



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rotary



Club of Tamworth First Light

MEETING 1581 ISSUE 24 WEDNESDAY 8th December
2021



Rotary Year 2021 - 2022

District Governor	David Mayne
President:	Marina Hearne
Secretary:	Sue O'Connor
Treasurer:	Michael Smith



AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA – 8th DECEMBER 2021

PRESENT:

APOLOGIES:

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES HELD ON 2nd DEC 2020:

(as per attached)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

TREASURERS REPORT:

ANY QUESTIONS

FOUNDATION REPORT:

ANY QUESTIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Club payment gateway
- Strategic Plan
- New District 9660 update
- Other updates

ELECTION TO BOARD POSITIONS 2022-23

The Incoming President Elect, Richard Hardwick, will announce the nominations for the 2022-23 Board.

Position	Name	Nominated by
President	Richard Hardwick	
President Elect (2023-24)	TBA	
Secretary	TBA	
Treasurer	TBA	
Club Admin Director	TBA	
Rotary Foundation Director	TBA	
Membership Director	TBA	
Public Relations Director	TBA	
Community Service Director	TBA	
Youth Director	TBA	

MEETING CLOSED:

Sue O'Connor

Secretary



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – 2 DECEMBER 2020

PRESENT: See door attendance list for Dec 2

APOLOGIES: Michael O'Connor, Chris Watson

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES HELD ON 11 DEC 2019: attached to agenda email.

Moved: Deb Barnes 2nd: Terry Robinson All in favour

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Nil

TREASURERS REPORT: Financial statements and auditor reports attached to previous emails.

Moved: Deb Barnes 2nd: Terry Robinson All in favour

FOUNDATION REPORT: Thank you to Dennis Maunder for organising audit.

Discussion and information re foundation answered by David Hinwood:

- Current trustees: David Hinwood, Michael O'Connor, Deb Barnes, with one new replacement annually.
- Investment advisory committee with expertise in this area to make recommendations to the trustees on investment strategies, has been approved by the board as per motion on 8th September: *"The board supports the implementation of an investment committee to give investment advice to the trustees of the trust fund."* Phil Penman, John Worldon and Laurie Hearne have accepted these positions.
- David reiterated the following information which was discussed at the September board meeting: *The Foundation trust has approximately \$60,000 - \$65,000 in capital in the fund which is currently not accessible for expenditure according to the trust deed. There is around \$35,000 of accessible growth funds that can be utilised, by the board applying to the trustees for approval to expend. The investment is reviewed annually.*
- David advised that an honorary solicitor is currently adjusting the trustee provisions and that an investment committee meeting will happen shortly.

Moved: David Hinwood 2nd: Deb Barnes All in favour

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Motion: That the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light Inc adopts as its Policy Manual the document entitled "Proposed Policy Manual of the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light" (Note: The draft document may be found in the 'Document Store' of the Clubs' web site Password: rctfl_9650)

Moved: Brodie Shields 2nd: Peter Leonard All in favour

2. The Incoming President Elect, Marina Hearne, announced the nominations for the 2021-22 Board.

Position	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
President		Marina Hearne	
President Elect (2022-23)	Richard Hardwick	Marina Hearne	Dimity Betts
Secretary	Sue O'Connor	Laurie Hearne	Liz Gill
Treasurer	Michael Smith	Dimity Betts	Dennis Maunder
Club Admin Director	Brian Logan	Laurie Hearne	Louise Matthews
Rotary Foundation Director	Steve Hawkins	Louise Matthews	Liz Gill

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Membership Director	Louise Matthews	Dimity Betts	Liz Gill
Public Relations Director	Peter Bell	Louise Matthews	Laurie Hearne
Community Service Director	John Rouvray	Liz Gill	Dennis Maunder
Youth Director	Dimity Betts	Marina Hearne	Laurie Hearne

There were no other nominations for each position, therefore the positions are declared filled.

