thank you to both Mitch and Robbie for your notes. The Editor

*Steve Hawkins
thanked Robbie Sefton for a
very interesting "True" story -
enjoyed by all*



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"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." – Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943

OK! MAYBE I WAS WRONG



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



A REMINDER TO BOTH OLD AND NEW MEMBERS ABOUT THE DUTIES OF THE WEEKLY ROSTER

SERGEANT/S

Responsible for putting out all Club Property and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting with two Corporals each week to assist - **includes setting up and putting away the laptop and projector for presentations**

Need to be in attendance by 6:30AM

CORPORALS

To assist the Sergeant by putting out all Club Property, collecting fine monies, and putting away at the conclusion of the meeting - **includes setting up and putting away the laptop and projector for presentations**

One Needs to be in attendance by 6:30AM.

DOOR TEAM

To record the attendance of our members and guests, collect meeting dues, and if possible, balance the cash float - monies paid = monies received.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30AM

MEETER AND GREETER

To meet and greet our members and welcome guests to our Club at the top of the stairs and to hand name badges to members. Also ensure any guests of members or visiting Rotarians are introduced to the Visitor Assist to ensure they are made feel welcome.

Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am

WELCOME

To publicly welcome our Members and Guests (following the introduction) to our meeting when called upon by the President or his / her substitute.

Need to be in attendance by 6.40 am (or earlier)

PRESIDENT ASSIST

To ensure members who are rostered for the duties of, Meeter and Greeter, Door, Visitor Assist, Welcome to our Members and Guests, Introduction of the Guest Speaker(s) and Vote of Thanks are present and if they are not to find a replacement and ensure those people's names are updated on the President's Running Sheet. Select the Table Order (after the head table).

Need to be in attendance by 6.30AM

VISITOR ASSIST

To ensure any visitors to the Club are made welcome by introducing yourself to them and other members and guests of our Club. **To also include them in fellowship before and, where possible, introduce them to the President**, make sure they are included with several members for breakfast and are not left on their own.

Need to be in attendance from 6.30 am

INTRODUCTION

To make yourself known to our Guest Speaker/s, assist them to the head table and sit with them. During breakfast find out some information about the guest speaker which will assist you in your introduction. Assist with PowerPoint set-up etc

VOTE OF THANKS

To move a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and present a little thank you gift (ensure you have it before the meeting commences and take notes during their presentation to ensure that your thank you is informed).



WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLES

	11 November 2020	18 November 2020	25 November 2020
Topic	Wayne Wood Has come home! Hotel Mercure	Susan Goodwin Nearly local 37 years Hotel Mercure	Mike Rowland Equine Centre Vocational Visit
Sergeants	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
Corporals	Anne Jacob Richard Walker	Louise Matthews Laurie Heame	Steve Hawkins Paul Stevenson
Meeter & Greeter	John Rouvray	Peter Leonard	David Hinwood
Door Team	Brian Logan Naomi Blakey	Marina Hearne Mitch Soree	Ron Allen John Treloar
President Assist	Ian Howle	Barry Biffin	Graham Dooley
Visitor Assist	Phil Knight	Terry Robinson	Richard Hardwick
Welcome	Michael O'Connor	Phil Lyon	Brodie Shields
Bulletin Notes	Ian Howle	Phil Penman	Brett White
Introduction	Ian Howle	Phil Penman	Brett White
Vote of Thanks	Bruce Hemmett	Steve Massey	Chris Watson

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

13 November	20 November 2020	27 November 2020	4 December 2020
Phil Lyon Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree James Treloar	James Treloar Brett White	Brett White Peter Bell

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	Steve Massey (17/11);
Partners Birthdays	NIL
Anniversaries	Bruce & Julie Hemmett (15yrs 12/11);
Club Induction	John Worldon (13yrs 14/11); Peter Pulley (8yrs (14/11); Glenn McIntosh (4yrs 16/11)

Attendance	74%
Make-ups	
Visiting Rotarians	Sam Peacocke (South Dubbo)
Visitors	Helen Tickle; Maryanne Parsons;
Heads & Tails	John Rouvray
Raffle	Phil Lyon

