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Club of Tamworth First Light

MEETING 1631 ISSUE 26 WEDNESDAY 14th Dec 2022



Rotary Year 2022 - 2023

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

Congratulations to our Naomi & James on tying the knot last Saturday! Wishing you all the best for your future together.



Richard's Notes

Quote of the Week:

The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not.

Mark Twain

Joke of the Week

Remember when cosmetic surgery was a taboo subject.

Now you mention Botox and nobody raises an eyebrow.

As the year speeds towards Christmas, it was good to see many Rotarians come along and support our annual food and toy collection for the Salvation Army. Major Tony DeTommaso certainly left with more than a car boot full of food, toys and cash, kindly donated by our Club members. It makes me feel extremely humble to be part of such a giving Club.

This week's meeting also saw our Assistant Governor, Simon Guest visit to present one of our quiet achievers in the Club a District 9650 Medal. These medals were presented to members from Clubs within the former District 9650 by then DG David Mayne. The criteria for this medal were those members in the Club that quietly toil away and sit under the radar but achieve many things in the Club environment and the nominees were selected during PP Marina's year. Our deserving recipient was our own Helen Tickle (not the other Helen Tickles in the District). Our Club was awarded two of these medals with President-Elect, Brian Logan receiving his medal during our Change-over earlier in the year.

Special thank you to Dimity and Marina for organising a fantastic Club Christmas Party out at Dungowan Station. Those who attended had a great time relaxing and talking, mainly about the poor decision-making skills of some members who received what could only be described as the "Arnold Schwarzenegger" of pork knuckles.

As mentioned before we had Major Tony DeTommaso from the Salvation Army come along and provided an insight into his journey with the Salvo's and discussed some of the programs that the Salvo's have running to provide support to many people in the community.

Announcements:

- **Ben Gunn Concert 15 Jan 2023**

We have the opportunity to support the Ben Gunn Concert during the Country Music Festival at West Leagues Club on 15 Jan 2023. All proceeds raised will go to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. As the date comes closer, we will be looking for volunteers to assist at the event.

Support to the TRAC – Catering

We have been asked if we can support three evenings during the Country Music Festival at the Regional Astronomy Centre. The dates are 16, 18 & 20 Jan 23, if you are around and available, please support the activity. All funds raised come back into the club.

- **Recyclable Collections**

Reminder to get collecting and to donate funds through the Return and Earn Machines. A great way to raise community funds and let all your family and friends know about the opportunity. Runs from 17 Oct 22 to 23 Apr 23.

Rotary News

Couple more photos from the gorgeous Newlyweds! Their ceremony was over the ditch, in beautiful NZ



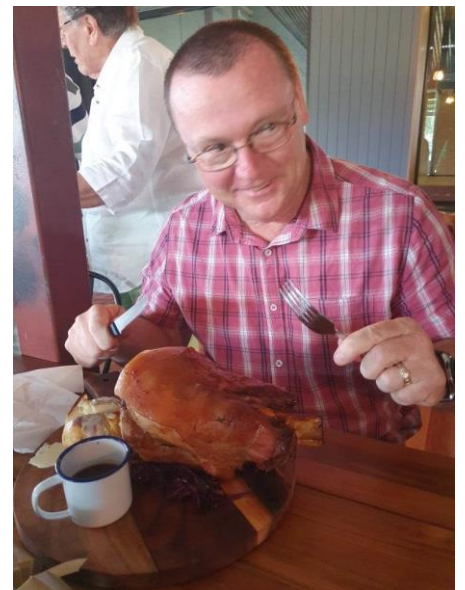
Christmas Party photos!!!







The Pork Knuckle Corner





Helen Tickle receiving her District Medal received during PDG David Mayne and PP Marina Hearne's year. We finally got the medal to award it to Helen!

Guest Speaker Notes – Major Tony DeTommaso, Salvation Army

Major Tony and his wife have been Salvationists for the past 26 years and started their journey in the Salvation Army College for two years. They have two adult children.

