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Club of Tamworth First Light

MEETING 1617 ISSUE 12 WEDNESDAY 7th Sept 2022



Rotary Year 2022 - 2023

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

**Laurie, loving his cruise
down the Rhine over
to Budapest**

***Those who are on
leave over Sept –
send your holiday
photos please!!***



Richard's Notes

Quote of the Week:

It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.

Harry Truman (33rd US President)

Joke of the Week

Sad news this week, my obese parrot died yesterday.

Mind you, it is a huge weight off my shoulders.

Another fun filled morning where hunting season for the Sergeant became a worthwhile pastime and embraced by so many. We had another week of interesting guest speakers with Annette and Lynda from Tamworth Family Support Services in Tamworth providing some insights into homelessness and coercive control. Two areas linked and having a detrimental effect on our young people in the community.

Announcements:

- Regionalisation Pilot Project

There have been many emails and Zoom meeting on the subject and we are getting closer to the voting stage. If you would like even more information please visit <https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org/> for fact sheets and FAQ's.

- The Men's Table – what is The Men's Table?

In 2011, a group of men decided to have dinner with the intention of having a place to connect with other men, and talk about the highs and lows of their lives.

They've been meeting once a month ever since to talk, laugh and share about what's going on for them, and have forged meaningful relationships based on trust and acceptance of each other.

They are holding an event in Tamworth on 7 Sept 2022 at 6.30 for 7.00pm at the Tamworth Hotel. Please see the details on their website: <https://themenstable.org/> and follow the links to get involved.

- Billabong Clubhouse

Is hosting a Mental Health Matters Seminar featuring Craig Hamilton on 21 Sept 2022.

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*Join us at Tamworth Community Centre for an unmissable **free** speaking event.*

If interested please book a free ticket at: <https://events.humanitix.com/billabong-clubhouse-presents-craig-hamilton>
Times and location also on this site.

Rich

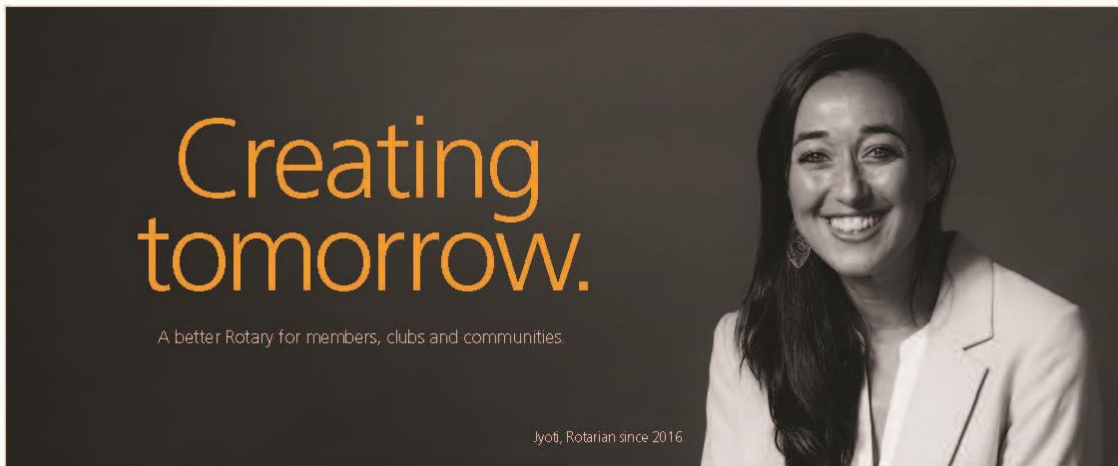
Rotary News

Regionalisation Project

Website details: <https://creatingtomorrowrotary.org/>

Frequently Asked Questions have been attached with can also be obtained from the website.

The major outcome is that this affects District Governance, & clubs will have a greater ability to be heard removing layers of heirarchy



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.

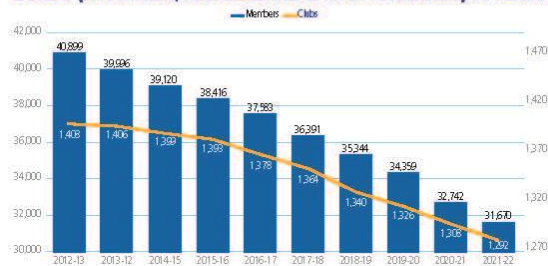
Why is this project so important?

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:

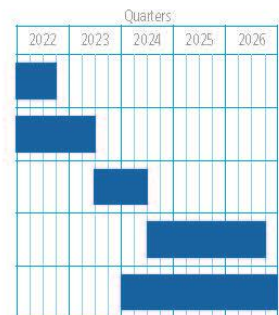
- Existing districts will remain in place with District Governors and the Regional Council sharing management and leadership. District personnel will be crucial to ensure continuity and support for clubs.
- The districts will remain in overall control of the direction of the pilot with District Governors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





RAWCS - Rotary Australia World Community Service

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RAWCS volunteers are travelling overseas again.



Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa added 19 new photos to the album [Dental Health Project 2022](#).

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RCN had the privilege and pleasure of hosting our first visiting Rotarians from Australia, 11 [RAWCS - Rotary Australia World Community Service](#) Volunteer Team who are here for the Tonga Dental Health Project. This project will help to equip a fully-functional Dental Clinic and a medical isolation ward for Queen Salote College, [Tupou College](#) and also 'Apifo'ou College. They will also provide medical equipment, supplies and dental chairs to the [Ministry of Health Tonga](#). Two 40 foot containers have arrived with the supplies for this project, led by Dr. David Goldsmith. Stay tuned for more updates on this project.

Guest Speaker Notes – TFSS



Annette Pascoe, Youth Homelessness Service Manager and Lynda Townsend, General Homelessness Services Manager provided an overview of the support that Tamworth Family Support Services make available to the Tamworth community who are homeless and what respectful relationships are.

Annette asked us “have you ever wondered what it’s like to be homeless?”

Currently housing is a significant issue. Those who are school age find it difficult to obtain safe, affordable housing. There is a 2 year waitlist for community housing. the private sector is unaffordable, Services Australia payments for Youth does not provide enough to cover rent plus other costs. Some children stay with friends, but this is only for short periods of time as they can’t assist with costs, they struggle to attend school regularly because they are hungry, worried about school clothe and where their next meal or bed will be. TFSS are able to provide temporary housing, assist with clothing and personal items, counselling and provide safe pathways to try to reconnect with family.

Lynda told us of her personal story of her daughter being in a coercive relationship and having to step in to teach the young man how to respect her daughter and their relationship. Coercive control is happening more frequently in young peoples relationships, those with low self-esteem tend to be more down trodden, which can lead to homelessness and violence. Lynda’s message was that there needs to be education of respectful relationships and to love yourself, and love who you are.

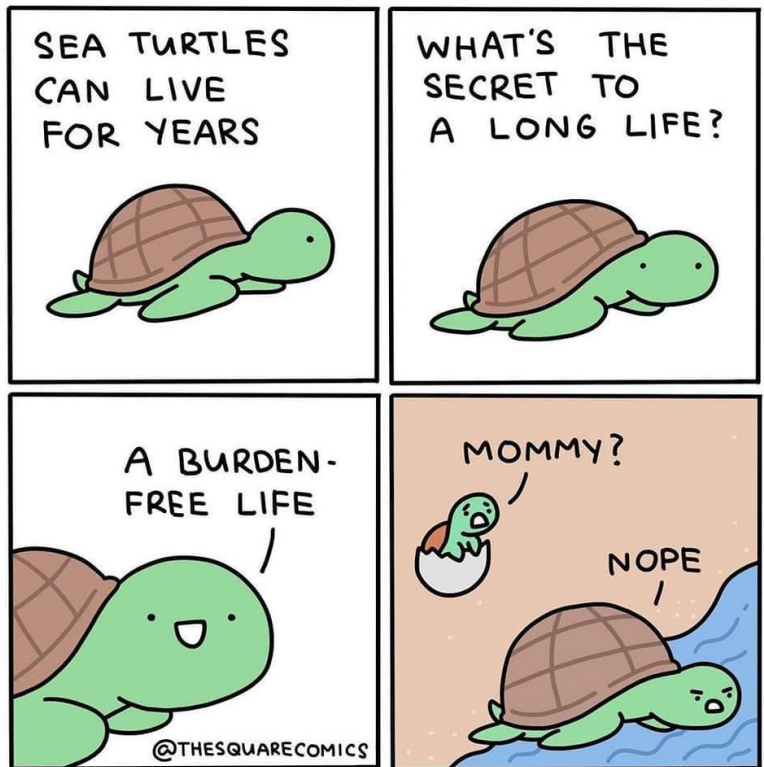
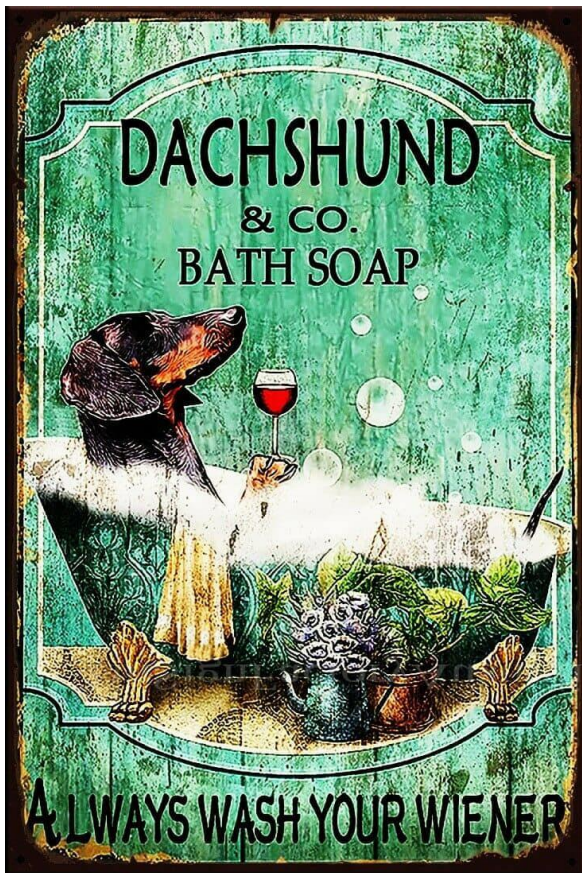
Violence in the home is a difficult situation; leaving can be extremely high risk, with partners potentially committing homicide should the person leave (we’ve seen this far too often in the news), or once released from prison. Sometimes the person feels it is safer to remain in the situation.

