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Club of Tamworth First Light

**MEETING 1612    ISSUE 7    WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022**



### **Rotary Year 2022 - 2023**

<b>District Governor</b>	<b>Neville Parsons</b>
<b>President:</b>	<b>Richard Hardwick</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Vicki Cooper</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Dennis Maunder</b>

If you have photos or funnies for the bulletin, send them to Marina!  
[marina.lawrence4@gmail.com](mailto:marina.lawrence4@gmail.com)

## **RSVP REQUIRED FOR FRIDAY, 12 AUGUST**

The first 40 people to RSVP get to come to breakfast on Friday, 12 August and hang out with DG Neville Parsons and the Sunrise Crew. Don't miss out!!

RSVP via this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RXZFLN8>

### **Rotary Breakfast - Combined Sunrise/First Light Event**

**Our meeting for Wednesday 10 Aug 2022 will be moving to Friday 12 Aug 2022.**

This will be a combined meeting with the Sunrise RC and will also host a visit from the new 9660 District Governor Neville Parsons and his wife Patti.

To assist with the catering we will be required to RSVP no later than 4.00pm Tuesday 9 Aug 2022 .

If there are any questions please contact Brian Logan on 0418 576 776.

# Richard's Notes

## Quote of the week:

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

## Joke of the Week:

**Our Sergeant, Malcolm recently got kidnapped by a group of mimes. They did unspeakable things to him.**

Who said Club Assemblies are boring! A fantastic opportunity to put the thinking caps on and throw around some ideas for activities and fundraising opportunities. I have a huge list of things to put to our Revenue and Project Brains Trust for further planning and assessment. Directors Reports are further down in the bulletin.

We also managed to pin down and induct Luke Massey into the Club. Luke has been a big part of the Club over recent years as a Terry Burgess Recipient for RYLA, a RYLA Leader and almost a Leaders Leader. Welcome to the Club, Luke.

**The MHERV Clinic roster is full for Monday 8 August but we may need some assistance on Tuesday 9 August. If you have some free time on that day please let me know and I can see where you can slot in.**

Dennis is still requesting payment for this year's Club Dues. Please arrange for payment as soon as you can.

A reminder that there will be no meeting on 10 August as it will be a combined meeting with Sunrise on 12 August at the City Bowling Club in Napier Street. The District Governor, Neville Parsons will be in attendance. This is an RSVP event for catering purposes. Please use the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RXZFLN8> to confirm if you are coming.

Richard

**We are very thrilled Luke has joined the First Light family!!!**



# Rotary News Around the Globe

We're pleased to announce an update to The Rotary Foundation's peer-to-peer fundraising platform, [Raise for Rotary](#). When a Rotary member organizes a Raise for Rotary fundraiser, their club can now earn credit for donations made by nonmembers. This enhancement recognizes organizers for their hard work and encourages them to reach out beyond their Rotary networks for support.

Since Raise for Rotary launched in August 2020, more than 1,500 custom fundraising events have generated more than \$1 million for the World Fund, the PolioPlus Fund, the Disaster Response Fund, and Rotary's areas of focus. The platform is available worldwide in English and accepts U.S., Canadian, and Australian currencies. Additional currencies and language options will be added over time.

Additional benefits of Raise for Rotary include:

#### **Making it easy to use and share**

Setting up a fundraiser with Raise for Rotary is simple and fast. You can support specific Rotary causes, and your fundraiser is easy to share with your friends and family — especially on social media.

#### **Giving donors recognition credit**

Anyone who gives through Raise for Rotary using the email address they use for other Rotary functions, such as their My Rotary account, will receive Rotary giving credit and recognition.

#### **Minimizing fees to do more good**

External fundraising platforms have their own fee structures, rules, and guidelines. With our own platform, more of the funds you raise go directly toward Doing Good in the World.

With [Raise for Rotary](#), you can use your fundraiser to celebrate an occasion such as a birthday, tie it to an athletic challenge, or create a custom event. No matter how you choose to fundraise, the donations you generate will help our Foundation make an even bigger impact around the world.

Thank you for your support. If you have additional questions, please review our [Raise for Rotary FAQ](#) or email us at [raise@rotary.org](mailto:raise@rotary.org).

Sincerely,  
The Rotary Foundation

**Raise** for  
**Rotary**

FUNDRAISE FOR  
**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

**First Light Walkers**  
Join us on  
**Mondays, 12:30pm – 1pm**  
Meet at Bi Park Gates, Kable Ave



## Uganda

Although the island of Buyiga is located in a swamp adjacent to Lake Victoria, the largest lake in Africa, its nearly 20,000 residents face a shortage of potable water; the island's one private well regularly served only 10 percent of the population. Enter the Rotary Club of Rubaga Lake View, which teamed with Swedish Rotarians from District 2390 in an adopt-a-village effort. By late 2021, six boreholes had been sunk across Buyiga, providing water to a school and the island's sole medical facility. Kristian Rankloo of the Rotary Club of Burlöv-Karstorp visited in 2019 through his charity Help at Hand, spurring him to solicit the \$30,000 needed for the project from Swedish Rotary members and businesses, says Paul Kagga of the Rubaga Lake View club. "The community provided local materials like sand, bricks, and land. Our club was responsible for the monitoring, implementation, and evaluation," Kagga says. Now the club is focused on raising \$25,000 to expand Buyiga's schools.