CLOSE OF AGM: 7.45am



GENERAL MEETING NOTICES:

1. Rotary Lodge Update – Deb Barnes

Hunter New England Health has been negotiating with Rotary re the rebuilding of Rotary Lodge. Banksia, which was not custom built, is no longer deemed to be viable or safe for patients, so a new 34-bed unit is to be built on the site of the current Rotary Lodge. \$1million has been allocated by HNE Health to rebuild a new Rotary Lodge comprising 4 lodges, each with its own kitchen, for the carers of patients who live > 100km from Tamworth. Accommodation costs will stay the same. Contact Deb Barnes or Ken Hall for further information.

2. RCTFL Strategic Plan – Deb Barnes

Thank you to the Strategic Plan committee. The plan follows 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 who upholds the Rotary Values.”

- Our Annual Goals are Youth, Community, Lasting Change, and Members.

Please provide any comments and suggestions so that the document is representative of the views of all our members and is an ongoing working document. One suggestion is to have regular “good news” stories from other clubs and from our members. Also, please be on the lookout for community projects that we could do to make a lasting difference in our community.

3. Foundation Report – Richard Hardwick

Grant for US\$17,000 has been approved for renovations at Kokopo Hospital in PNG and is nearly ready for actioning.

4. Community Service Report – Richard Walker

Our usual events eg. Science & Engineering Challenge, Pedal the Peel, Waste Warriors, MHERV van, Careers Expo all look like resuming next year.

5. Santa Crawl Update – Phil Knight

Santa Crawl is going ahead in revised format. Contact Phil for information about events relating to this, especially event at Longyard Golf Club.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:07am

Sue O’Connor
Secretary



Marina's 2 cents worth

Quote of the week:

Know what sparks the light in you. Then use that light to illuminate the world. Oprah Winfrey

Joke of the week:

**What do strippers and the best F1 drivers have in common?
They start events in pole position.**

It's been a busy few days! Liz and I had the honour of attending Councils Local Legend Awards on Friday. There's so many amazing groups and individuals in our town. Truly very inspiring. We received the gift of time award for our 2,200 volunteer hours over the past year.

Then we had District showcase over the weekend for those who could make it with all the flooding in the region. And, of course, our Christmas Party on Saturday. The weather was lovely, the rain held off, we had a great afternoon. Huge thank you to Dimity for organising and Brian for the BBQ.

The Christmas Tree Lighting is this Friday night, 3rd December. We have been asked to run the BBQ for them. We have enough volunteers but if you are around, please do come down and join us for a fun night. Those who are helping, if you can start arriving from 5pm, in case they open the gates earlier at 5.30pm. Please wear your Rotary shirts and a Santa hat.

And if you need a new Club shirt, please go see Monogram It on Bridge Street, any issues get them to call me.

We have also been asked to run a breakfast BBQ on Saturday 18 Dec from 8am to 11am for a Christmas micro event council are holding in Fitzroy Street. Please let me know if you are available to help out, I need a few more people to assist.

The Salvation Army Drive will be on the 15th Dec. If you could mark this in your calendar to bring along unwrapped toys for gifts or non-perishable items like cake mixes, canned foods, pasta, rice.

The funds that were raised from trivia – it has been agreed by Sunrise and First Light that we will donate the money to our 3 nominated charities for mental health which were Lift the Lid, Billabong Clubhouse Tamworth and Black Dog Institute. We will now be donating \$2,170 to each of them.

AGM next Wednesday, very excited to hear who Richard's board will be next year!

Santa Crawl – please pencil in Friday 17th December to assist with the Santa Crawl.

Robert Irwin was recently awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for his work in wildlife conservation. Can you believe he has just turned 18! His sister Bindi was awarded a PHF in April 2017 for her work in wildlife conservation. They have both achieved so much in such a short time.

Have a wonderful week. December is very social month and it's so great we can spend time with family and friends.

Marina





Councils Local Legend Awards presented to First light for 2,200 volunteer hours over the past year. Well done to all.

Guest Speaker



Syd Howard

It was my pleasure this morning to introduce Syd Howard (who now lives in Tamworth) as our guest speaker. The more you talk to Syd, the more you find that he has packed at least three lives into one.

When Syd came back from National Service he operated a poultry farm. He also had a great interest in car racing and raced at Orange, Bathurst, Warwick Farm and Katoomba. This hobby brought him great joy and pleasure.

