



**IMAGINE
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Rotary



Club of Tamworth First Light

MEETING 1615 ISSUE 10 WEDNESDAY 24th August 2022



Rotary Year 2022 - 2023

District Governor	Neville Parsons
President:	Richard Hardwick
Secretary:	Vicki Cooper
Treasurer:	Dennis Maunder

*Photo Courtesy of Val Hellmann
NT Sunrise*



Richards Notes

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Quote of the Week:

Mankind must put an end to war before war puts an end to mankind.

John F. Kennedy

Thursday 18 August is Vietnam Veterans Day with this year being the 60th anniversary of the commencement of the conflict and the 56th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. The events that occurred through this conflict still affect many veterans today within our communities.

Just to mix things up today we had a minor adjustment to our usual meeting order to allow our guest speakers from Headspace to leave early for their appointments. It was great to hear the mental health programs that Headspace provides to young people in Tamworth and the greater North West Region.

It was good to see some visitors to our meeting, Past President Dr Allan Forrest (1999-2000) and Izaak (2021 RYLarian) dropped in for a visit to the Club and hope that they enjoyed the meeting and fellowship it provided.

Please look over the Regionalisation Pilot Project information in the Bulletin and if you have the time jump onto a Zoom meeting that will provide more information before we have a discussion at a meeting in the near future. There is also information in the Bulletin about the Stand Tall Project on 27 October that requires volunteers to support. If you can support, please use the link provided and ensure that you have your WWCC number handy for the registration process.

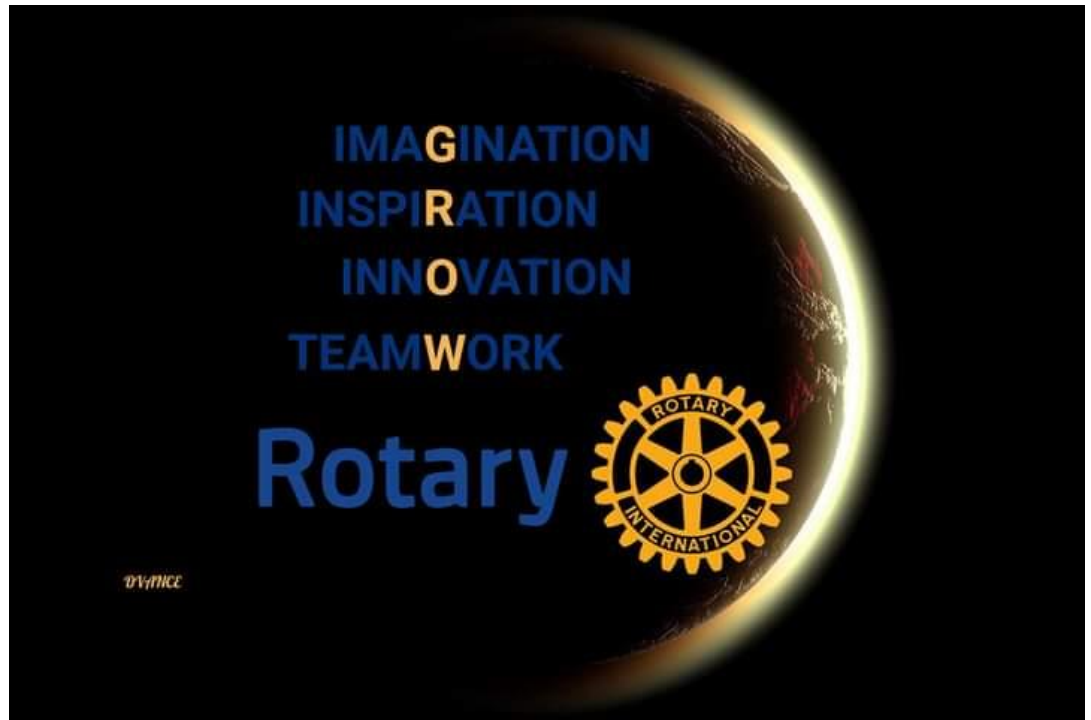


**2 of our volunteers out at Mherv last week.
Thank you to everyone who assisted with the event.**



Allan Forrest – PP President of RCTFL dropped in for a visit today. Pictured with members Steve Massey and John Treloar

Rotary News Around the Globe



TO BE A ROTARIAN

It takes a unique quality to set aside one's needs
and join a special club to ensure dreams succeed
It takes determination that comes from deep within
It takes one of a kind- to be a Rotarian

It takes one who is willing to heed a call for help
It takes belief to act in 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF'
It takes a heart of gold to say "Yes, count me in"
It takes rock-solid character- to be a Rotarian

