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Club of Tamworth First Light

**MEETING 1618    ISSUE 13    WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022**



### Rotary Year 2022 - 2023

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

Our next social event after Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is available to RSVP to. Don't miss out – it will be a fun night! No painting experience required at all, only basic drinking experience needed. Cost includes all material and supplies. Partners welcome to join us

**Paint n Sip**  
**7PM SAT, 8TH OCT**  
**\$65pp (pay via link)**  
**Location Shop 4/ 164 Peel St**  
**BYO drinks & nibbles**  
**RSVP to Marina**

Note: link to pay will be emailed after you RSVP

# Richard's Notes

## Quote of the Week:

To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.

Victor Hugo

## Joke of the Week

My friend lost three fingers on his right hand, so he asked his doctor if he would still be able to write with it. His Doctor said maybe, but I wouldn't count on it.

A big welcome to Nina, who we finally had the chance to formally induct into the club and present her with her membership badge after being away recuperating. I would also like to follow up on Nina's words of thanks for the support the club has given her over this time, it is good to belong to a club that is so supportive.

Our guest speaker was Luke Massey with his personal profile and as always it is amazing what our members have done and Luke has achieved so much in a short period of time. It was also another exciting meeting listening to the President discuss the Regionalisation Pilot Project, but it will all be over soon.

## Announcements:

- Regionalisation Pilot Project

We will be voting next week on the Regionalisation Pilot Project at the meeting. The vote will be:

- **Yes** – to proceed with the pilot project, or
- **No** – not to proceed with the pilot project.

If you are unable to make the meeting and would still like the opportunity to vote please use the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JJWNQNV>

**NOTE: This link is only for members who are not attending in person next Wednesday.**

If you require even more information please refer back to previous Bulletins for links to the Fact Sheets.

## Change of Venue – 21 Sept 2022

Reminder that the meeting on 21 September will be at the Tamworth Regional Astronomy Centre in Victoria Park (end of Piper Street).

## Sergeants Dinner

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Sergeants Dinner has to be moved. The new date is Thursday 29 September 2022 at 6.30pm at the Post Office Hotel.

Rich

# Rotary News

## Regionalisation Project

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

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



**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 2.3% 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.



“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:**

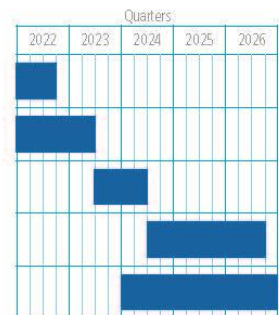
- Existing districts will remain in place with District Governors and the Regional Council sharing management and leadership. District personnel will be crucial to ensure continuity and support for clubs.
- The districts will remain in overall control of the direction of the pilot with District Governors 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](http://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](mailto:rotaryregionalpilot@gmail.com) if you need contact details.



**Regionalisation Project**



# Ask

## RUOK?™

### Have a conversation using these 4 steps

No qualifications needed



**1. Ask R U OK?**

How are you travelling?

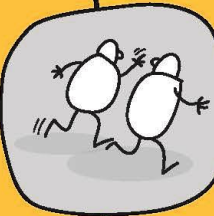
You don't seem yourself lately - want to talk about it?



**2. Listen with an open mind**

I'm here to listen if you want to talk more.

Have you been feeling this way for a while?



**3. Encourage action**

Have you spoken to your doctor about this?

What do you think is a first step that would help you through this?



**4. Check in**

Just wanted to check in and see how you're doing?

Have things improved for you since we last spoke?

Learn more at [ruok.org.au](http://ruok.org.au)

**Congratulations and welcome to Nina  
another transfer to First Light**



# Guest Speaker Notes – Luke Massey

Luke was our guest speaker. He recalled his short life with amusing, fun filled, special family times and the agony and mystery of growing up and discovering gravity, girls and disappointments. Luke was number 4 in the Sarah and Steve Massey household. He was born in Sydney and moved to Tamworth when he was two. The family lived an idyllic life in the paradise of Daruka where they enjoyed 100 acres of fresh air and freedom. They dwelt in a smaller home with an adjacent converted shed which became the adults' bedroom. Night time communication was via a baby monitor. {Luke now calls this shed his home.} No baby monitor.