Syd was given an Order of Australia for his charity work, particularly his involvement with the Outback Car Trek which raises money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

He has been involved for 25 years with this fundraising scheme, and in addition, he also went on the Variety Club Bash twice.

Syd had a special car, a Ford Galaxy, which he purchased for \$3000. He used this car on the Outback Car Trek.

Syd had a long career in the pyrotechnics business. He started doing fireworks at the Royal Melbourne Show in 1957 and went on to do the fireworks there for the next 40 years.



Recently, Syd had to undertake a driving test for his licence due to his age. He admitted to being nervous, but passed the test and has to undertake another driving test in two years.

Syd was thanked by Steve Martin for his most interesting talk.

Dennis Maunder



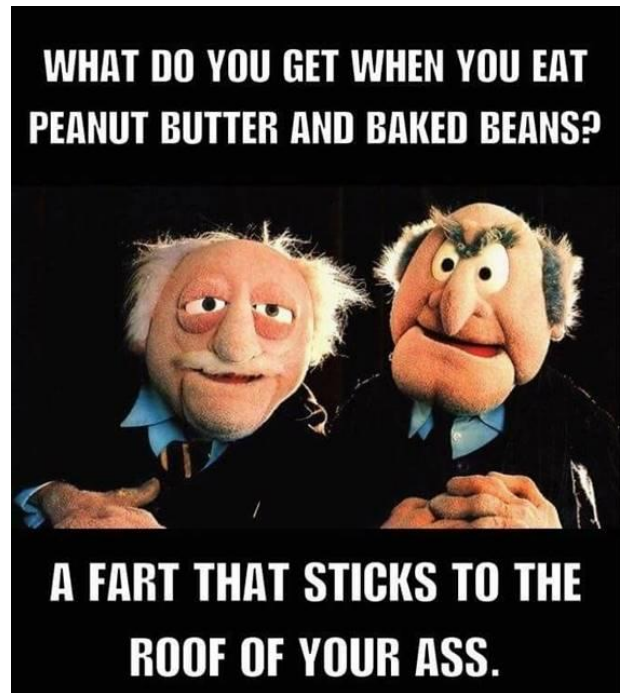
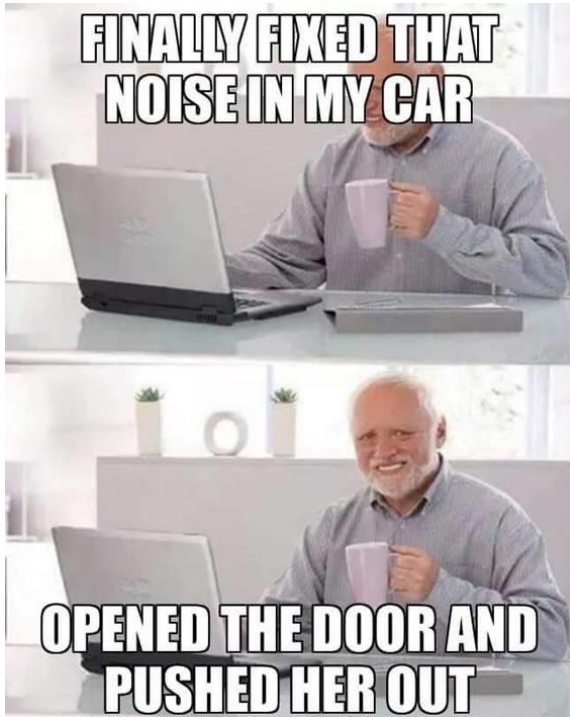
Christmas Party, Moore Creek







Fun Stuff



Hard to Believe

A recent survey indicates that the Smartphone is now the number one hand held device.

The penis has slipped to second place.



Doctor: Due to new privacy regulations we can no longer use patient names in the waiting room...