Major Tony has moved around the state in a variety of roles and has worked in aged care in Sydney and country NSW.

His first appointment was in Canberra and at each location he worked, Tony joined the local Rotary Club. He was a member firstly of Tongerong and then Cooma where he worked for five years.

Tony assisted with relief work after the Thredbo Disaster and worked alongside Rotarians.

Tony and his wife moved to Cootamundra for four years and again joined Rotary and he worked in aged care. The Salvation Army operate 21 aged care centres in Australia.

Tony worked for four years at Macquarie Lodge and then moved to St. Marys and worked for six years with the disadvantaged youth around the Mount Druitt area.

Tony's last Sydney appointment was working in aged care again in Bass Hill as the Chaplain. This time period was during the pandemic and Tony worked with families who could not visit or were severely restricted in their access to their elderly family member.

Tony is now managing the Tamworth centre which has numerous facets to the operation from finance advice, housing, clothing, food and drug and alcohol rehabilitation. Tony has been delivering a variety of good to households in Tamworth during Covid and as a result of a successful Red Shield Appeal, gift cards (rather than food vouchers) were provided to those in dire need.

The Salvation Army operate "Door Ways" network with other Agencies to assist with accommodation and finance.

No doubt we can get the Major to consider once again joining Rotary and our Club would be the obvious choice.

Major Tony spoke to our Club about the raft of services offered in Tamworth and the hard work of the volunteers. Tony advised that second hand clothing is a problem area in that they have large quantities of donations to sort and distribute and a lot needs to be recycled for rags etc as the volume is enormous.

The Club provide a large quantity of donated non-perishable food and toys to assist with their Christmas appeal.



Members found out on Wednesday that our very own Brett White has a significant link to the history of the Salvation Army.

A brief history of the Salvation Army in NSW (Sydney) by Brett White

Big thanks to David Woodbury.

On 2 July 1865, William Booth, A Methodist minister began work in East End of London with the organisation then known as the Christian Mission, which later grew to become the Salvation Army. Over the years, what started as a local mission for the destitute area of London spread around the world with the dual message of spiritual and social salvation.

The Salvation Army in Australia commenced in the open air in a park in the City of Adelaide by two immigrant English Salvationists, John Gore and Edward Saunders on 5 September 1880. The Salvation Army began to grow with the arrival of Captains Thomas and Adelaide Sutherland from the International Headquarters in London in February 1881.

In 1882 the progress of the Salvation Army in Sydney was not like Adelaide which was established by immigrants and free settlers as opposed to Sydney which was settled by convicts.

The faithful preaching of young Salvationist tailor, Thomas Mudiman in the Sydney Domain failed to attract any significant following. Although transportation of convicts to Sydney ceased in 1840 and many Sydneysiders were now freeborn citizens, the brutal and oppressive treatment received at the hands of the British authorities was still in living memory and the spectre of their convict ancestry hung over them.

In 1882, Paddy Market was the central attraction on Saturday evenings and in the open there was sideshows, merry-go-rounds, farmers produce, second hand sellers, food vendors, craftsmen etc. The area was allowed to remain open until 10.00 pm and became very noisy and colourful and the perfect environment for the Salvation Army to preach and sing. Thomas Mudiman received assistance from the Sutherlands who travelled from Adelaide to add numbers and experience to the little band of Salvationists.

A meeting was planned for the Protestant Hall in Castlereagh Street on 3 December 1882, but an open-air meeting in the Paddy's Markets was the preferred option to go where the people were congregating.

The Salvation Army ministry established the Sydney 1 Corps and Thomas Mudiman opened the doors at Newtown on 1 April 1883. The Salvation Army soon expanded to Newcastle and other regional areas of NSW followed over the next few years.

Thomas Mudiman produced six children and the youngest was Gladys Mudiman born 24 December 1896. Gladys was my maternal grandmother.

I recall representatives for the Salvation Army, War Cry magazine visited my Grandmother in the late 1960's to obtain information about her father for the magazine and the history archives. Nan Gladys passed away in 1975.

