



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light



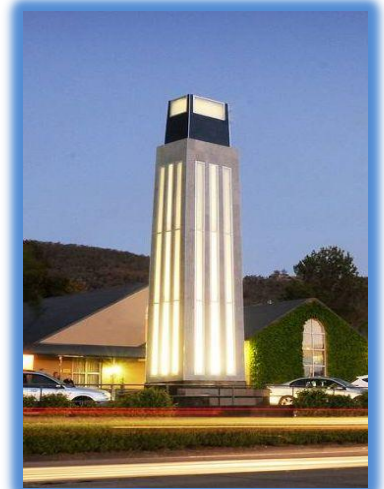
2020 - 2021

District Governor [Debbie Loveday](#)

President: [Deb Barnes](#)

Secretary: [Sue O'Connor](#)

Treasurer: [Michael Smith](#)



MEETING 1540

ISSUE 33

WEDNESDAY 24 February 2021



King Parrot - Glorious colours - Thank you David Hinwood



1st - 8th May 2021

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 5th May 2021



50 PLUS YEARS

This special celebratory dinner will be held in Tamworth during the RYLA Camp to celebrate 50 Plus Years of RYLA in this Rotary District.

BERNIE SHAKESHAFT
will be the guest speaker

There will be past RYLarians, current RYLarians & entertainment to truly celebrate this leading Rotary youth program.

HOWEVER...

Due to COVID 19 we will be guided by NSW Health, Clubs NSW & Rotary D9650 restrictions at the time of the event. More information to follow as we move closer to the date.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR 2021

Sunday, 7 March – Clean up Australia Day
9:30 TO 11:30am – Hungry Jacks

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

16 – 19 March - Science & Engineering Challenge at TRECC

11 & 12 April -MHREV – Bunnings Car Park

Sunday, 18 April 2021 – Social Cycling Criterium

Tuesday, 18 May - Parents & Community info evening.re **Careers Expo**

Wednesday, 19 May -Northwest Regional **Careers Expo**.

1 – 8 MAY 2021 -RYLA CAMP AT KEEPIT DAM
– Searching for applicants **NOW!**

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

Saturday, 26 June - D9650 Changeover

2021 – 2022
10 October 2021
Fund-raiser

“Lift the Lid”

President's Notes

Socks – 450 pairs / 150 singles – keep emptying the sock drawers please!

Strategic Plan – No questions – our team must be perfect – please put ideas or alternate suggestions forward for the benefit of tall members

Centenary 100 years of Rotary in Australia being celebrated in April – A book is currently being print and Australia Mint is creating a new \$1.00 coin to go into circulation and a \$5.00 coin in a Memorial box for collectors. Australia Post also bringing out a Rotary stamp which will go into circulation in different denominations in April

Glenn McGrath – S&E Challenge – a reminder for volunteers to check your “Working with Children” paperwork is up-to-date – if in doubt – please check with Bruce Hemmett.

Terry Robinson – Cycling Criterium meeting tonight – usual venue

Vicki Cooper – Just confirmed that “Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians” will be playing at Maroochydore – if interested, please speak to Vicki.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK....



Dear Members and Friends

Thank you to Paul Bennett for the significant information he provided on the activities of Tamworth Regional Council at present and in the time ahead. It is always wonderful to have a representative from Council visit our meetings.

I mentioned that February is: "Together, we Promote Peace" month. A fact stated in the current RDU, is that "NZ is ranked 2nd (behind Iceland) in the most peaceful countries in the world in the 2020 global peace index, while Australia came in at number 13". We are so lucky.

There is an interesting article on: "Putting Peace in Perspective".

The article indicates how they have developed conceptual framework known as "Pillars of Peace"; it outlines a system of eight factors that work together to build positive peace:

- Well-functioning Government
- Sound business environment
- Equitable distribution of resources
- Acceptance of the rights of others
- Good relations with neighbours
- Free flow of information
- High levels of human capital
- Low levels of corruption

The "Pillars of Peace" provide a roadmap to overcome adversity and conflict and build lasting peace.

