



Rotary Opens Opportunities

# Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



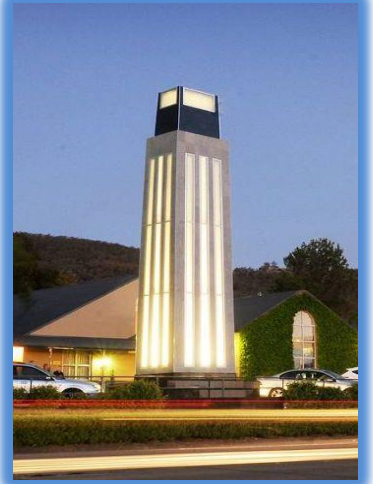
**2020 - 2021**

District Governor - [Debbie Loveday](#)

President: [Deb Barnes](#)

Secretary: [Sue O'Connor](#)

Treasurer: [Michael Smith](#)

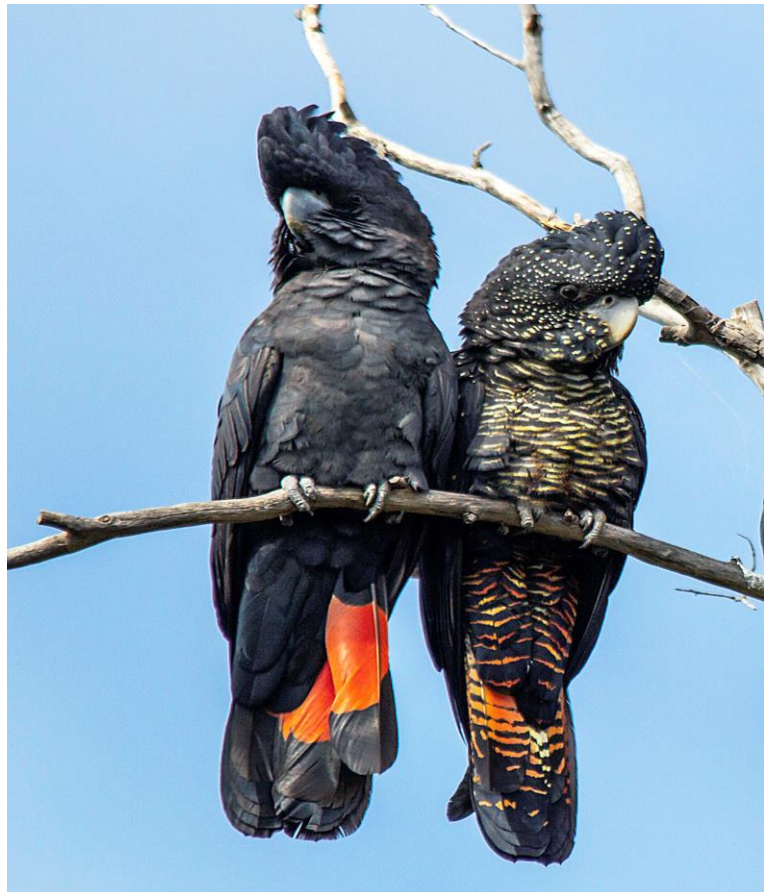


MEETING 1531

ISSUE 24

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2020

*Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos -  
Thank you David Hinwood*



# IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR 2021



1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation**

2021 Application forms now on D9650 Webpage

Leader 2021

**LUKE MASSEY**

2020 Sponsor RC Tamworth First Light

"I came to RYLA an unmotivated, lost, and directionless 26-year-old and left with a new lust for life and a new motivation to succeed. The course gave me the tools to bridge the gap between finishing postgraduate university and successfully building a life for myself outside of the safety net of tertiary education."

Luke is looking forward to sharing some life experience with the younger attendees & rates peer guidance as one of the most important aspects of the week along with supportive open communication.



