



**IMAGINE
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Rotary



Club of Tamworth First Light

MEETING 1616 ISSUE 11 WEDNESDAY 31st August 2022



Rotary Year 2022 - 2023

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

Feeling social? Dust off those COVID blues and join us for a great night out

17 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 6PM

**Guess
who's
coming to
dinner**

Address will be advised day prior

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Richard's Notes

Quote of the Week:

Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.

Henry Ford

Joke of the Week

Having too much sex can lead to memory loss.

I read it on page 14 in a medical journal on the 14th of November 2019 at 3.19pm.

Good to see a full house today even with a cold start and also a number of visitors as well to listen to our guest speaker Joanne Stead talk about a commissioned art project Sustainability & the Future of Regional NSW. We will all be looking forward to the finished works and hopefully at a gallery near us.

For those members who would like to know more about the Regionalisation Pilot Project, an email has been sent out to all members with a Zoom Meeting invitation for Friday 26 Aug at 6.00pm. this session will go no longer than 1 hour.

We have received a request for support from Jermain Walford (2022 RYLA) to assist with Dream Time Touch Football. The idea behind the Dream Time Touch Football project is driven by Jermain's passion to spread cultural awareness and create opportunities for talented players in the Tamworth community. The Touch Knockout is supported by the Quit Be Fit program which promotes tackling of indigenous smoking.

From our discussions, it goes further than that, with Jermain helping young indigenous kids who may be struggling with bad domestic situations, homelessness or life choices. Jermain brings these kids together to be part of a team to help them deal with the other things in their lives while participating in a group activity, bonding and learning that people care.

As a Club we can support Jermain in so many ways from a secure location for funds to be held and distributed to providing training in budgeting and grant applications. Peter Johnston is in charge of the project and if you would like to assist, please reach out to Peter.

Our fabulous guests this Week: Izaak Ewin, Susie Stevenson and Meg Hanlon



Rotary News

Regionalisation Project

Creating tomorrow.

A better Rotary for members, clubs and communities.

Jyoti, Rotarian since 2016



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:

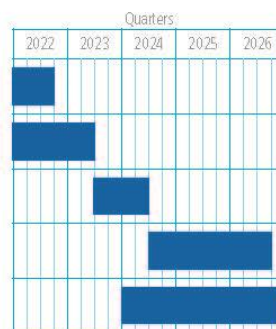
- Existing districts will remain in place with District Governors and the Regional Council sharing management and leadership. District personnel will be crucial to ensure continuity and support for clubs.
- The districts will remain in overall control of the direction of the pilot with District Governors 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



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



STAND TALL TAMWORTH 2022 VOLUNTEERS

Join us for the well being event that has inspired hope in the lives of more than 200,000 high school students!



WHEN: Bump in/Rehearsal Day 26 October 2022
and/or Event Day 27 October 2022



WHERE: TRECC Tamworth
Greg Norman Dr, Hillvue, NSW



FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER:
Scan the QR code here



Be part of a truly life-changing day event for young Australians...

Join us in sharing a message of hope with more than 3,000 High School students! Stand Tall Tamworth will feature inspirational messages from incredible individuals and elite athletes, as well as a number of musical performances. We are a charity organisation running events, presentations and workshops that help support the mental wellbeing of young Australians. Scan the QR code to view a range of volunteer opportunities for both the event rehearsal and event day. Don't miss out!

If you are unable to volunteer at Stand Tall this year we would still love to have you participate in our inspiring event. Please go to www.standtallevnt.com to register for the FREE Sydney Livestream that took place on 8 June. You can watch our Livestream Replay recording anytime until 8 September 2022. Share with your friends and family too!



Guest Speaker Notes – Headspace

SUSTAINABILITY AND THE FUTURE OF REGIONAL NSW – ART PROJECT



Joanne Stead is a self-taught artist based in Tamworth, NSW. Describing herself as a “mum, artist and life enthusiast,” she recognises and draws on everyday magic in her artmaking. Her artworks are described as unique, whimsical and striking, and will stir and inspire art lovers from all walks of life.

A diverse artist, Joanne works across mediums including scraperboard, spraypaint, charcoal, acrylics, collage and mosaics. Her artworks are described as unique, whimsical and striking, with works depicting a range of subjects from her own experience and imagination. A founding member of the Tamworth Regional Art Collective, Joanne has also worked on a number of public art projects including a number of murals and two large mosaic installations.

Joanne is now involved with Create NSW /Regional Futures Project. This is a state-wide program of creative development and conversations that places artists at the centre of a dialogue exploring a future vision for the place where they live and create.