This story originally appeared in the July 2022 issue of *Rotary* magazine.

Click this link to see video on peacebuilding:

[https://blog.rotary.org/2022/07/12/why-i-am-a-peacebuilder-and-how-you-can-be-one-too/?utm\\_campaign=&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_profile=Rotary+International&utm\\_source=linkedin](https://blog.rotary.org/2022/07/12/why-i-am-a-peacebuilder-and-how-you-can-be-one-too/?utm_campaign=&utm_medium=social&utm_profile=Rotary+International&utm_source=linkedin)



Rotary Adelaide

19 July at 19:00 · 🌐



"Almost everyone believes in peace, at least in theory. But I think a lot of folks have lost hope in it as a real, attainable goal, and as something we can strive for together. Too many people see peacebuilding as a huge, daunting, totally unrealistic goal...peacebuilding isn't just demonstrations and organized actions; it can also be comprised of unexpected connections, small acts of kindness, and quiet conversations in our day-to-day lives."

Kiran Singh Sirah, president of the International Storytelling Center and a Rotary Peace Fellow alum, shares their thoughts on peacebuilding. What can you do to make your community a better place to live?

<https://lnkd.in/g6wHPf5e>

#ImagineRotary #Sharingstories #peace #positivepeace  
Rotary Adelaide Peacebuilders




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**Why I am a peacebuilder and how you can be one too**

Kiran Singh Sirah, Rotary Peace Fellow, speaks at the Rotary Presidential Conference Houston: ...

**RC Of Newcastle are holding a Charity Bike Ride, 24 Sept. If you've been feeling nostalgic for Pedal the Peel, maybe this will fill the void!**

Click this link for more info!! [www.newcastledjngogbikeride.org.au](http://www.newcastledjngogbikeride.org.au)

 **Rotary Club of Newcastle**  
17 July at 22:27 · 🌐

YES!!! It is on again!  
Our Annual Charity Bike Ride from Newcastle to Dungog.  
Due to Covid the event was cancelled last year but it is "all systems go" for this year.  
All details; entry forms, single or teams, please see our web site  
[www.newcastledjngogbikeride.org.au](http://www.newcastledjngogbikeride.org.au)  
A great event for all bike riders.



**Charity Bike Ride**  
Rotary Club of Newcastle Inc.

**Rotary**  **Saturday 24th September 2022**

STRATEGIC GROUP  
WALKOM  
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ESS AUSTRALIA  
Supporting Childhood Cancer Research

[www.newcastledungogbikeride.org.au](http://www.newcastledungogbikeride.org.au)



**Naomi, Marina and Dimity volunteering at the Stars Dance for Cancer Event on Saturday**

**Social Event:**  
An Afternoon of Records listening  
Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> August at 12pm  
Hosted by Brian Logan  
BYO Drinks & Records  
RSVP to Marina

# Guest Speaker Notes – Club Assembly

## President Report – Richard Hardwick

- Our aim for this year is to:
  - Develop a pathway for DEI in our Club (RI Initiatives)
  - Build connections that develop long term support in the community
  - Continue to build on our current focus areas: Environment and Youth programs
  - Have fun with what we do
- Committee allocations will be sent out this week. Please review the list and if there is an area you would like to be involved let us know.
- Thank you to everyone for their support so far.



## Club Administration Report - Liz Gill

- Venue – Cupboard issue in progress
- Welfare – Nina Wrathall everyone has been making contact
- Bulletin - Thanks Marina for assistance
- Social - Members Events in Bulletin (Marina & Dimity)

## Youth Report – Dimity Betts

- Youth this year will again focus on supporting our school McCarthy and promoting any rotary youth opportunities. Hopefully some opportunities within club as well such as fundraising activities, community garden project, tree planting, bbqs etc.
- Planned rotary youth projects so far:
  - RY-Marine: held in Coffs Harbour mid-October
  - Public Speaking: club level aim to be held by mid-October, followed by area final, district semis and district final (March in Tamworth at conference)
  - Science Experience- 3 day science forum for years 9/10. We already have a student endorsed and sponsored to attend. Thomas will be attending USyd end Jan.
  - NYSF- year 12 students, more advanced program to the experience. Held in Jan.
- Plans to also involve students in community garden, starting with a competition for budding artists/graphic designers to design our logo, signage etc, plus a colouring comp for younger kids. More TBA.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Dennis Maunder advised that we pay Wests \$800 per week. Our numbers each week needs to increase so we are not in a loss situation.

