



MEETING 1637 ISSUE 32 WEDNESDAY 8th Feb 2023



Rotary Year 2022 - 2023

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

**The pipe band at Forster surf carnival this morning.
(Sunday 30 Jan)**

Photo courtesy of Robyn Penman

-It's not often you get to see the legs of bag pipe player! Check out those thongs, should become part of the Aussie bagpipe uniform.



Richard's Notes

Quote of the Week:

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

Winston Churchill

Joke of the Week

**If a woman says she will be ready in 15 minutes, she will be.
No need to remind her every half hour.**

Another full house for breakfast and five visitors certainly added a degree of difficulty for James with his Welcome. We have had a busy January and looking at the calendar of the events coming up over the next 4 months, things are not slowing down. We have the Science & Engineering Challenge in March that will need support and the Careers Expo in May, so if you have time available, please contact the teams and help out.

Our Guest Speaker for the week was Tamworth Multicultural's Eddie Witham. Eddie has been supporting the migrant and refugee community within the Tamworth Region for decades and listening to him speak about the support provided by the group he still has so much more to give.

Announcements:

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

Our meeting on 15 Feb will have a quick meeting to endorse the changes to the RI Constitution and Club Bylaws. Documents have been sent out last Wednesday but if you have not received them, please let me know via email and we will get a copy to you before the meeting.

- **District Conference, Tamworth 24 – 26 Mar 2023**

The Conference Committee are still looking for Rotarians to register for the District Conference being held in March at Tamworth. If you have not yet registered, please have a look at the website and have a look at what will be happening over the weekend.

- **MHERV Van, Tamworth 25 – 26 Mar 2023**

The MHERV Van will be back in Tamworth over the weekend of the District Conference, and it will be set up outside of the TRECC on the Saturday and Sunday. There has been a request for volunteers to assist the Nurse with running this program. If you have an hour or two to spare over the weekend let me know. I will have a sheet over the next few weeks.

- **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

Request for hosts!

What better way to get to know Rotarians from other clubs than to host!!!

To assist with accommodation costs, District are asking if any Tamworth locals have the ability to host Rotarians for the District Conference 24-26 March. If you are able to, please contact Deb Barnes deb07b@me.com or 0411 770 552. Thank you.

Also contact Deb if you would like one of the last 5 spots left in the Hunter Valley Golf Trip 7-9 May



Now in its fourth year, Rotarians for Bees – a project of the Rotary Club of Canterbury, Vic – is expanding into New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory as a project of the Rotary Club of Castle Hill, NSW.

BEES and other pollinators are essential to maintain production of our food crops and are responsible for one in every three mouthfuls of food we eat. Over recent years, there has been an alarming reduction in pollinator populations worldwide. Thanks to Rotarians for Bees, an enthusiastic group of bee champions, many more Rotary clubs and communities are actively engaged in fighting the decline of pollinator populations worldwide.

The focus of Rotarians for Bees is:

- To educate and engage people of all ages regarding the importance of bees and other pollinators in preserving

- our food security;
 - To promote establishment and maintenance of appropriate habitat; and
 - To engage in projects aimed at sustaining and growing bee and other pollinator populations.
- Since its inception, Rotarians for Bees has gained enormous support and interest from Rotarians and from the ever-increasing number of people who share a passion for environmental sustainability. The network collaborates with the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) and partnerships have been established with organisations including the When Bee Foundation, bodies representing commercial and recreational

beekeepers, and ACT for Bees.

The Victorian chapter's current projects include sponsoring the 'best pollinator garden' in the Nursery and Garden Industry Victoria School Garden Competition; sponsoring When Bee Foundation development of pollinator planting guides; and development of music and choreography for the Waggle Dance – an activity to encourage school children learning about bees (rotariansforbees.org/project/waggle-dance/).

The expansion into NSW/ACT will play an important role in extending the reach of Rotarians for Bees, coming at a critical time when bees are under threat from an incursion of the destructive varroa mite into NSW.

Future activities and plans of the new group

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include a Bring Back the Buzz event; school garden programs; nature strip, rooftop and balcony gardens; events to highlight World Bee Day and Pollinator Week; pollinator corridor creation in urban areas; agricultural regeneration; and partnerships with local councils for community

environmental events.

The NSW/ACT group would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in joining and providing support to their cause.