No-one deserves to be abused.
No-one deserves to be homeless.

Vote of thanks: Michael Smith
Notes: Barry and Marina



Funny Corner



Greatest dog costume ever!



Notices:

Tree maintenance

We are organising a tree maintenance morning to prune & mulch the trees at Chauvel Park on Sunday the 11th of September from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm at Waree Drive Tamworth.

We will catch up for lunch at Wests for lunch at 12.30 pm following the tree maintenance for anyone who would like to join us.

Please bring Rotary shirts, water, sun screen, hat, gloves, shovel and secateurs.

If you are able to join us, please email pryan@inlnadtechnology.com.au or text Peter on 0409 458 065.

From Michael Smith

Give away of some office furniture

Desks, filing cabinets, chairs, etc etc varying condition, pick up from MMS 234 Marius st, Saturday

Some may have a small fee on it, happy to donate half to charity or similar

Someone may know a charity who could use some of it?

Contact Michael Smith on 0408230211 or email Michael.Smith@rm.net.au

Support past RYLarian, Jermain Walford

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.** -From Richard's notes last week

Donation of Raffle items:

Dimity & Marina are asking for donation of items that can be raffled as part of the Art Gala event. Contact either of them if you're able to assist. Thank you!!



Billabong Clubhouse Tamworth

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ABC radio presenter, author and leading mental health and wellbeing speaker Craig Hamilton will share with us his own story of recovering from mental illness, tools and strategies for better mental health and how we can all reduce the stigma around mental health.

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Event Details

Tamworth Community Centre

Wednesday 21st September

Tours of Billabong - 5:30 pm | Craig Hamilton - 6 pm for a 6:30 pm start



Billabong Clubhouse presents

Mental Health Matters

with Craig Hamilton

Join us at this **free event** as Craig shares his own story of mental illness, tools and strategies for better mental health, and how you can help reduce the stigma.



events.humanitix.com

Craig Hamilton - Mental Health Matters (Presented by Billabong Clubhouse)

[Get Tickets](#)

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 (register now)

Social Calendar	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Office Raffles Social Night • Lunch Social Walk • Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner • Paint & Sip • First Light Art Gala 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Friday of the Month • Mondays 12.30pm, Bi Park Gates • 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?

	7 th September	14 th September	21 st September
Topic	Personal Profile & Regionalisation Presentation	Legacy (Tamworth Club 75th, & Centenary 2023)	Astronomy Club - The APT Camera Project
Location	Wests	Wests	Wests
Guest speaker	Luke Massey	Greg Roesse	Brodie Smith
Sergeant	Malcolm Turnbull	Malcolm Turnbull	Malcolm Turnbull
Corporals (fortnightly)	Liz Gill Steve Martin	Glenn McIntosh John Treloar	Glenn McIntosh John Treloar
Meeter & Greeter	Hannah Woods	Anne Jacob	Steve Hawkins
Door Team	Ian Howle Sue O'Connor	Bev Fletcher James Treloar	Louise Mathews Paul Stevenson
President Assist	Hugh Raadgever	Naomi Blakey	Hannah Woods
Visitor Assist	Brett White	Brian Logan	Peter Bell
Welcome	Tom Hellmann	John Rouvray	Laurence Hearne
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Richard Walker	Mitch Soree	Bruce Hemmett
Vote of Thanks	Phil Penman	Peter Ryan	Hugh Raadgever

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

9 th September	16 th September	23 rd September	30 th September
Paul Stevenson Luke Massey	Luke Massey Steve Hawkins	Steve Hawkins Richard Walker	Richard Walker Naomi Blakey

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	Bev Fletcher, 7 th Sept
Partners Birthdays	Sue Thompson, 8 th Sept, Marion Dooley, 13 th Sept
Anniversaries	Nil
Club Induction	Nil

Attendance	80%
Make-Ups	Nil
Visiting Rotarians	Alice Elsley (Quirindi)
Visitors	Nin Wrathall
Heads & Tails	John Rouvray
Raffle	Phil Penman

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