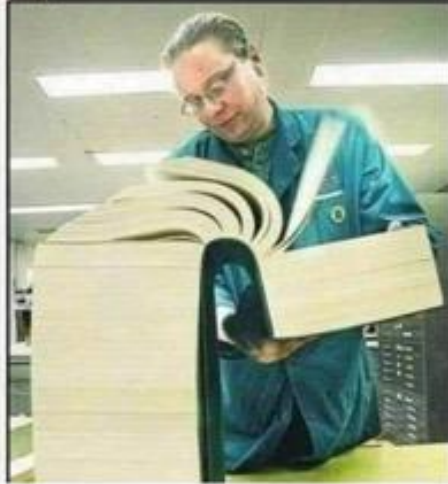


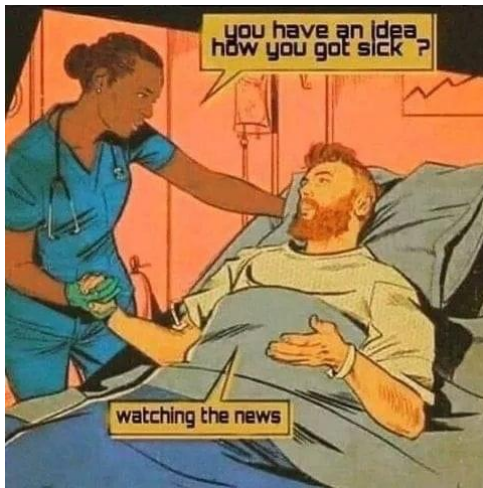
Will the patient with the itchy vagina please follow me...

Be careful where you shop online. We ordered a german shepherd and now this guy lives with us.



Just letting you know that the book, "Understanding Women" is now out in paperback





Rotary Events Calendar	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM • Science and Engineering • District Conference • Waste Warriors Expo • RYLA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th December 2021 • 14- 18 March 2022 • 18- 20 March 2022 • 25th March 2022 • 29th April 2022 – 7th May 2022

Social Calendar	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Office Raffles Social Night • Guess Who's Coming to Dinner 	<p>3rd Friday of the Month</p>

Tamworth First Light Website - <https://www.tamworthfirstlight.org.au/>
 Our Club Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/tamworthfirstlightrotary/>
 District and Club Database - <https://www.dacdb.com/>
 District 9650 Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict9650>

Rotary District 9650 - Technology Committee Chairman and Webmaster
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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.

Tamworth - First Light

Meets each Wednesday

6:30 for 7:00 am

West League Club

Chillingworth Room

Phillip Street

South Tamworth

Club Officers and contact details

[President — Marina Hearne](#)

[Secretary — Sue O'Connor](#)

[Treasurer — Michael Smith](#)

Other Clubs meet:

Monday PM – Tamworth West

Tuesday PM – Tamworth

Wednesday PM - Calala

Friday AM - Sunrise

Seven Areas of Focus



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

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

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?

	8 th December	15 th December	22 nd December
Topic Location	West Leagues Club	West Leagues Club	West Leagues Club
Guest speaker	AGM	Salvation Army Drive Army Chaplain	Santa
Sergeant	Barry Biffin	Barry Biffin	Barry Biffin
Corporals (fortnightly)	Ian Howle Anne Jacob	Helen Tickle James Treloar	Helen Tickle James Treloar
Meeter & Greeter	Peter Ryan	Malcolm Turnbull	Naomi Blakey
Door Team	Philip Penman Terry Robinson	Richard Walker Chris Watson	Vicki Cooper Graham Dooley
President Assist	Mitchell Soree	Bret White	Mandy Fisher
Visitor Assist	Not Required	John Worldon	N/a
Welcome	Brian Thompson	Ron Allen	Bev Fletcher
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Not Required	Deb Barnes	N/a
Vote of Thanks	Not Required	Peter Bell	N/a
10th December	17th December	TBA	14 January
Richard Walker Michael OConnor	Michael OConnor John Rouvray	John Rouvray Naomi Blakey	Naomi Blakey Barry Biffin
Members Birthdays	Steve Hawkins 8 th December, Peter Bell 10 th December, Deb Barnes 14 th December		
Partners Birthdays			
Anniversaries			
Club Induction	Philip Knight 3 years on 12 /12		
Attendance			
Make-Ups			
Visiting Rotarians			
Visitors			
Heads & Tails	Phil Lyon		
Raffle	Skinner		

Now you have read the roster, make sure you read the rest of the bulletin!! Marina ☺