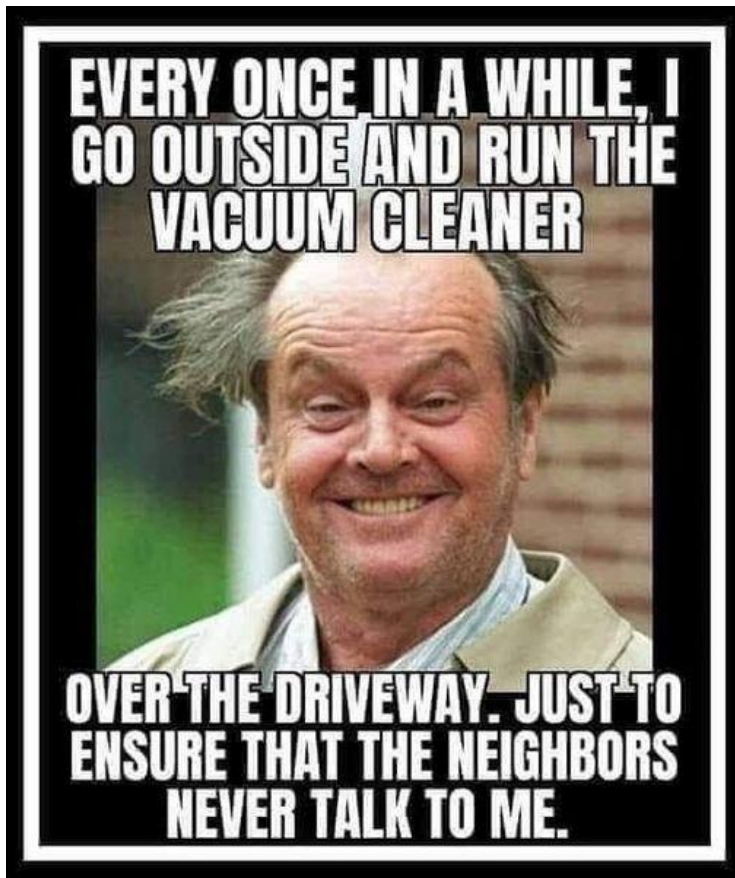
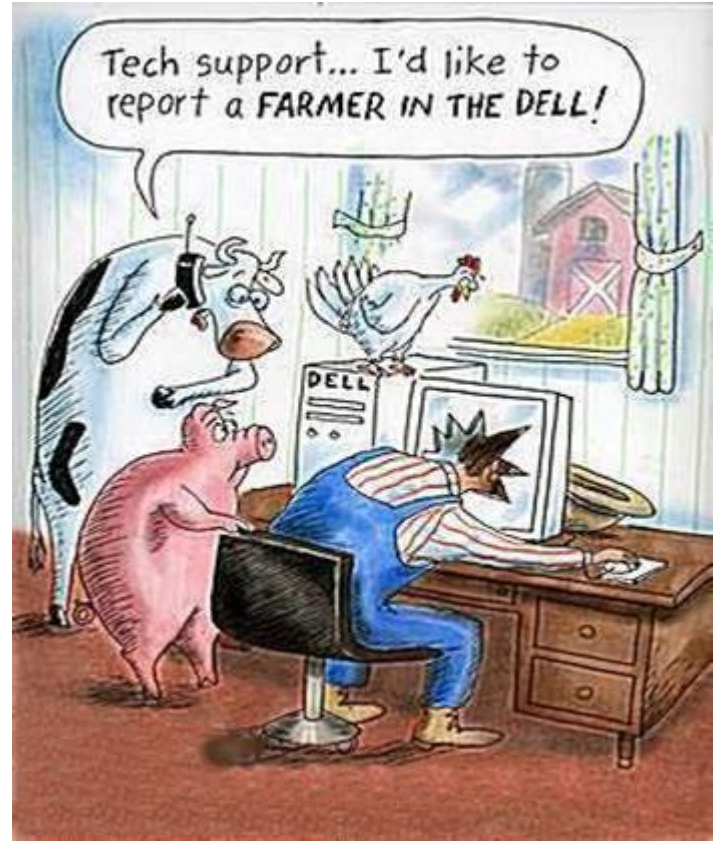
I asked my late mother what she recalled about her grandfather and she just remembered that he was scary.

