



Club of Tamworth First Light

MEETING 1619 ISSUE 14 WEDNESDAY 21st Sept 2022



Rotary Year 2022 - 2023

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

**CHANGE of VENUE for 21st Sept AND you need to RSVP for catering
- see page 3 for details**

Vale Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second 1926 - 2022

Her dedication to humanitarian causes and unwavering commitment to peace and the environment deeply inspired Rotary members around the world, especially those in the Commonwealth countries.

While the late Prince Philip was an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Windsor and Eton and also Windsor St George, the queen herself was also a supporter of Rotary's polio eradication and humanitarian missions. She received the Rotary International Award of Honor, the organization's highest recognition, in December 2013 on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of her coronation.

We join the international community in offering our condolences to the royal family.

Courtesy of Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones.



Richard's Notes

Quote of the Week:

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

Joke of the Week

I am thinking about writing a book on how to fall down the stairs.

It's going to be a step-by-step guide.

Another busy meeting with plenty of activities coming up. We started the morning with a respectful minute silence for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Our guest speaker was Greg Roesse from Tamworth Legacy and it was interesting to hear how difficult the system is for widows and widowers of veterans to receive the benefits they are entitled to. Greg also spoke about the Legacy Torch Relay that is coming to Tamworth next year and there may be opportunities for our club to have some involvement.

We also had a visit from Bruce McCorkell, President of Rotary Club of Tamworth, who came along to discuss an opportunity for our club to assist with the Book Shed. Although it was a brief discussion and I feel that there would be more to tease out for the opportunity, can members please reach out to me via email with their thoughts on the matter. I will collate these and discuss with the Board what a response would be to the Rotary Club of Tamworth.

Announcements:

- **Regionalisation Pilot Project**

There was an overwhelming vote in the affirmative from the club to move forward with the Regionalisation Pilot Project. I will take this and apply the vote for our club.

- **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).

For catering purposes can we get an RSVP on the following survey to help President Elect Brian with numbers no later than 4.00pm Monday 19 Sept 2022. **Please only use the link if you are attending.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2LBJZLN>

Rich

Rotary News

This Wednesday, 21st Sept, meeting location change to the Astronomy Centre
Located opposite the Botanical Gardens, end of Piper Street

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Rotary International President

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I was recently in Pakistan, where I had the opportunity to connect with those on the frontlines of our efforts to [End Polio Now](#). This visit allowed me to connect with those on the frontlines and observe them in action as they worked to support the health of their communities. From meeting with partners like [Gates Foundation](#) and [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) to touring a vaccine warehouse, we are working hard to eradicate polio and support a healthier life for all.



Why is it so difficult for fathers to find community?

Three years ago, Davaanyam Gongorjav, a young father living in Erdenet, Mongolia, found himself raising two children alone after tragically losing his wife to cancer. With no job and no child care, he faced a crisis of confidence as a father.

And it turns out he was not alone— there were dozens of single fathers in Erdenet facing similar challenges. Jennifer Scott, an Australian Rotary member, heard word of these fathers and, with a group of colleagues, organized a workshop for nearly two dozen single fathers, supported by a global grant from Rotary.

On the other side of the world, another father faced the same dilemma. Get the whole story: <https://on.rotary.org/3RTCCTm>



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Lessons in fatherhood

Three years ago, Davaanyam Gongorjav, a young father living in Erdenet, Mongolia, found himself in dire straits. His wife had recently died of cancer. He had no job and no child care for his daughters, who were 4 and 7 years old. More fundamentally, he was facing a crisis of confidence as a father.

Literacy changes lives.

Rosa Acabal was sure she'd have to drop out after she finished elementary school. Her mother, Leonicia Solís, had only completed third grade.

The principal of her school told her about the Rise scholarships through the Guatemala Literacy Project. Now, Acabal is in 10th grade studying tourism, hoping to finish high school and find a job so her mother can stop working in the fields.