One other interesting quote is: "Today more than 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. **Half of them are children.**" Rotary creates an environment where peacebuilding can happen.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Thanks

DEB BARNES

My wife sent me a text that said,
"Your great"

So, naturally, I wrote back, "No,
you're great"

She's been walking around all
happy and smiling.

Should I tell her I was just
correcting her grammar or leave
it?



Mystery Minute – Graham Dooley –

The Woodstock Music Festival August, 1969

The Woodstock Music Festival was the idea of John Roberts, Joel Rosenman, Artie Kornfeld and Michael Lang. In 1969 they wanted to promote their new record label.

Originally 50,000 people were expected to attend but a couple of days before the start they already had over 100,000 tickets pre-sold.



Organisers struggled to add more facilities. Highways and local roads came to a standstill and many concert-goers simply abandoned their cars and walked the rest of the way.

Eventually, over 400,000 people made it to the concert.

It was decided to make the concert a free event as the fencing, gates and ticket booths had not been finished. The US Army had to be called in to assist with medical support and when the food ran out supplies were delivered by helicopter.

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he Woodstock audience was a diverse group of people and a reflection of the rapidly-changing times. America was involved in the Vietnam War; it was also the era of the civil rights movement with a period of great unrest and protest. President Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King were assassinated in 1968.

Thirty-two musicians performed at Woodstock. Around 5:00pm. on Friday, August 15, Richie Havens took the stage to start the concert. Jimi Hendrix was the last musician to play at Woodstock. His performance of the Star-Spangled Banner is legendary.

Financially the concert was not good. Approximately 80 lawsuits were filed against Woodstock Ventures, primarily by farmers in the area. The movie financed settlements and paid off the debt. Woodstock still creates economic activity for the local economy with 2.9 million visitors since 2006 and 214,405 visitors in 2018; an equivalent of 172 full-time jobs exists.

Woodstock was a peaceful celebration and is now part of the pop culture history.

Max Yasgur, the farmer who hosted the event on his property said:

“...You’ve proven something to the world...the important thing that you’ve proven to the world is that a half a million kids, and I call you kids because I have children who are older than you are, a half a million young people can get together and have three days of fun and music and have nothing but fun and music and God bless you for it!”



OUR GUEST SPEAKER FOR LAST WEEK WAS PAUL BENNETT – GENERAL MANAGER OF TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL

John Treloar gave a brief introduction – Paul Bennett was born and educated in Armidale, he and Gail have three children and they have been in Tamworth for a decade now and loving it. He had one basic aim which goes back to an interview for RYLA just a year or two ago – when asked a particular question – he responded that he would like to see every retiree in Armidale with a computer or laptop. Still applies today in Tamworth!

Paul was delighted to be with us today – spoke extremely fast and most of this Report will be in point form!

Challenges

- Covid-19 – huge impact on the City – Council affected badly in some areas
- 650 staff – 376 working from home
- Redeployment, flexible work, leave entitlements (reduction)
- Basically, all Events stopped massive impact on Venues
- Airport stopped
- Car Park takings dropped to nearly zero
- Our expenses – like every business – still had overheads that had to be met

How we work has changed markedly

- Must support the community
- Where possible support local business
- Community is responding – Tamworth is recovering faster than anticipated

Blueprint – Policy of Council

- all level of our local government must comply with both the Blueprint and Policy – covers eight core themes – includes everything from infrastructure, housing and economic growth through to the environment, our culture and our identity
- Just appointed three new Executive Team Members – Jacqui O'Neil, Gina Vereker and Jason Collins
- Strong focus on Economic Development – Investment, Jobs, Tourism = Growth

Growing Pains – housing- massive housing shortage – NIL Rentals, water, Baiada, Dam and University

