



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



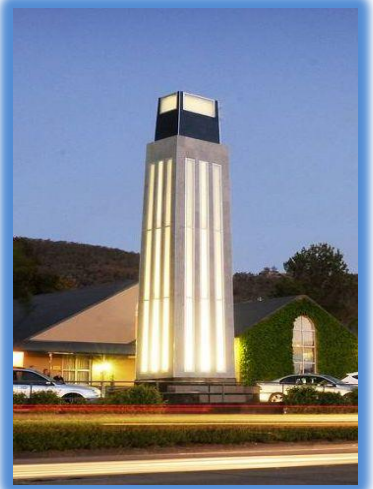
2020 - 2021

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MEETING 1530

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WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2020

*Misty Morning in
Walcha*

*Seemed a "cool" photo as
we go through the
current heatwave!*

*Thank you - David
Hinwood*



IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR 2020 - 2021

Thurs, 3 December 2020 - **Christmas Party 6:00PM**
Tamworth City Bowling Club

2021

Sunday 7 March 2021 Clean up Australia

12 – 14 March 2021 District Conference at Panthers, Port Macquarie

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

OK! MAYBE I WAS WRONG!

19 "X-rays will prove to be a hoax." – Lord Kelvin, President of the Royal Society, 1883



21 "Rail travel at high speed is not possible because passengers, unable to breathe, would die of asphyxia." – Dr. Dionysius Lardner, 1830



Mystery Minute – Steve Martin

Servicing a British Airways plane – message to fix blocked toilet – a 747 plane has 16toilets plus galleys / kitchen – sent chap to strap down all toilet lids – when completed to give me the thumbs up and I would do air backup and blast to unlock all loos. Unfortunately, between the signal and my blast – a hostess removed the tape and “Whoops” everywhere including her. – delayed flight by some hours to both clean up and find another hostess – not popular.

Second incident – man went to toilet and took out dentures to clean and “Whoops” down the loo. Had to be found when we landed and returned a pair of very blue dentures to him.



Quote of the Week



Dear Members and Friends

We had the perfect morning for our vocational visit to the **Australian Equine Livestock Events Centre** (AELEC). Wonderful to hear all the details from Mike Rowland and fantastic to walk around in the areas we do not usually have access to.

The **District 9650 Showcase** this weekend has been extremely interesting. I was really glued to the screen as Jessie Harman spoke via Zoom of her role as Rotary International Director in 2021-23, she is the first female RI Director from Zone 8. I hope we can access a copy of her presentation to play at a meeting one day soon.

There was also considerable discussion on our new District 9660. Some people at the Showcase indicated that they had not received the District 9660 Update circulated by Laura Telford on 13 September 2020. Please let me or Sue know if you do not have a copy. As a group we had a discussion on the issues we face in Rotary. The above quote for the week gave us a direction to look at obstacles in a different way.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday for our Annual General Meeting in the Ken Chillingworth Room – please enter via the front entrance of Wests – parking should not be an issue so early in the morning!

Thanks
DEB BARNES

VERY RARE AND UNUSUAL HISTORY IN PHOTOS

The Cau Vang, outside the city of Da Nang in Vietnam is held up by two giant stone hands.



**OUR GUEST SPEAKER LAST WEEK WAS MIKE ROWLAND –
AAN EXCELLENT BREAKFAST - QUICK CHAT AND A WONDERFULLY
INFORMATIVE WALK AROUND AELEC**

Introduction by Brett White

Mike welcomed us to AELEC and noted that in September 2021 the basic Dome and Camp Drafting Ring would have been here for 12 years – great entrance to Tamworth coming in on the New England Highway. More and more stables have been added and this Education Centre was donated and built by the Tamworth TAFE Campus. It is used by all different sporting bodies from horses, cattle, sheep, goats etc.

Covid-19 has affected the Centre badly – our first show since March has just been completed – still very strict regulations but competitors were very pleased to return at last.

In 2019 – 280 different events were held at AELEC – over 113,000 visitors and average length of show was 6.5 days – some 2 / 3 weeks at a time. Hold all major events here except Olympian trials – held at the Olympic Centre in Sydney.

In 2020, as a comparison, only 62 days of competition prior to Covid-19 ban in March to now. We track every event of where people come from etc – 60% is NSW – Tamworth very central for the Eastern Seaboard. To date International riders – only a very small percentage- but also have the added quarantine issues if they wish to bring their horses as well. We have judges from all over the World – United States, England and Europe specifically as well as our Australian judges.

On the walk around after breakfast – one of the most interesting aspects was the type of soil required for different types of events – show-jumping very different to camp-drafting etc. Considerable time has been spent and continues to happen as soils have to be perfect for each particular event.

Financially 2019 – 2020 will be OK but 2020 – 2021 hurts financially by at least \$300,000 but things are beginning to look up for the second half of this financial year.

Louise Matthews never misses a chance to introduce us to RYLarians!

Emma Smith – RYLarian in 2014 and Leader in 2015 – is a trainee and works with Mike Rowland at AELEC and was sponsored by Tamworth Regional Council.



Mike Rowland being thanked by Chris Watson



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 – Michael Smith



WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLES

	2 December 2020	9 December 2020	16 December 2020
Topic	Annual General Meeting Chillingworth Room Wests	Hotel Mercure	Hotel Mercure
Sergeants	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
Corporals	Bruce Hemmett Brian Logan	Michael O'Connor Peter Leonard	Steve Hawkins Chris Watson
Meeter & Greeter	Peter Bell	James Treloar	Louise Matthews
Door Team	Peter Ryan John Rouvray	Barry Biffin Steve Massey	Helen Tickle Phil Penman
President Assist	Bev Fletcher	Richard Hardwick	Phil Lyon
Visitor Assist	Liz Gill	Glenn McIntosh	Mitch Soree
Welcome	Naomi Blakey	Anne Jacob	Bev Fletcher
Bulletin Notes	Phil Penman	Brian Thompson	Laurence Heame
Introduction	Phil Penman	Brian Thompson	Laurence Heame
Vote of Thanks	Ian Howle	Marina Heame	Ron Allen

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

4 December 2020	11 December 2020	18 December 2020	January 2020
Brett White Peter Bell	Peter Bell Steve Hawkins	Steve Hawkins Peter Leonard	Peter Leonard

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	Anne Jacob (03/12); Steve Hawkins (08/12);
Partners Birthdays	Hellen Allen (04/12)
Anniversaries	Helen & David Hinwood (45yrs 05/12/1975)
Club Induction	NIL

Attendance	75%
Make-ups	
Visiting Rotarians	NIL
Visitors	NIL
Heads & Tails	NIL
Raffle	Skinner