Learn more about the Guatemala Literacy Project and its impact 
<https://on.rotary.org/3RvnCep>

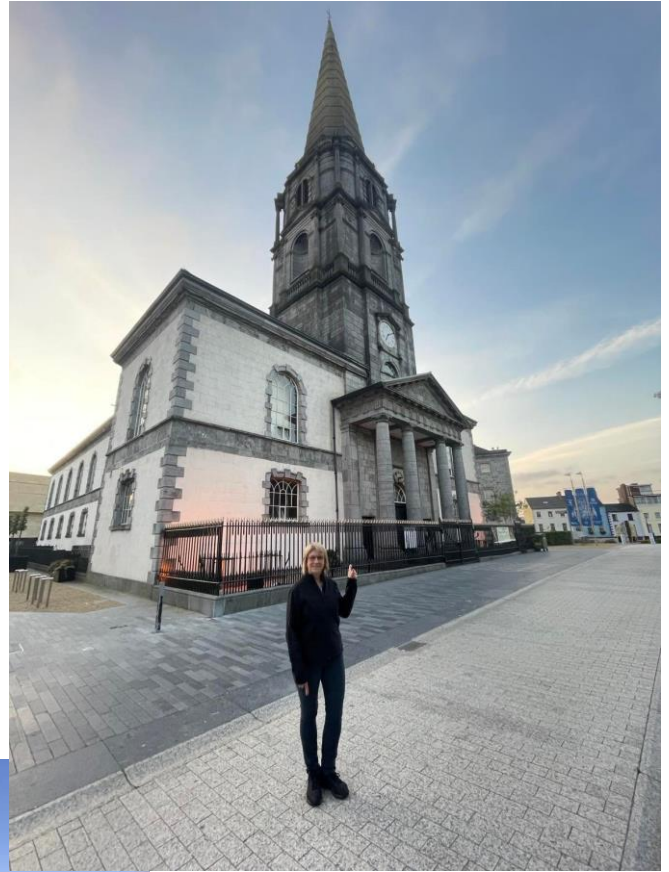
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Rotarians on holidays!

Barry & Judy in Cairns

**The beard says it all,
Barry is definitely on
holidays!**



**Deb is on tour through
UK & Ireland**

**The church is Christ
Church Cathedral,
Ireland**

**River is River Suir
Waterford but
pronounced "shoor"**

**How amazing is that
sky!?**

**Phil Penman & gang
are in Alice Springs – I
feel there's a very
good story when he
comes back!!**



Guest Speaker Notes – Legacy

Our club was pleased to hear from Greg Roese, representing Legacy.

Legacy is an iconic Australian charity that was established in 1923 and founded on a promise made from one digger to another – to “look after the missus and the kids” - in modern parlance - Helping veteran's families carry on with their lives after the loss or injury of a loved one who has served in our armed forces.

To this day, almost 100 years on, Legacy upholds their promise- supporting 43,000 beneficiaries - partners and children - of veterans across Australia. Of these 43,000, support is given to 40,185 widows and widowers, 1,282 children, and 1,107 beneficiaries with disabilities. Financial contributions total \$16M, and \$19.3M of volunteering hours (value) - representing a substantial, but still underfunded service to our veterans. Further help from the government and donations from our communities are always appreciated.

Next year, on ANZAC day 2023, The Legacy Torch Relay will depart Pozieres France. The relay will travel through London England, where it will continue to tour throughout Australia before arriving in Tamworth on July 4th 2023. Within Tamworth, the 32 torch bearers will travel 13km through town from AELEC, Golden Guitar, and the St Edwards Memorial Bell Tower, Bicentennial Park, and ANZAC park. Finishing point will be the Town Hall, for the lighting of a commemorative caldron.

Community support for Legacy can be provided by attending the events in person, volunteering time towards the events, or corporate sponsorship opportunities for the TJC Legacy Race Day.


Many thanks to Greg for sharing with us his stories of the great work Legacy does for our veterans.

Notes by Mitch Soree

Vote of Thanks by Peter Ryan



Funny Corner

 **Axis II of Evil**
@joannathemad89

Scientists recently placed a 10-piece set of matching Tupperware in a sealed chamber.