**Deb Barnes** advised that a meeting of the Trustees of the Club's Foundation is to be held to enable Michael O'Connor to resign and Marina Hearne to be appointed in his place.

**Community Service:** Steve Martin has suggested that the Club should hold more fund raising events. We are good at Bar-b-ques. SEND YOUR FUNDRAISING IDEAS!!

**Foundation:** Due to the fact that we are unable to make any progress on this project, it was decided at a board meeting to have a formal meeting with Rob Sharpe to see a new way forward. It is our intention to speak to Rob about alternative uses of the funding that will be in line with Rob's original intentions.

Please read the email/ info that is in this bulletin about the Peer to Peer fundraising program called Raise for Rotary. The main change is that our Club now earns credits for any funds raised from donations by non members.

## Public Relations

As the Public Relations Director I think that it is important that we:

1. Keep First Light members informed and engaged
2. Inform the public of Rotary's involvement and achievements in the community not only in Australia but Internationally as well.
3. Inform the public of First Lights activities
4. Try to encourage and engage non-members to become involved in a Rotary Club, preferably First Light

Last year our main focus was utilizing social media, namely Facebook. Facebook allows us to reach a great number of people in the community and at no cost other than our time. It is also very familiar and utilized by a younger demographic which is important if we are to attract younger members to our club. Accordingly, we will be continuing with this strategy. To gain the most benefit however, we need our members to participate by not only joining Facebook but by liking and sharing our stories. When you share a story it also beneficial if you make a comment. If you require some assistance with the downloading and operation of Facebook please let me know and I will find someone smarter than me to assist you.

Other forms of communicating our upcoming community activities will be through the Media networks such as The Northern Daily Leader, The commercial Radio Stations as well as the ABC. I seek any assistance available in finding ways to involve these networks.

I would encourage all members to take every opportunity to spread the word about Rotary. This can be as simple as wearing your club shirt, discussing our Clubs projects with other people, coming along to the Post Office Hotel meat raffles on a Friday night or inviting a friend or colleague to a breakfast meeting.

I would welcome any suggestions that members may have to assist in achieving our goals. Most importantly, we need you to provide us with information on upcoming events and projects that we are involved in so that we can spread the word.

Peter Bell

Public Relations Director



## Membership Report

### New Members (6)

- Courtney Priestley – inducted at Changeover
- Hugh Raadgever – transfer from RC Coonabarabran
- Luke Massey – transfer from NSW Young Leaders
- Nina Wrathall – transfer from RC Tamworth
- Hannah Woods – inducted 20 July
- Alice Elsley – to complete transfer from RC Quirindi



### Resignations (7 as at 30 June)

- Ron Allen
- Mandy Fisher
- Les Jacob
- Phil Knight
- Michael O'Connor
- Peter Pulley
- John Worldon



I have made contact with all resigning/retiring members & encouraged them to visit as a guest when time, health & proximity permits.

### Statistics

Active = 52

Honorary = 3 (PDG Jane Bradford, Alan Coates & Ashleigh Dallas)

37 males

15 females (29% RI target 30%)

Average age 62 years

4 members under 30

16 members over 70

Average years of service – 16 years

### Member Retention

An ongoing issue for all service organisations. The above resignations were due to varying reasons. Health, re-location, travel & (in their mind) unable to make a meaningful commitment or contribution to Rotary as they have done previously.

We need to be mindful of engaging all remaining members & encourage more meaningful inclusion in all we do. I would like to see us utilise the youthful energy of some of our new members & our core under 40 group. I'm sure they would be able to bring forward suggestions to re-invigorate the rest of the membership. Bring it back to the levels our Charter members were in the early years of First Light.

The Community Garden Project, headed up by Naomi, is a prime example. However, we don't want to go in too hard & too fast with any radical changes that would alienate some who find any form of change a challenge in itself.

### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

The push by our incoming International President, Jennifer Jones, for DEI is something I would like to see our Club work toward this year. I'd encourage all members to give this some thought & bring forward ideas & suggestions on how we can make this a reality. Welcoming guest speakers from diverse groups, which I know Peter Johnston is working hard at & inviting others known to us to attend & see what Rotary is all about. I have often quoted past RI President, Stuart Heal, who said Rotary is seen as being "pale, male stale," so it's up to us to spice it up a bit, remain, viable, remain relevant survive into the future. Having said all this, we don't want these invitations to appear as patronising or just tokenism, they need to be genuine & of benefit to all concerned.

