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**Rotary**



Club of Tamworth First Light

**MEETING 1636    ISSUE 31    WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2023**



### **Rotary Year 2022 - 2023**

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

## **Back at West Leagues**

Photo courtesy of Deb Barnes



# Richard's Notes

## Quote of the Week:

**Stop this attitude that older people ain't any good anymore!**

**We're as good as we ever were - if we ever were any good.**

**Dolly Parton**

## Joke of the Week

**I recently brought a new toilet brush.**

**Long story short, I am going back to paper.**

Last minute venue change to the City Bowling Club and the return of the breakfast "Bain Marie" had some of our members reminiscing of the pre-COVID mornings.

A big thank you to all members who supported our Country Music events (Benn Gunn Concert, DPIL Raffle sales and the TRAC BBQ evenings) we had a lot on over the week. In total we raised:

- Dolly Parton Imagination Library - \$3911
- TRAC BBQ - \$651

We still have some expenses to take out from these amounts but a massive effort by everyone involved.

Special thank you to Louise Matthews for coordinating the DPIL events and to Brian Logan for organising the TRAC activities.

Our Guest Speaker for the morning was Stephen Carstens from the Rural Fire Service and his wife Lourdes who came along and updated the club on the newly rolled changes to the Fire Danger Rating System. Changes were made to simplify and standardise the system across Australia to remove any confusion or doubt if in an area experiencing high fire risks.

## Announcements:

- **Meeting 15 Feb 2023 – Special Resolution**

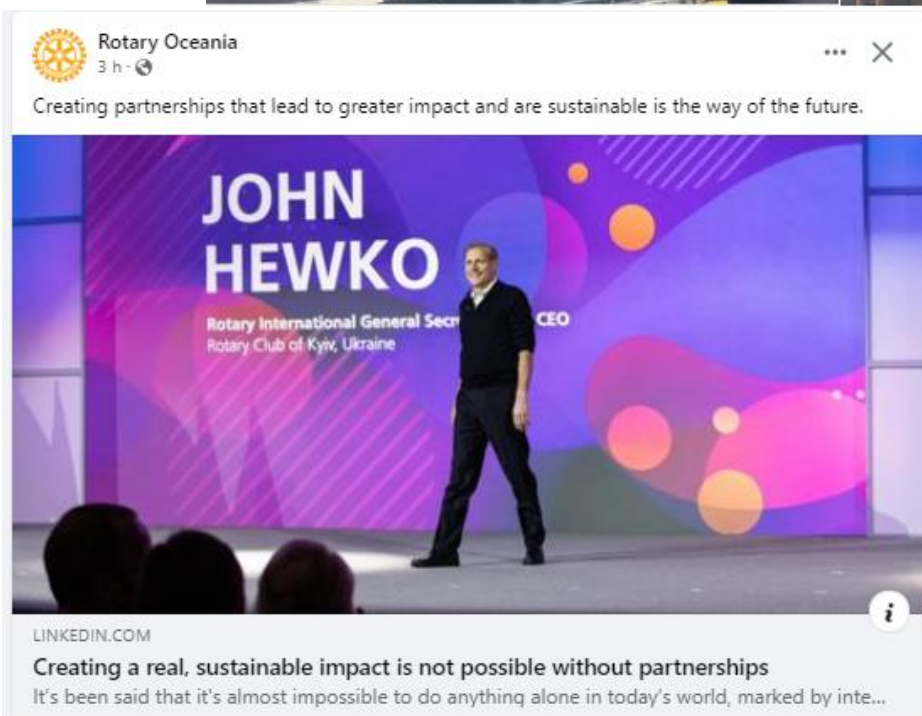
**The Club will be holding a Special Meeting on 15 Feb 2023 to endorse the new Club Constitution and Bylaws. An email has been sent out with the updated documents for all members to have a look at before the meeting. These documents were to be presented at the Club AGM last December, but were not received from Rotary International in time.**