It takes time and patience and staying to the end
and a stranger's cry for help for you to be their friend
It takes dealing with rejection and leading with your chin
It takes real humility- to be a Rotarian

It takes far reaching vision to see when people fall
and a hand outstretched to help them again stand proud and tall
It takes a shoulder to the wheel and words of "Let's begin!"
It takes a voice of hope- to be a Rotarian

It takes a kind of magic to achieve the things they've done
Teamwork-Trust-Tenacity and of course a lotta fun!
It takes all of the above but when all is said and done
It just takes one who cares- TO BE A ROTARIAN

Doug Slater



**Herbert Taylor, RI
President, 1954-55**

FOUR-WAY TEST

Of 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?

THE VALUE OF INTEGRITY

In 1932, Herbert Taylor, from the Rotary Club of Chicago (and Past President of Rotary International, 1954-55), saved a failing aluminum company from the brink of bankruptcy by distinguishing itself from its competition by developing his Four-Way Test. It is a test of fairness, honesty, and integrity in the industry. Since then, his Four-Way Test has been adopted by Rotary in 1943 to underscore the value of business ethics. The Four-Way Test has served as a moral compass for members and their friends to live by their professional and personal relationships.

**The Six Biggest
CHALLENGES
Facing ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL**

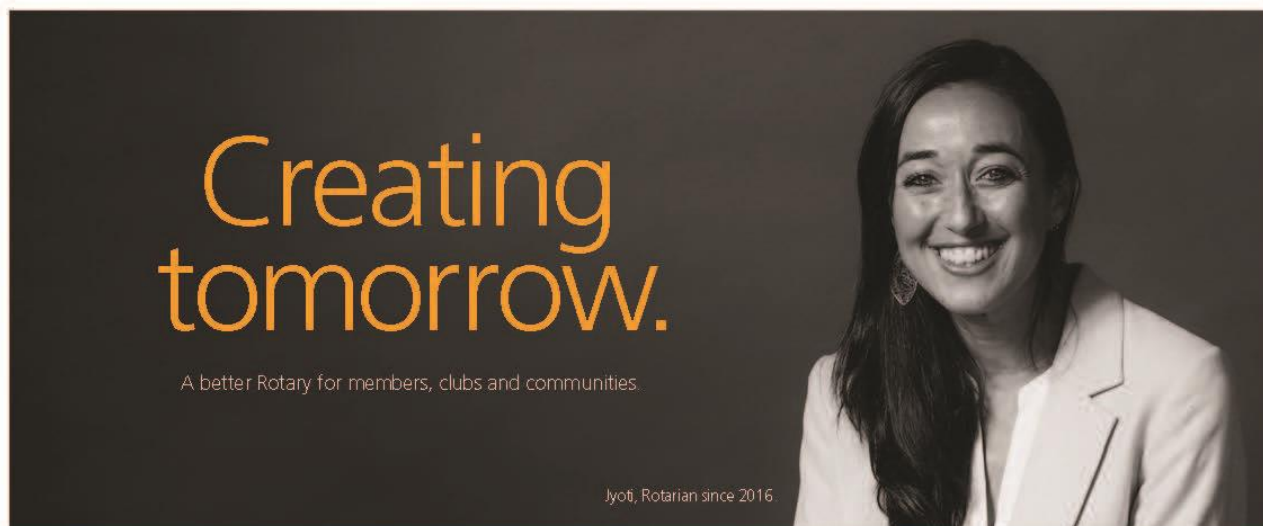


**John Hewko, CEO
Rotary International**

Rotary is at a crossroads. Our organization is strong; but, our CEO let us know at yesterday's PETS Alliance meeting that we face six major challenges:

1. Membership Decline
2. Maintaining Relevance
3. Being Nimble Enough to Adapt
4. Continuity in Leadership
5. Identifying our Next Global Project
6. Resistance to Regionalization

Regionalisation Project



Rotary International is considering a project to address membership, public image, communication, leadership, and fundraising challenges to help define a more sustainable future for Rotary.

Our region, or Zone 8, which includes Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands, has been selected as one of two potential regions from across the globe to pilot a regional approach to governance.

It is important that you, our fellow Rotarians, are consulted throughout this process. In fact, the project cannot proceed without the support of members and clubs.

A local Regionalisation team made up of Rotarians from our zone has identified five key project objectives:

- Support clubs to engage members, volunteers, and communities
- Create new attractive leadership roles and development opportunities
- Build a stronger unified Rotary brand
- Encourage partnerships
- Improve efficiencies and reduce duplication.