Louise Matthews

Membership Director

### First Light Club Shirts! Purchase & Embroidery from Monogram IT, Bridge St.

#### Contact Marina if you need assistance.

Formal: Ladies or Men's Ambassador

Short or Long Sleeve

Colour: Blue



PS32A WINNER POLO Ladies' Colour: Sky blue Navy or Navy Sky Blue



PS31 WINNER POLO Men's Colour: Sky blue Navy or Navy Sky Blue





# Funny Corner

Fair weather golfers are so easily manipulated. If you watch the local news, you might never play golf because all you see is a chance of rain.

What they fail to tell you is that if it rains for a minute SOMEWHERE in the viewing audience and for at least a trace amount they are correct in their forecast. Last I checked about 15 years ago, weather forecasters were costing golf courses in South Carolina tens of millions of dollars a year with their negative forecasts.



**My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.**

**I AM CURRENTLY UNSUPERVISED  
I KNOW, IT FREAKS ME OUT TOO  
BUT THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS**

**Don't piss off old people.  
The older we get, the less "Life In Prison" is a deterrent.**

Dads naming boats might be my favorite thing ever



I'M SORRY I DIDN'T  
MEAN TO  
"PUSH ALL YOUR BUTTONS"  
I WAS JUST LOOKING  
FOR MUTE!

Three stages of life



Young and stupid



Motivated  
and hopeful



Hates everything  
and everyone

Rotary Events Calendar	Date
<b>DG Club Visit</b>	<b>FRIDAY – 12 Aug 2022</b>
Zone 8 Conference - Canberra	Friday 28 October to 30 October 2022
District Showcase & AGM – Tamworth	26 – 27 Nov 2022
District Conference – Tamworth	24 – 26 Mar 2023
Rotary International Convention – Melbourne	27 – 31 May 2023

Social Calendar	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post Office Raffles Social Night</li> <li>• Lunch Social Walk</li> <li>• An Afternoon of Records Playback</li> <li>• Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner</li> <li>• Paint &amp; Sip</li> <li>• First Light Art Gala</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month</li> <li>• Mondays 12.30pm, Bi Park Gates</li> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> September</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• November - TBC</li> </ul>

Tamworth First Light Website - <https://www.tamworthfirstlight.org.au/>

Our Club Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/tamworthfirstlightrotary>

Member Portal Link: <https://www.dacdb.com/>

Board of Directors	
<b>President</b> - Richard Hardwick	<b>Secretary</b> - Vicki Cooper
<b>Treasurer</b> - Dennis Maunder	<b>Executive Secretary</b> - Brodie Shields
<b>Club Admin</b> - Liz Gill	<b>Membership</b> - Louise Mathews
<b>Public Relations</b> - Peter Bell	<b>Community Service</b> - Steve Martin
<b>Youth</b> - Dimity Betts	<b>Rotary Foundation</b> - Steve Hawkins

## 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 — Richard Hardwick](#)

[Secretary — Vicki Cooper](#)

[Treasurer – Dennis Maunder](#)

### Other Clubs meet:

Monday PM – Tamworth West

Tuesday PM – Tamworth

Wednesday PM - Calala

Friday AM - Sunrise

### Seven Areas of Focus



### 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?

	3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	FRIDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Local Aboriginal Land Council (Youth Programs)</b>	<b>DG Visit (NO WED MEETING)</b>	<b>Centrecare/ Headspace Clinical Mental Health</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Wests</b>	<b>HOSTED BY SUNRISE CLUB</b>	<b>Wests</b>
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Fiona Snape	DG Neville Parsons	Josie Hofman
<b>Sergeant</b>	Malcolm Turnbull	n/a	Malcolm Turnbull
<b>Corporals (fortnightly)</b>	Deb Barnes Naomi Blakey	n/a	Louise Matthews Bruce Hemmett
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Brodie Shields	n/a	Luke Massey
<b>Door Team</b>	John Treloar Helen Tickle	Dennis Maunder Marina Heame	Hannah Woods Bev Fletcher
<b>President Assist</b>	Richard Walker	n/a	Deb Barnes
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Sue O'Connor	n/a	Val Hellmann
<b>Welcome</b>	Steve Martin	n/a	Paul Stevenson
<b>Bulletin Notes &amp; Introduction</b>	Bev Fletcher	n/a	Michael Smith
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Peter Bell	n/a	Terry Robinson
<b>POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM</b>			
<b>5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> August</b>
<b>Brodie Shields Brett White</b>	<b>Marina Hearne Courtney Priestley</b>	<b>Courtney Priestley Brian Thompson</b>	<b>Brian Thompson Hannah Woods</b>
<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS</b>			
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Nil		
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Ruth Martin, 9 Aug		
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil		
<b>Club Induction</b>	Phil Lyon, 17 years – 3/8		
<b>Attendance</b>	78%		
<b>Make-Ups</b>	Nil		
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Nil		
<b>Visitors</b>	Nil		
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	Marina Heame		
<b>Raffle</b>	Brodie Shields		

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