Thank you to Phil Lyon and Brodie Shields for putting in the work to update the documents for our 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



Link:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/creating-real-sustainable-impact-possible-without-john-hewko/?trackingId=NJOuuiiKR027ne17KFuPAG%3D%3D&fbclid=IwAR11fRBt6rladuAPJYqyr-tlPOC-SAKj-XW5V8Zm0diltLufIbAAarjRWs>

## Santos Science Experience

Thomas Melville (Joe's younger brother who we have sponsored previously), attended the Santos Science Experience at the University of Sydney last week. By all reports Tom had a fantastic time, and his group came first! Dimi passes on her thanks to the Club for sponsoring Tom.



D9660 YEP students left Australia on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan for their 12-month exchange. Thankfully everyone arrived safely with only one student missing luggage (it decided to stay in Dallas while she went to Brazil).

# Guest Speaker – Stephen Carstens

District Co-Ordinator NSW Rural Fire Service

There are 70,000 volunteers in NSW

At the beginning of the current fire season, there was the introduction of new Australian Fire rating system which, for the first time, is consistent throughout Australia.

There are now 4 categories instead of 6

It was changed because of confusion with the 6 categories and to provide consistency across the board (other states differed to NSW, so travellers became very confused with what action was to happen).

The system is action based with and can take into account weather, fuel types with and load, geography and population density. This then determines what response they will use to fight the fire. System shows potential, not likelihood. As in – based on factors, today would be deemed a Moderate category

Fuel types charted across Australia include:

- Forest
- Grassland
- Grass Woodlands
- Spinifex
- Mallee
- Button grass
- Pine
- Non combustible

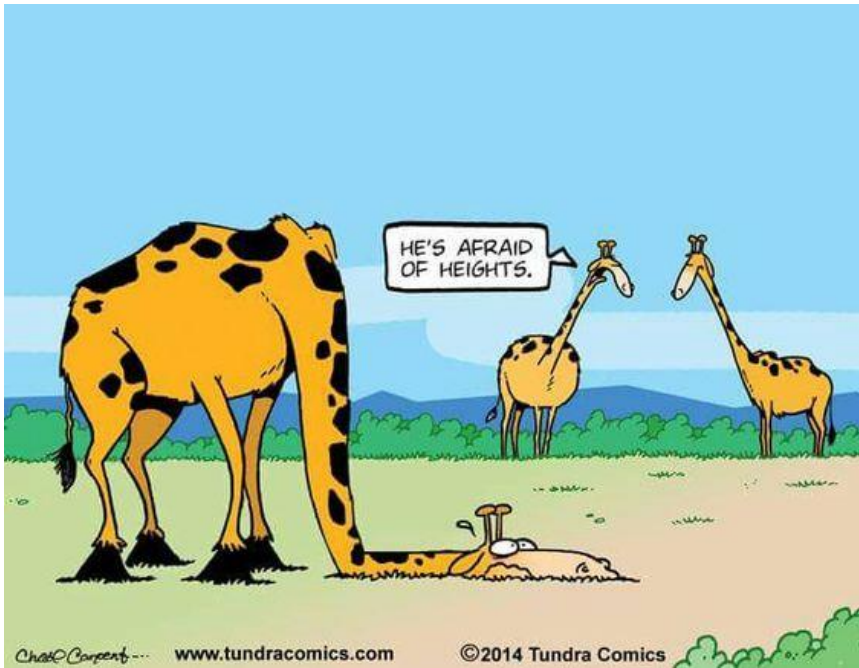
RFS also now state that should a rating be issued where it is Catastrophic – you are not to remain and fight. This is basically an evacuation order and leave your home.

See attached brochure of the new ratings.

Vote of thanks by Brodie Shields



# Funny Corner



Stay cool during summer with chairs and a pool

# Why 'tock-tick' does not sound right to your ears

Ever wondered why we say tick-tock, not tock-tick, or ding-dong, not dong-ding; King Kong, not Kong King? Turns out it is one of the unwritten rules of English that native speakers know without knowing.