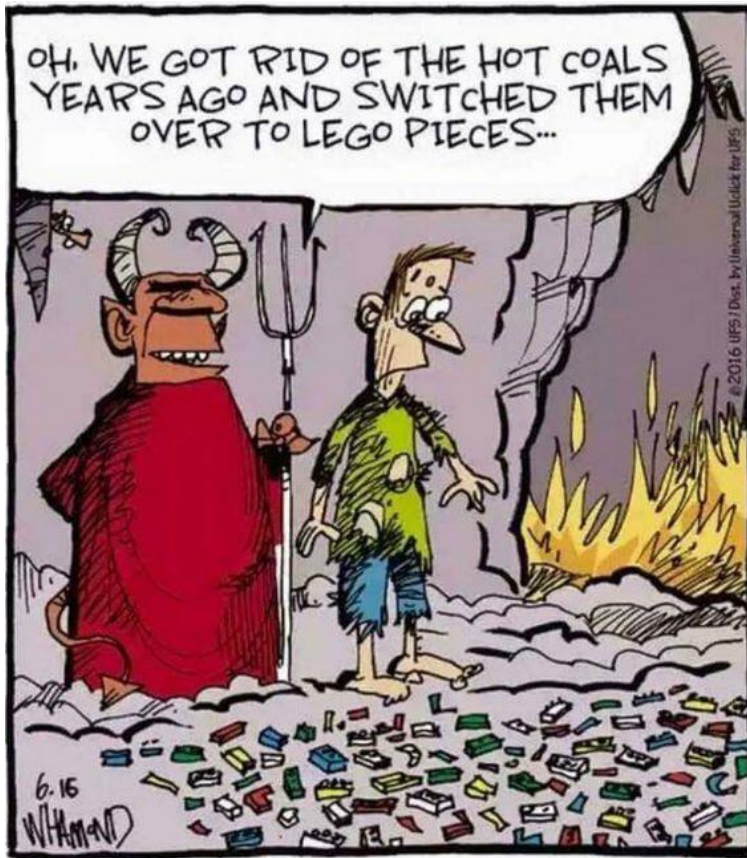
When they opened it a month later, the chamber had 24 lids that did not match any of the 6 remaining containers.

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2.4K Retweets 10.2K Likes



“Your call is important to us.
Please stay on the line until your call
is no longer important to you.”




Notices:


I have been informed this afternoon of the passing of PDG Laurie Barber. We send our sincere condolences to Laurie's family and friends. Funeral details most likely early next week so please check the newspaper or funeral directors' websites for details.



StandTall Event:

Requires volunteers - please assist register via QR Coded

 **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



Tree maintenance

A successful day for trimming the.... Trees. Well done team!



Golf Day

Deb has found the new trophy for our annual Golf Comp! Waterford Crystal too.

First Light Golf Day is back again
(fingers crossed it's not need your dingy weather again)
At Tamworth Golf course on Friday, 11th
November commencing at 11:10am.
All Rotarians and friends are invited to
enjoy a day of friendship and fun.
Non golfers are especially catered for with a
BBQ lunch provided.
The cost is \$40 including lunch.
**Book via Tamworth Golf Club pro
shop on 02 6765 9980.**
**Contact Vicki Copper for more
info on 0412 402 215.**



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.



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 	<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 • Annual Golf Tournament • First Light Art Gala 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th September • 8th October - RSVP now • 11th November • 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](#)

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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?

	21 st September	28 th September	5 th October
Topic	Astronomy Club - The APT Camera Project	Occupational Therapy (Cancer Rehab & Parkinson's)	Tamworth Regional Council update
Location	Astronomy Centre	Wests	Wests
Guest speaker	Brodie Smith	Ben Willis	Mayor Russell Webb
Sergeant	Malcolm Turnbull	Malcolm Turnbull	Malcolm Turnbull
Corporals (fortnightly)	Glenn McIntosh John Treloar	Ian Howle Steve Massey	Ian Howle Steve Massey
Meeter & Greeter	Steve Hawkins	Helen Tickle	Graham Dooley
Door Team	Louise Mathews Paul Stevenson	Brett White Nina Wrathall	Peter Ryan Courtney Priestley
President Assist	Hannah Woods	Brian Logan	Luke Massey
Visitor Assist	Peter Bell	Dimity Betts	Helen Tickle
Welcome	Laurence Heame	Michael Smith	Liz Gill
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Bruce Hemmett	Sue O'Connor	James Treloar
Vote of Thanks	Hugh Raadgever	Paul Stevenson	Hannah Woods
POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM			
23rd September	30th September	7th October	14th October
Steve Hawkins Richard Walker	Richard Walker Naomi Blakey	Naomi Blakey Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh Bev Fletcher
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS			
Members Birthdays	Mal Turnbull, 23 Sept, Hugh Raadgever, 24 Sept, Ian Howle, 26 Sept & Michael Smith, 15 July		
Partners Birthdays	Nil		
Anniversaries	Phil & Margaret Lyon, Sept 26 (52 yrs) & James & Lisa Treloar, Sept 27 (14 yrs)		
Club Induction	Peter Leonard and Mitchell Soree, 27 Sept (5 yrs)		
Attendance	81%		
Make-Ups	Nil		
Visiting Rotarians	Bruce McCorkell (RC Tamworth), Jane Bradford (Honorary)		
Visitors	Izaak Ewin		
Heads & Tails	Naomi Blakey		
Raffle	Skinner		

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