To help achieve these objectives, the project seeks to develop and test a streamlined governance approach to:

- Allow clubs sharing geography, culture, and language to organise in ways that suit them.
- Eliminate duplication and remove layers of hierarchy to make Rotary more responsive and cost effective
- Bring together the best resources from across the region and make them easily accessible to every club.
- Improve communication effectiveness to enhance club and member engagement.
- Grow membership through new club types, flexibility, and partnership options reflecting our diversity.
- Attract more community, corporate, and government sector support by communicating with one voice.
- Enhance leadership and personal development activities to better suit our modern world.
- Foster more diverse perspectives in decision making.
- Reduce the burden of administrative responsibilities placed upon leaders.

The overarching aim of this project is to provide better and more direct support to Rotary and Rotaract clubs through a less layered and more devolved contemporary approach.

In addition to potentially releasing members time for humanitarian service by reducing administrative duplication, any new structure must foster more vibrant club environments and provide doable and attractive roles accessible to all potential Rotary leaders.

Why is this project so important?

Over the last 10 years Rotary International has recruited approximately 1.4 million new Rotarians but total membership has remained constant at 1.2 million. In Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, the trend is even worse with a loss of 23% in Rotarian membership over the last 10 years.

Changing volunteer needs and ageing demographics demand new opportunities for innovation and collaboration in the ways we serve our communities, enjoy fellowship, engage participants, develop leaders, and grow Rotary.

The time has come to address some of our most persistent challenges in ways that are more impactful, relevant, and attractive to future generations who share our passion for service and leadership. We must do so whilst enhancing what is great about Rotary.

ZONE 8 (AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND & PACIFIC ISLANDS) 10 YEARS



Our journey so far.

A local project team first looked at ways to reorganise 10 years ago. Building on that groundwork, the current local project team, which commenced in February 2019, has surveyed members, identified key issues, established working groups, and considered a proposal by Rotary International's Shaping Rotary's Future Committee (SRF).

Being aware of the extensive amount of work done in our Zone, the Board of RI considered us pre-qualified to be one of two regions in the world to develop and pilot a new governance solution. In February 2022 they endorsed us being a pilot subject to approval of the Council on Legislation [CoL] and the agreement of clubs and districts by 1st October 2022. CoL approved our Zone being a pilot on 13th April 2022.



Regionalisation Project



“Creating a more sustainable future for Rotary together.”



Frank, Rotarian since 1983.

A new governance approach.

To meet future challenges, it is believed we need an approach that recognises the central role of members, clubs, projects, and programs relative to impact, reach and engagement. An approach that works with groups of clubs or other collaboration configurations based on affinity, modern volunteering, and leadership expectations.

One voice marketing and national partnerships for greater fundraising and membership growth are also envisaged essentials, as is access to the best support available to help clubs evolve and be attractive to both new and mature generations.



RI's Shaping Rotary's Future Committee has provided a "framework" for us to explore, test and develop. It allows for Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands to be governed by a Regional Council that would lead and manage regional operations with the assistance of vibrant committees and specialists supporting clubs to address the challenges we all face.

It is envisaged that the role of the Regional Council would be to strategically lead and manage the activities of the region, whilst recognising the nuances and requirements of the different countries, territories, and states, set membership dues and govern Rotary in our region.

Work has already commenced to explore the framework with key stakeholders. Final aspects, which are yet to be determined, will be developed and piloted in full consultation with members, clubs, and districts both prior to and during the pilot.

What are the next steps?

Several processes are required before the project can proceed, including significant consultation with members, clubs, and district leaders across the zone as well as ongoing discussion at RI Board level:

- From the 15th May 2022, extensive club communication and consultation is scheduled to commence.

Written 1st June 2022.

- In September 2022, the clubs and districts in our zone are scheduled to vote on whether to participate.

Other important facts should the pilot proceed are:

- Existing districts will remain in place with District Governors and the Regional Council sharing management and leadership. District personnel will be crucial to ensure continuity and support for clubs.
- The districts will remain in overall control of the direction of the pilot with District Governors playing an important leadership and advisory role during the pilot.
- Regular monitoring and evaluation will occur to confirm effectiveness and efficiency and that we improve the overall membership experience, grow Rotary and Rotaract, create opportunities for leadership growth and welcome more diverse perspectives in decision making.
- Decisions on any permanent change will be subject to approval by the RI Board, after consultation with Districts and members.