Current Projects – some completed, all work in progress at various levels

Tamworth Global Gateway Park (TGGP)	NICSE Stage 1 – Athletics, velodrome, outdoor areas
Recreation – Bicentennial Park Masterplan, Viaduct Park	Astronomy Centre – very special
Transport – Jewry Street Bridge, Namoi River Crossing (Manilla)	Water – Calala Storage (120ML, Manilla WTP)
Cultural Precinct	Aquatics - \$69M
University	Airport - Masterplan

Other Current Projects

- Upgrade of BMX Track
- Chaffey Park – Manilla
- Kootingal Main Street
- Scott Road / Calala Lane Footpath / Cycleway Lighting

Other Projects – Future (Some in process now)

- Victoria Park Masterplan
- Shared Paths - \$1M already set aside



- Disability Transport Hug – Bicentennial Park \$625,000
- Rural Cycling Safety – Signage, shoulders and education
- Youth Training Café in Viaduct Park + Playground, Pump Track, Half-court Basketball \$1.3M
- Kamilaroi Walking Track / Flagstaff
- Kootingal Hall – Library, Community Amenities \$580,000
- Weabonga Hall
- Cricket Nets – Riverside & NICSE
- Treloar Tennis Park Club
- Organic Recycling Facility
- Goonoo Goonoo Road- Calala Lane to Jack Smyth Drive
- Green the Region – Focus on Tree Planting
- Tamworth Country Music Festival – 50th Anniversary 2022

Intermodal - \$90M drainage – Seeking Grant funding to cover heavy / light industrial – already have eight prospects on the books

Jewry Street / Oxley Highway roundabout happening

Art Centre – seeking funding

University – Vice Chancellor is excellent and approachable

Q. Any thoughts of a road from Oxley Vale out to the airport

A. Yes – Oxley Vale to Airport – south to Werris Creek Road -out past Farrer, additional to Bourne Lane – circle around City

Q. Peel River – trees in river

A. Maritime responsible – however considering putting some weirs in through the city.

Louise thanked on behalf of RYLA – Paul as an ex-RYLarian always sends great applicants each year.

Officially thanked by Brodie Shields.



Paul Bennett being thanked by Brodie Shields

**Be sure to bring up
politics at
Thanksgiving this
year, to save on
Christmas gifts.**



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

	24 February 2021	3 March 2021	10 March 2021
January 2021	Mitch Hanlon Tamworth University Chillingworth Room	Ryan Dwight Youth Taskforce Chillingworth Room	Alex Stones Move Better Chillingworth Room
Sergeants	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin	Mandy Fisher Steve Martin
Corporals	John Rouvray Steve Massey	Anne Jacob Michael O'Connor	Richard Walker Chris Watson
Meeter & Greeter	Richard Hardwick	Bev Fletcher	Laurence Hearne
Door Team	Peter Ryan Steve Hawkins	Peter Bell Helen Tickle	Peter Bell James Treloar
President Assist	Marina Heame	Louise Matthews	Phil Penman
Visitor Assist	Peter Leonard	Graham Dooley	Naomi Blakey
Welcome	Brian Logan	Glenn McIntosh	Marina Heame
Bulletin Notes	Dennis Maunder	Brian Thompson	Mitch Soree
Introduction	Dennis Maunder	Brian Thompson	Mitch Soree
Vote of Thanks	Phil Knight	Dimity Betts	Terry Robinson

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

26 February 2021	5 March 2021	12 March 2021	19 March 2021
David Hinwood Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree Brian Thompson	Brian Thompson Barry Biffin	Barry Biffin John Treloar

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	Val Hellmann (25/02);
Partners Birthdays	Susie Stevenson (25/02);
Anniversaries	NIL
Club Induction	Jane Bradford (14yrs 28/02/2007); Marina Heame (5yrs 02/03/2016)

Attendance	81%
Make-ups	
Visiting Rotarians	Vicki Cooper (Maroochydhore)
Visitors	Jarrad Campbell, Isaac ?
Heads & Tails	Brodie Shields
Raffle	David Hinwood