Schooling started at the William Cowper campus in Moore Creek. It was here that he showed his spirit by declaring that "at least boys don't have to have babies". He was always a good student and expected a good HSC result. Unfortunately the Boys and Girls schools merged and in year 11, Luke discovered girls when 7 boys joined 63 girls for class. This romance lasted for 3 years.

His gap year was spent in a backwater Maidwell Hali school in the UK. He loved his drinking mates at the local, was paid a very small wages and struggled teaching lads the art of rugby, cricket and hockey. An attempt to study teaching later in life was proof that this was not his passion. Sydney Uni was his next move where he studied history, culture, religion and music history. It was difficult to find a career path, especially when residing at St Paul's college. Now it was time to discover who Luke was, who he could be and where he should go. He tried hosting a radio show, shared a house, learnt to cook Italian style, tried business and working at Liquorland. All good times discovering friends, how to socialise and how to be a friend. Difficult times when direction was not clear. New start was needed and not in the classroom. Luke studied communications, marketing, journalism by online study. Now he was telling a story.

Luke has successfully found his near dream job and is very grateful to family, RYLA and Rotary for helping him find his direction. We were thrilled to hear this small part of our newest Rotarian.

**Notes by Val Hellmann**

**Vote of Thanks by Steve Martin**



# Funny Corner

## Devices used to find water







## 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](mailto:pryan@inlnadtechnology.com.au) or text Peter on 0409 458 065 asap.

### 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!!

The Golf Committee are also seeking donation of items for their prizes.

← Billabong Clubhouse Tamworth 🔍

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Billabong Clubhouse is proud to present our guest speaker for 2022 - Craig Hamilton.

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.


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

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"> <li>• Post Office Raffles Social Night</li> <li>• Lunch Social Walk</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>• 17<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> October - RSVP now</li> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> November</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/> (This one lets you find phone numbers for other members!!!)

<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?

	14 <sup>th</sup> September	21 <sup>st</sup> September	28 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Legacy (Tamworth Club 75th, &amp; Centenary 2023)</b>	<b>Astronomy Club - The APT Camera Project</b>	<b>Occupational Therapy (Cancer Rehab &amp; Parkinson's)</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Wests</b>	<b>Astronomy Centre</b>	<b>Wests</b>
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Greg Roesse	Brodie Smith	Ben Willis
<b>Sergeant</b>	Malcolm Turnbull	Malcolm Turnbull	Malcolm Turnbull
<b>Corporals (fortnightly)</b>	Glenn McIntosh John Treloar	Glenn McIntosh John Treloar	Ian Howle Steve Massey
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Anne Jacob	Steve Hawkins	Helen Tickle
<b>Door Team</b>	Bev Fletcher James Treloar	Louise Mathews Paul Stevenson	Brett White Nina Wrathall
<b>President Assist</b>	Naomi Blakey	Hannah Woods	Brian Logan
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Brian Logan	Peter Bell	Dimity Betts
<b>Welcome</b>	John Rouvray	Laurence Heame	Michael Smith
<b>Bulletin Notes &amp; Introduction</b>	Mitch Soree	Bruce Hemmett	Sue O'Connor
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Peter Ryan	Hugh Raadgever	Paul Stevenson

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

16 <sup>th</sup> September	23 <sup>rd</sup> September	30 <sup>th</sup> September	7 <sup>th</sup> October
Luke Massey Steve Hawkins	Steve Hawkins Richard Walker	Richard Walker Naomi Blakey	Naomi Blakey Glenn McIntosh

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS**

<b>Members Birthdays</b>	President Richard Hardwick 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept, Jane Bradford, 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Nil
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Peter & Annette Ryan, 15/9 (26 years)
<b>Club Induction</b>	Mal Turnbull, 15/9 (1yr)

<b>Attendance</b>	73%
<b>Make-Ups</b>	Nil
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Jane Bradford (Honorary)
<b>Visitors</b>	Izaak Ewin
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	Luke Massey
<b>Raffle</b>	Skinner

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