Timeline for Pilot

The following table depicts possible steps during which there will be extensive and regular communication and consultation with Rotary and Rotaract members, clubs, and district leaders as the pilot proceeds:

OUTLINE OF POSSIBLE STEPS

- Stage 1:** Approval to develop and pilot
- Stage 2:** Development phase
- Stage 3:** Partial regionalisation
- Stage 4:** Regionalisation (with districts remaining)
- Stage 5:** Evaluation and assessment

	Quarters				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Stage 1: Approval to develop and pilot	█				
Stage 2: Development phase	█	█			
Stage 3: Partial regionalisation			█		
Stage 4: Regionalisation (with districts remaining)				█	█
Stage 5: Evaluation and assessment			█	█	█

For more information and the opportunity to contribute, please visit creatingtomorrowrotary.org (or click this QR code)

Should you like a specific presentation to your Club, contact your local **Regionalisation District Representative** ([click here](#)) or email rotaryregionalpilot@gmail.com if you need contact details.



Regionalisation Project



Guest Speaker Notes – Headspace

What is headspace?

- headspace is a national youth mental health foundation
- offering early intervention support for young people aged 12-25 years
- headspace aims to provide intervention across four core streams:
 1. Mental health
 2. Physical Health
 3. Alcohol and other drugs
 4. Work and study

Each headspace service must have a lead agency. Headspace Tamworth, headspace Armidale and outposts are supported by Centacare NENW and are often co-located. Headspace outposts include Gunnedah, Narrabri, Glen Innes and Moree.

Services: Counselling, Individual Placement and Support (IPS) program, Social and therapeutic groups, Dieticians, Tele-psychiatrists, Youth Drug and Alcohol service, Nurses and GPs, Clinical Educators, Community engagement

Headspace also provide social and therapeutic groups such as Distress Skillspace and Social Skillspace. They have a Youth Reference Group who assist to inform them of what is working or not working, policies etc.

This Friday is International Youth Day with an event being held at Bicentennial Park between 4-7pm.

Vote of thanks given by Terry Robinson



Funny Corner

Me thinking "hmm... now I need something sweet" after I just ate



THE "TOOTH FAIRY" WAS A LITTLE DRUNK LAST NIGHT...





**When you can't afford to fix
it, fix it right.**



Dear Maths,
I am tired of finding
your x. Just move on
buddy, she's gone.



I wonder if clouds
ever look
down on
us and say:
"Hey look,
that one is
shaped
like an idiot."



ARRIVING TO
CHRISTMAS FEAST



LEAVING CHRISTMAS
FEAST



INVISIBLE RACE CAR



phdebaecque:

If you flip a photo of bats hanging upside down, they look like they're having a wicked dance-off.

300,288 notes



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
Zone 8 Conference - Canberra	28 - 30 Oct 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"> • Post Office Raffles Social Night • Lunch Social Walk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Friday of the Month • Mondays 12.30pm, Bi Park Gates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Afternoon of Records Playback • Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner • Paint & Sip • First Light Art Gala 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st August • 17th September • 8th October • 19th November

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

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

Member Portal Link: <https://www.dacdb.com/> (This one lets you find phone numbers for other members!!!)

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

Rotary First Light 2022 Changeover Speeches - YouTube

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjRh3a-hcSf6jejk6EcMvCPyA7VBQnxOr>

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

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	24 th Aug	31 st Aug	7 th September
Topic	Sustainability & the Future of Regional NSW	TFSS (Homelessness & Youth)	Astronomy Club - The APT Camera Project
Location	Wests	Wests	Wests
Guest speaker	Joanne Stead	Belinda Kotriss (TBC)	Brodie Shields
Sergeant	Malcolm Turnbull	Malcolm Turnbull	Malcolm Turnbull
Corporals (fortnightly)	Louise Matthews Bruce Hemmett	Liz Gill Steve Martin	Liz Gill Steve Martin
Meeter & Greeter	Mitch Soree	Brian Logan	Hannah Woods
Door Team	Ian Howle Naomi Blakey	Luke Massey Terry Robinson	Ian Howle Sue O'Connor
President Assist	Phil Lyon	Courtney Priestley	Hugh Raadgever
Visitor Assist	James Treloar	Peter Leonard	Brett White
Welcome	Brett White	Helen Tickle	Tom Hellmann
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Barry Biffin	Graham Dooley	Richard Walker
Vote of Thanks	Val Hellmann	Deb Barnes	Phil Penman

POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM

26 th August	2 nd September	9 th September	16 th September
Brian Thompson Hannah Woods	Hannah Woods Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson Luke Massey	Luke Massey Steve Hawkins

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	Noone gets a birthday
Partners Birthdays	Nil
Anniversaries	Nil
Club Induction	Nil

Attendance	71%
Make-Ups	Nil
Visiting Rotarians	Nil
Visitors	Allan Forrest (former member & PP), Izaak Ewin
Heads & Tails	Brett White
Raffle	Helen Tickle

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