The rule, explains a BBC article, is: "If there are three words then the order has to go I, A, O. If there are two words then the first is I and the second is either A or O. Mish-mash, chit-chat, dilly-dally, shilly-shally, tip top, hip-hop, flip-flop, tic tac, sing song, ding dong, King Kong, ping pong."

There's another unwritten rule at work in the name Little Red Riding Hood, says the article.

"Adjectives in English absolutely have to be in this order: opinion-size-age-shape-colour-ori-

**PLAY IT BY EAR:** If a word sequence sounds wrong, it is probably wrong



gin-material-purpose noun. So you can have a lovely little old rectangular green French silver whittling knife. But if you mess with that word order in the slightest you'll sound like a maniac."

That explains why we say "little green men" not "green little men," but "Big Bad Wolf" sounds like a gross violation of the "opinion (bad)-size (big)-noun (wolf)" order. It won't, though, if you recall the first rule about the I-A-O order.

That rule seems inviolable: "All four of a horse's feet make exactly the same sound. But we always, always say clip-clop, never clop-clip."

This rule even has a technical name, if you care to know it—the rule of ablaut reduplication—but then life is simpler knowing that we know the rule without knowing it.

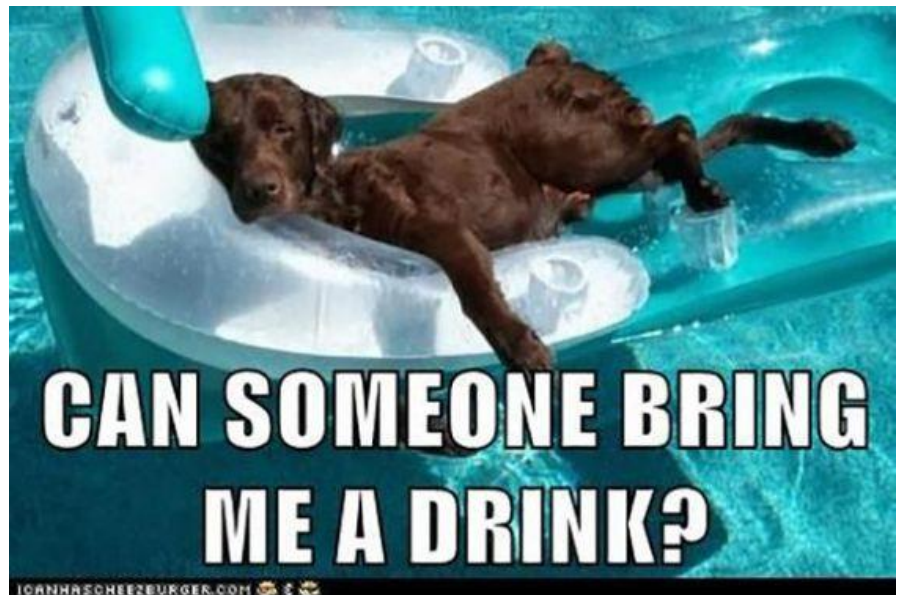
For more: BBC

**Just found out the company that produces yardsticks won't be making them any longer.**

off the mark.com

by Mark Parisi

FOR THE LAST TIME, BLOWING ON IT IS NOT HELPING!



## Rostered Duties and Definitions

### **PRESIDENT ASSIST**

To ensure members who are rostered for the duties of, Meeter and Greeter, Door, Visitor Assist, Welcome to our Members and Guests, Introduction of the Guest Speaker(s) and Vote of Thanks are present and if they are not to find a replacement and ensure those people's names are updated on the President's Running Sheet. Select the Table Order (after the head table).

**Need to be in attendance by 6.30 am**

### **DOOR TEAM**

To record the attendance of our members and guests, collect meeting dues, and if possible balance the cash float i.e. monies paid = money received.

**Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am**

### **MEETER & GREETER**

To meet and greet our members & welcome guests to our Club and to hand name badges to members. Also ensure any guests of members or visiting Rotarians are introduced to the Visitor Assist to ensure they are made welcome.

**Need to be in attendance at 6.30 am**

### **VISITOR ASSIST**

To ensure any visitors to the Club are felt welcome by introducing yourself to them and other members and guests of our Club. Try to ensure they are introduced to the President prior to sitting as well. To also include them in fellowship before and if necessary make sure they are included with several members for breakfast and are never left on their own.

**Need to be in attendance from 6.30 am**

### **WELCOME**

To publicly welcome our Members and Guests (following the introduction) to our meeting when called upon by the President or their substitute.

**Need to be in attendance by 6.50 am (or earlier)**

### **INTRODUCTION**

To make yourself known to our Guest Speaker/s, assist them to the head table and sit with them. During breakfast find out some information about the guest speaker which will assist you in your introduction.

### **NOTE TAKER**

It is your job to make notes on the meeting to assist the Bulletin editor. Guest speakers usually have written notes of their talk, so try to get them before they disappear.

### **VOTE OF THANKS**

To move a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, and present a little thank you gift which can be found in our cabinet left of the stage. Ensure you have it before the meeting commences and take notes during their presentation to ensure your thank you is informed.

### **CORPORALS**

To assist the Sergeant by setting up the room, collecting fine money, and putting our property away at the conclusion of the meeting.

**Need to be in attendance by 6:30 am.**

### **CORPORAL ASSIST**

To assist the Sergeant, by putting away all Club Property at the conclusion of the meeting if the Corporals are unable to do so.



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ District Conference – Tamworth</li> <li>▪ Science &amp; Engineering Challenge</li> <li>▪ Rotary International Convention – Melbourne</li> <li>▪ First Light Changeover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 24 – 26 Mar 2023</li> <li>▪ 29 March – 4 days</li> <li>▪ 27 – 31 May 2023 (register now)</li> <li>▪ June 2023</li> </ul>

Social Calendar	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post Office Raffles Social Night</li> <li>• Jamaica Blue Coffee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month</li> <li>• Wednesdays, 8:15am</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!!!)

Board 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



PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,  
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

### 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?

	1 <sup>st</sup> February	8 <sup>th</sup> February	15 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Multicultural Tamworth</b>	<b>Personal Profile – Izaak Ewin</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Wests</b>	<b>Wests</b>	<b>Wests</b>
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Eddie Witham	+ Fiji Volunteering	TBC
<b>Sergeant</b>	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull
<b>Corporals (fortnightly)</b>	Alice Elsley Phil Penman	Alice Elsley Phil Penman	Peter Ryan Helen Tickle
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Brett White	Glenn McIntosh	Sue O'Connor
<b>Door Team</b>	Terry Robinson Laurence Hearne	Richard Walker Graham Dooley	Barry Biffin Luke Massey
<b>President Assist</b>	Liz Gill	John Rouvray	Laurence Hearne
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Steve Martin	Chris Watson	Val Hellmann
<b>Welcome</b>	James Treloar	Deb Barnes	Brian Logan
<b>Bulletin Notes &amp; Introduction</b>	Hannah Woods	Hugh Raadgever	Izaak Ewin
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Steve Massey	Mitch Soree	Bev Fletcher
<b>POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM</b>			
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> February</b>
Alice Elsley Liz Gill	Liz Gill Stephen Massey	Stephen Massey Sue O'Connor	Sue O'Connor John Rouvray
<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS</b>			
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Luke Massey, 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Nil		
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil		
<b>Club Induction</b>	Rob Sharp, 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb (13 years)		
<b>Attendance</b>	67%		
<b>Make-Ups</b>	Nil		
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Nil		
<b>Visitors</b>	Nil		
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	Nil		
<b>Raffle</b>	Skinner		

"Why do golfers take an extra pair of socks?"  
"In case they get a hole in one!"