My mother relocated from Sydney to Tamworth in 2014 and passed away at nearly 96 in May 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. All churches were closed at the time, but a few phone calls to the Salvation Army and they agreed to open their place of worship on Goonoo Goonoo Road and arranged 'deep' cleaning before and after for the family funeral and provided a service.

My family will be forever grateful to the Salvation Army for the respect they showed to my mother and acknowledging her grandfather's life commitment as a Salvationist.

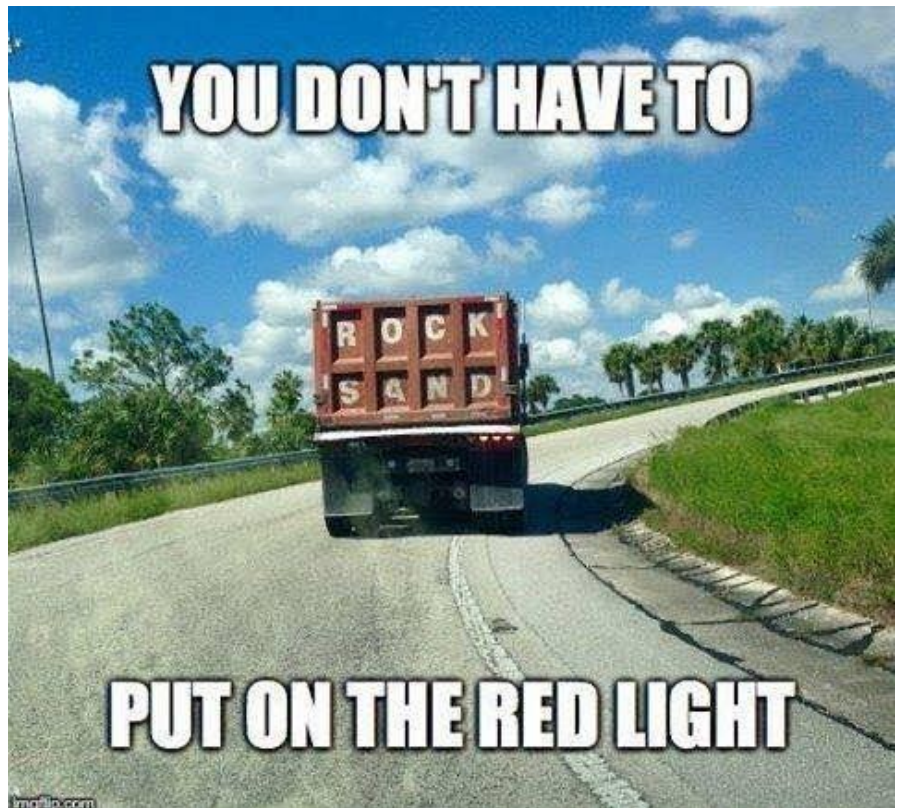
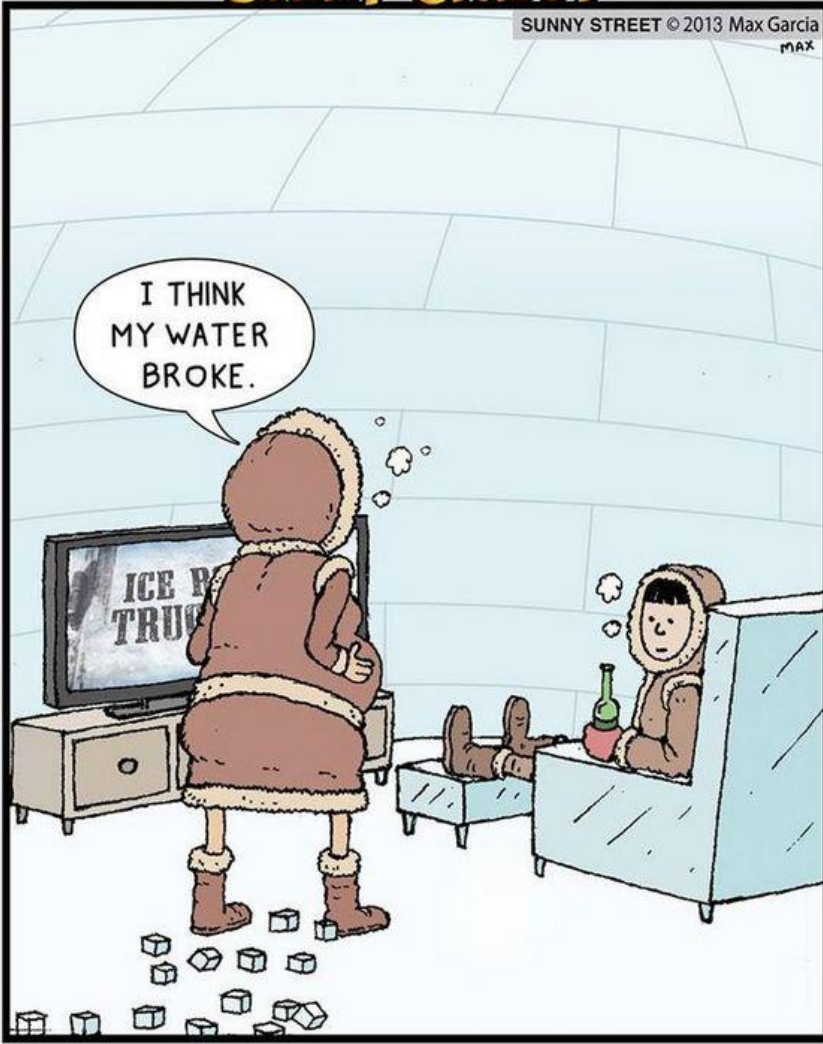
Funny Corner