For more information, visit rotariansforbees.org or www.facebook.com/groups/rotariansforbees

Meet the new NSW/ACT chapter

- Chairperson: Past District Governor Jeremy Wright AM, an active apiarist and advocate for environmental sustainability
- Secretary: Lucy Hobgood-Brown, E-club of Greater Sydney, a champion of environmental causes, including a project in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Lucy is an active Rotarian, named a Global Woman of Action by Rotary International at the UN in 2015.
- Treasurer: Agnello Dsouza, Rotary Club of Castle Hill, NSW
- John Kenworthy, Rotary Club of Hall, ACT, well-known for environmental works in the ACT region as a member of Canberra-based ACT for Bees and Other Pollinators, and supporter of the Australian Conservation Foundation.



Rotary Club of Parnell Charity Golf Day - a multi-million-dollar impact

WHEN the Rotary Club of Parnell launched its inaugural Charity Golf Day some 20 years ago, members could never have imagined the initiative would raise \$2.8 million throughout its life span.

To have run the largest charity golf day in New Zealand, have the Prime Minister attend, and be over-subscribed every year is some achievement!

As spoken by the late great Steve Jobs, 'the best way to measure how your success was achieved is to look back at the steps you have taken',

The first step was setting the bar high. There are many charity golf days, mostly run by service clubs, that are successful at some level. To stand out the Parnell event needed to be different, to be sought after by participants and sponsors, and be significant and faultless in its delivery.

It proved invaluable that, at the time, one of the club's members was Managing Director of Countdown (Woolworths) in New Zealand. With his introduction and support,

along with his successors over the years, the club had access to their suppliers.

Not only did the suppliers pay a significant amount each to sponsor a hole, they also willingly set up and ran food and beverage stalls and activities on their allotted tee boxes. With the golf day run as two separate Ambrose events, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, more than 300 players participated on the day. Each event was followed by either a sumptuous lunch or dinner and auction.

Throughout their 20-year journey, club members learnt the importance of partnerships, planning, presentation and participation.

Partnerships were essential to the event's success – a strong relationship was with Countdown senior management and the Rotary organising team, and a little later with the nominated charity, Dementia Auckland, and its leadership team. Each had a role to play in planning and delivery of the day.

Planning started in the preceding July for a February event, with a detailed blueprint that required a disciplined and methodical approach to ensure every action was planned and every possible eventuality mitigated.

The presentation of the event, visually and operationally, was critical to its success. On the course there were over 80 people from all partners, participating together to operate hospitality marquees, course management, health and safety, and other activities. Team leaders from Rotary managed a task list of over 350 activities that were essential to make sure nothing was left to chance.

The financial outcome was impressive. Parnell Rotary Club's management fee totalled \$358,000, which enabled the club to support many initiatives locally and in the Pacific Islands. The \$2.4 million gifted to Dementia Auckland has had an immeasurable impact on the organisation and the communities it supports. It has provided vital funding for its operating costs, something for which outside funding is difficult, and to assist in delivering services to the Dementia Auckland community.

Unfortunately, the Rotary Club of Parnell Charity Golf Day was a victim of COVID, with organisers stating that its business case no longer stacks up. ^{***}

Guest Speaker – Eddie Whitham

Multicultural Tamworth

The service clubs, such as Rotary and Lions have been very helpful and we are grateful for your assistance.

We have no funding. Most of what we do we pay our own way. Our ten person committee has six born from overseas. In the last few years we have commenced Multicultural Gunnedah with the assistance of their mayor, Jamie Chaffey. He, like most in the country knows that we cannot grow the region without migrants. The major task is educating locals that we can live together and we are blessed by the newcomers.

Our City's street festival, Fiesta la Peel has been outstanding this year. We have our tenth festival on 21 October. Rotary have been a part of the nine previous festivals.

Each group of migrants has its own unique culture and religion. When one attends a function, it could be with one hundred to five hundred guests. Our schools, churches, sporting, music and dancing places have had a great boost.

The churches have been very supportive to group who need a hall to meet from time to time.

When you consider the impact the migrant community has had on the city it is like no other place in Australia. I have travelled extensively and many places had a few nationalities, and very little interaction.

What we set out to do has been achieved; to have peace and harmony in our community. Also the spin offs are immense as hundreds have purchased houses, borne lots of children and value added to the region's community.

The State Electorate of Tamworth has, from my count more than 5000 new migrants in the past several years.