Working with Joanne on this project is Tania Hartigan a woman of the land with great knowledge of bush foods and owner of ‘The Artshack’ at Wallabadah, a paradise with deep history in its soils. Tania grew up in Woolbrook and belongs to the Gamilaraay people with family ties connecting her to Barraba, Quirindi and Gunnedah in the New England North West.

Completed artworks will be displayed in Sydney and hopefully in regional areas.

Would like to know more or to assist please click on the link and complete the survey?

<http://www.artsnw.com.au/regional-futures-survey>

Regional Futures

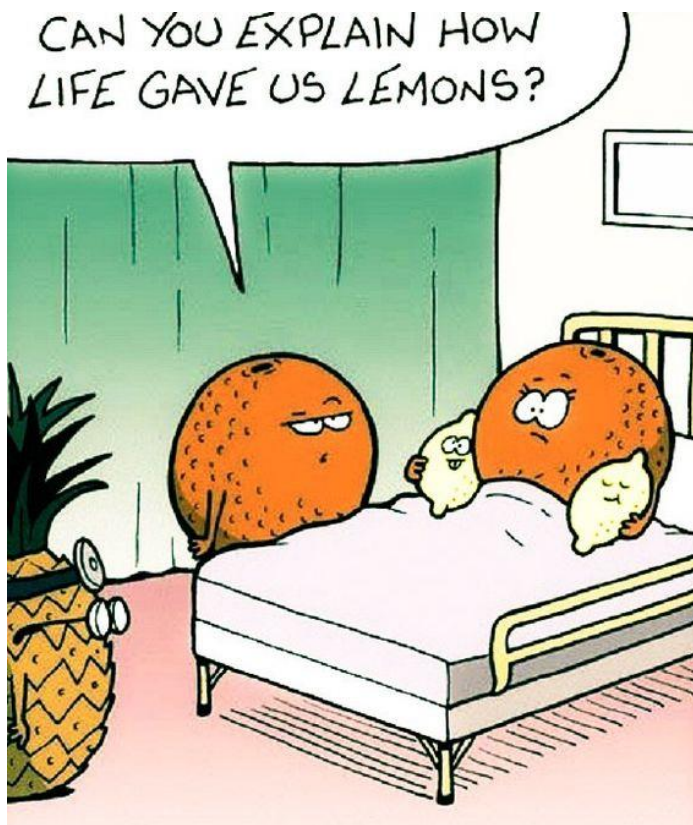
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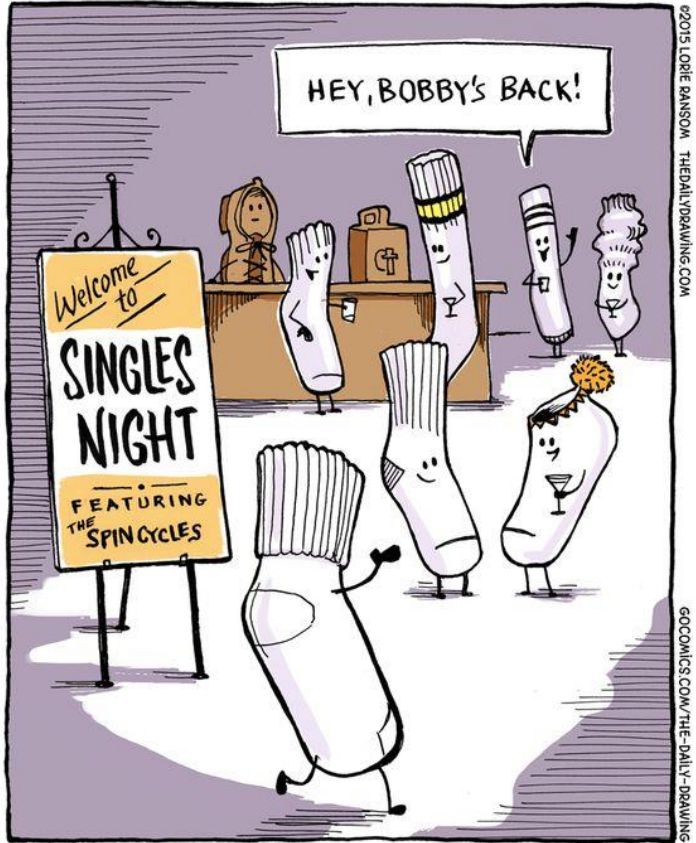
Notes by Graham Dooley