When it's windy and you're wearing the straw hat you got at a dollar store.



SUNNY STREET

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Rotary Events Calendar	Date
District Showcase & AGM – Tamworth	26 – 27 Nov 2022
First Light AGM	7 Dec 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 • Jamaica Blue Coffee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Friday of the Month • Wednesdays, 8:15am
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Party • Ben Gun Charity Show – Fundraiser for Dolly Parton Imagination Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th December • 15 January 2023

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!!!)

Board 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?

	21 st December	28 th December	4 th January
Topic	Last meeting of the year!	Sleep in!	Another sleep in!
Location	West	-	-
Guest speaker	???	-	-
Sergeant	Malcolm Turnbull	-	-
Corporals (fortnightly)	Bev Fletcher Laurence Heame	-	-
Meeter & Greeter	Terry Robinson	-	-
Door Team	Val Hellmann Alice Elsley		
President Assist	Michael Smith	-	-
Visitor Assist	Mitch Soree	-	-
Welcome	Richard Walker	-	-
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Stephen Hawkins	-	-
Vote of Thanks	Phil Lyon	-	-
POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM			
16th December	23rd December	27th January 2023	3rd February 2023
Peter Leonard Val Hellmann	Marina Hearne Hannah Woods	Deb Barnes Alice Elsley	Alice Elsley Liz Gill
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS			
Members Birthdays	Nil		
Partners Birthdays	Jordan Heame, 21 Dec		
Anniversaries	Brodie & Pam Shields, 24 Dec (51 yrs)		
Club Induction	Nil		
Attendance	70%		
Make-Ups	Nil		
Visiting Rotarians	Simon Guest (AG) & Rotarian of Tamworth West		
Visitors	Aurelie Quade		
Heads & Tails	Terry Robinson		
Raffle	Skinner (such a shame Peter Leonard!)		

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