**Sunday 7 March**      **Clean up Australia**

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

**16 – 19 March**      **Science & Engineering Challenge at TRECC**

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

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

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How to prepare for a Zoom meeting



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**OK!    MAYBE I WAS WRONG!**

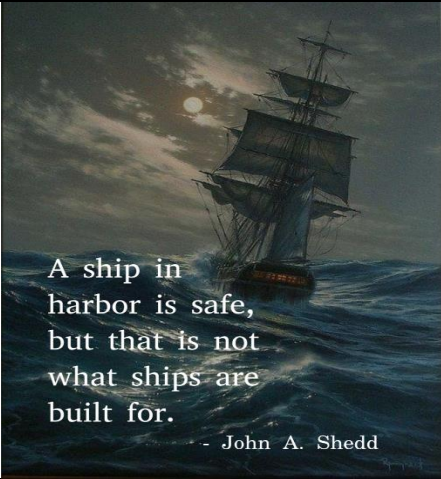
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"The horse is here to stay but the automobile is only a novelty—a fad." – The president of the Michigan Savings Bank advising Henry Ford's lawyer not to invest in the Ford Motor Co., 1903





## Quote of the Week



A ship in  
harbor is safe,  
but that is not  
what ships are  
built for.

- John A. Shedd

Dear Members and Friends

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to make it to the Christmas party. What a fantastic evening. Great conversation and food. It is a pity the storm stole our bowls plan. However, the rain was desperately needed, and the light show was amazing.

Congratulations to Marina and the new Board for 2021 / 2022 and especially to Richard Hardwick for being President in our year of merging to District 9660.

At the AGM I spoke briefly on the plans for Rotary Lodge and on our Strategic Plan.

I attended a Skype meeting that all local Rotarians were invited to where Hunter New England Health outlined their plans to build a new Mental Health Unit (Banksia House). The new building will be located on the Rotary Lodge site. Rotary Lodge will be rebuilt as part of the project. The site has not been identified but will be on the Hospital campus.

### **Banksia House**

- \$35M project
- Purpose-built 34 bed unit
- Will have direct access to the hospital via a bridge

### **Rotary Lodge**

- \$1M project
- 4 Lodges with kitchens
- Design to be approved by Rotary
- Possibly have shared space as with RMH.

### **Our Club's Strategic Plan**

We have completed our first Strategic Plan using the Rotary Strategic Planning Guide.

### **Our Vision is:**

"To bring lasting change and contribution to our communities, youth and membership.  
Be a dynamic, vibrant, and social Club that upholds the Rotary Values."

### **Our Annual goals are:**

Youth, Community, Lasting Change and most important - Members.

I will circulate the full version of the plan. We may have a chance to have a group discussion at our last meeting of the year on Wednesday, 16 December.

Please give it some thought and share any ideas with us.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Thanks

**DEB BARNES**

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Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light provided the materials for the Shade Sails at the Mountain Bike Walking Tracks. The photos show the different sails – great views of Tamworth from there! Richard Walker represented our Club and helped with the erection of the sails.

Thank you Richard for the photos (the easy part) and for being part of the Working Bee to complete another attraction for Tamworth.

### ***GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:***

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.*
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.*
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.*
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.*
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.*
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.*
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.*
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.*
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.*
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.*



## JOKE – OR IS IT?

The madam opened the brothel door in Mt Isa, and saw a rather dignified, well-dressed, good-looking man in his late forties or early fifties.

"May I help you, sir?" she asked.

"I want to see Sharni," the man replied.

"Sir, Sharni is one of our most expensive ladies. Perhaps you would prefer someone else," said the madam.

"No, I must see Sharni," he replied.

Just then, Sharni appeared and announced to the man she charged \$10,000 a visit.

Without hesitation, the man pulled out ten thousand dollars and gave it to Sharni, and they went upstairs. After an hour, the man calmly left.

The next night, the man appeared again, once more demanding to see Sharni.

Sharni explained that no one had ever come back two nights in a row as she was so very expensive. There were no discounts and the price was still \$10,000.

The gentleman did not blink an eye. Again, he pulled out a wad of cash, gave it to Sharni, and they went upstairs. After an hour, he left.

The following night the man was there yet again. Everyone was astounded that he had come for a third consecutive night, maybe a record in the history of brothels in Mt Isa, which date back into the early 1880s. But without hesitation he paid Sharni the ten grand and off they went upstairs.

After their session, Sharni said to the man, "No one has ever been able to afford me three nights in a row. Where are you from?"

The man replied, Gold Coast QLD."

"Really," she said. "I have family down the Goldy."

"I know," the man said. "I regret to tell you, but your brother Silvio died, and I am his attorney.

He asked me to give you your \$30,000 inheritance."