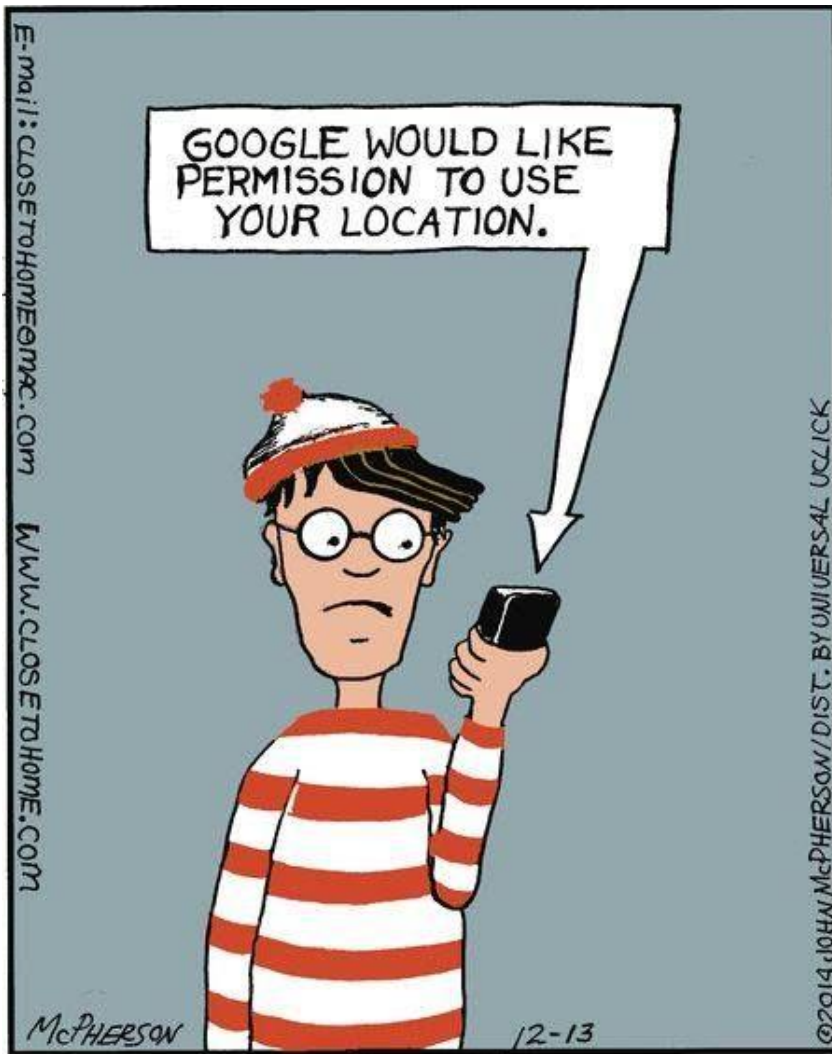
Vote of Thank by Val Hellmann



Funny Corner







Me: * puts on hand sanitizer*

A cut I never knew existed:



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"> • Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner • Paint & Sip • First Light Art Gala 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th September – RSVP required now • 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

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?

	31 st Aug	7 th September	14 th September
Topic	TFSS (Homelessness & Youth)	Astronomy Club - The APT Camera Project	Legacy (Tamworth Club 75th, & Centenary 2023)
Location	Wests	Wests	Wests
Guest speaker	Belinda Kotriss (TBC)	Brodie Shields	Greg Roesse
Sergeant	Malcolm Turnbull	Malcolm Turnbull	Malcolm Turnbull
Corporals (fortnightly)	Liz Gill Steve Martin	Liz Gill Steve Martin	Glenn McIntosh John Treloar
Meeter & Greeter	Brian Logan	Hannah Woods	Anne Jacob
Door Team	Luke Massey Terry Robinson	Ian Howle Sue O'Connor	Bev Fletcher James Treloar
President Assist	Courtney Priestley	Hugh Raadgever	Naomi Blakey
Visitor Assist	Peter Leonard	Brett White	Brian Logan
Welcome	Helen Tickle	Tom Hellmann	John Rouvray
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Graham Dooley	Richard Walker	Mitch Soree
Vote of Thanks	Deb Barnes	Phil Penman	Peter Ryan
POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM			
2nd September	9th September	16th September	23rd September
Hannah Woods Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson Luke Massey	Luke Massey Steve Hawkins	Steve Hawkins Richard Walker
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS			
Members Birthdays	James Treloar, 4 th Sept		
Partners Birthdays	Nil		
Anniversaries	Nil		
Club Induction	Dennis Maunder, 32 years (1/9)		
Attendance	66%		
Make-Ups	Nil		
Visiting Rotarians	Meg Hanlon (Inverell) & Jane Bradford (Honorary)		
Visitors	Susie Stevenson & Izaak Ewin		
Heads & Tails	Terry Robinson		
Raffle	Terry Robinson (no it's not a typo)		

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