**The moral of the story is that  
three things in life are certain:**

1. Death
2. Taxes
3. Being screwed by a lawyer...

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## VERY RARE AND UNUSUAL HISTORY IN PHOTOS

This amazing 16th Century ring unfolds into an astronomical sphere.





**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER LAST RESULTED IN THE NEW BOARD FOR 2021 – 2022 WITH THE PRESIDENT NOMINEE RICHARD HARDWICK BEING OUR FIRST PRESIDENT IN THE NEW ROTARY D9660 – 2022 - 2023**



L – R Michael Smith – Treasurer, Sue O'Connor – Secretary, Peter Bell -Public Relations Director, Louise Matthews -Membership Director, **Marina Hearne – President**, Steve Hawkins – Rotary Foundation Director, Brian Logan – Club Administration Director, Richard Hardwick – President Nominee 2022 - 2023

**Congratulations Marina** – what an interesting year you and your team have ahead of you with the merging of two Rotary Districts into one District 9660.

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**'GOLD COAST'S FIRST CORPORATE CLUB'**

**Article by Barbara Mifsud, Regional Membership Officer**

The **Rotary Club of Gold Coast Corporate in D9640** recently chartered in October, made up entirely of corporate members. The club, one of the first of its kind in our region, has 27 senior corporate leaders from over 14 international and national companies, with 5 more members wanting to join since chartering. The club has over 60% women and 40% are under 40 years of age. The club's champion, DG Andy Rajapakse tells us what the value proposition was for corporate members when starting the club: 'My message was simple. Rotary gives a trusted platform to implement their corporate purpose to be a good corporate citizen. Today's customers will ask what your corporate purpose is before making their purchase choice. And it worked!' DG Andy says that it took him 100 days to start this club from ground zero. 'The magic was, I found the right (non-Rotarian) community champion from a leading company in the Corporate Centre. As leaders, we must trust the leadership and ability of people we don't already know'. This new style club meets physically once a month for wine and cheese at the Corporate Centre. Each company takes a turn hosting and showcasing their corporate story. Additionally, there is little personal outlay for members, as with corporate membership, corporates pay RI/district dues, which can be deducted as a company expenditure before tax as business development. This makes Rotary more affordable for everyone. DG Andy highlights another selling point for corporates: 'Rather than honouring their best employees with a plaque or a watch, why not make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation and honour them with an international and ethical award, a Paul Harris Fellow? Again, this contribution is tax-deductible.' The club will be mentored by PDG Michael Irving as the new club advisor, for the next three years. We look forward to seeing what the club achieves in the future.

**Rotary on the Move – December 2020 Edition**



## 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

[secretary@tamworthfirstlight.org.au](mailto:secretary@tamworthfirstlight.org.au)

**Treasurer – Michael Smith**



## WEEKLY ROSTER FOR BOTH CLUB AND POST OFFICE RAFFLES

	9 December 2020	16 December 2020	13 January 2021
Topic	Hotel Mercure	Hotel Mercure	Anzac Park
<b>Sergeants</b>	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
<b>Corporals</b>	Michael O'Connor Peter Leonard	Steve Hawkins Chris Watson	
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	James Treloar	Louise Matthews	
<b>Door Team</b>	Barry Biffin Steve Massey	Helen Tickle Phil Penman	Richard Walker Terry Robinson
<b>President Assist</b>	Richard Hardwick	Phil Lyon	
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Glenn McIntosh	Mitch Soree	
<b>Welcome</b>	Anne Jacob	Bev Fletcher	
<b>Bulletin Notes</b>	Brian Thompson	Laurence Hearne	
<b>Introduction</b>	Brian Thompson	Laurence Hearne	
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Marina Heame	Ron Allen	

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

11 December 2020	18 December 2020	15 January 2021	22 January 2021
Peter Bell Steve Hawkins	Steve Hawkins Peter Leonard	Peter Leonard Louise Matthews	Louise Matthews Paul Stevenson

### BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS

<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Steve Hawkins (08/12); Peter Bell (10/12); Deb Barnes (14/12)
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	NIL
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Ruth & Steve Martin (30yrs 15/12/1990); Sue & Brian Thompson (42yrs 16/12/1978);
<b>Club Induction</b>	Phil Knight (2yrs – 12/12)

<b>Attendance</b>	75%
<b>Make-ups</b>	
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	NIL
<b>Visitors</b>	NIL
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	NIL
<b>Raffle</b>	Skinner