Just to see the last two citizenship days where more than two hundred people took the pledge was proof in itself that the plan is working

The number of nationalities represented is more than ninety in this electorate.

The fair percentage of the health and meat processing staff are from overseas. e.g. NSW health systems employ 40% of their workforce from migrants. Thomas foods have 40 nationalities employed today- just over half its work force. TEYS and BAIDA would be similar.

The hospitality industry in all forms relies on visa holders for its viability. In recent years the new Pacific Labour Management scheme has meant that people are coming to work from many of the islands in the Pacific rim for 2-4 years to assist our essential food industry at the farm and manufacturing levels.

Multicultural Tamworth Inc is in their tenth year since formation. We run without staff or much funding. We have an office in the Tamworth Regional library graciously given to us by the Tamworth Regional Council. The people who teach English for us use the library and other groups also connect with migrants there.

The way we operate is to connect and partner with just about everyone in the community. We have no volunteers- we are neighbours for newcomers. That gives us freedom and flexibility. The town's politicians, council, police and health services support us and we assist them with any crisis or matter that arises.

We are constantly fighting to get services to the country and cut the Red Tape that hinders employers and families from enjoying the life we all expect to participate in.

As the immigration slowed over the past three years we have been fortunate to have quality secondary immigration, that is, people moving from other regions to come and settle here.

We are always working to make things better. We are fortunate to have Barnaby Joyce, Kevin Anderson and the Regional Council and their staff, who have listened to us and acted to deal with issues. This is my forty-fifth year working here with refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in general. It has been a great pleasure. The next few years will see the growth of our area so that means migration in one form or another.

For some strange reason Tamworth is not the flavour of the month with federal and state bureaucrats. Armidale, Coffs, North Coast, Wagga and Albury-Wodonga seem to be the plums and get the funding in millions we do not and often fight for a few grand.

Eddie Whitham, Multicultural Tamworth Inc. Chairman 1/2/2023



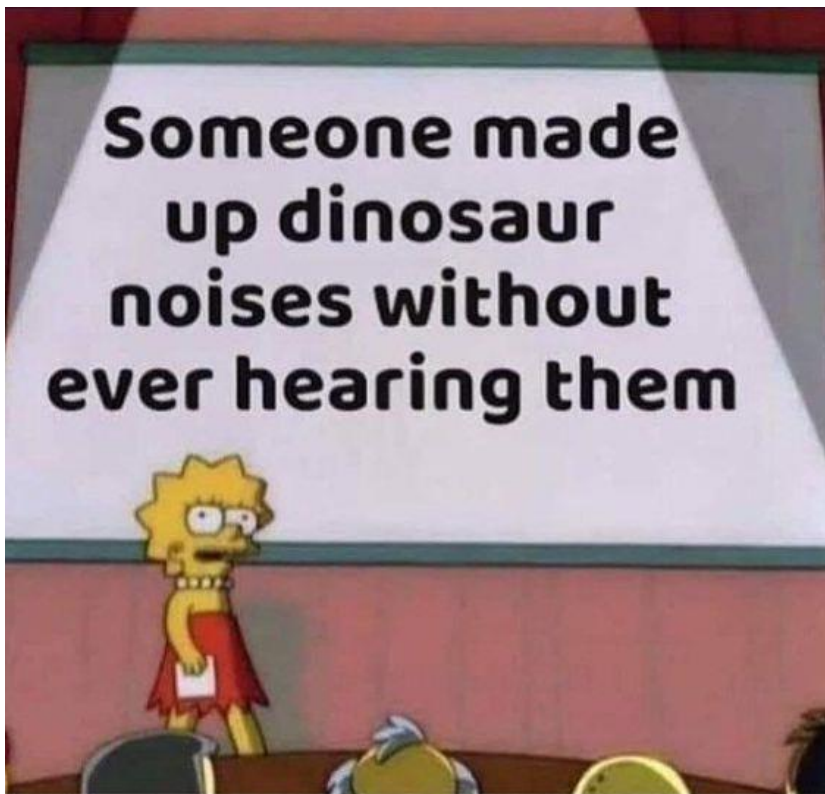
Funny Corner

Me: "I'm not very hungry, I just want something easy"

Server: "... maybe the chicken strips for \$6?"

Me: "... maybe it does, but that doesn't help with my hunger."

Random dad across the restaurant:
"GOOD ONE!"

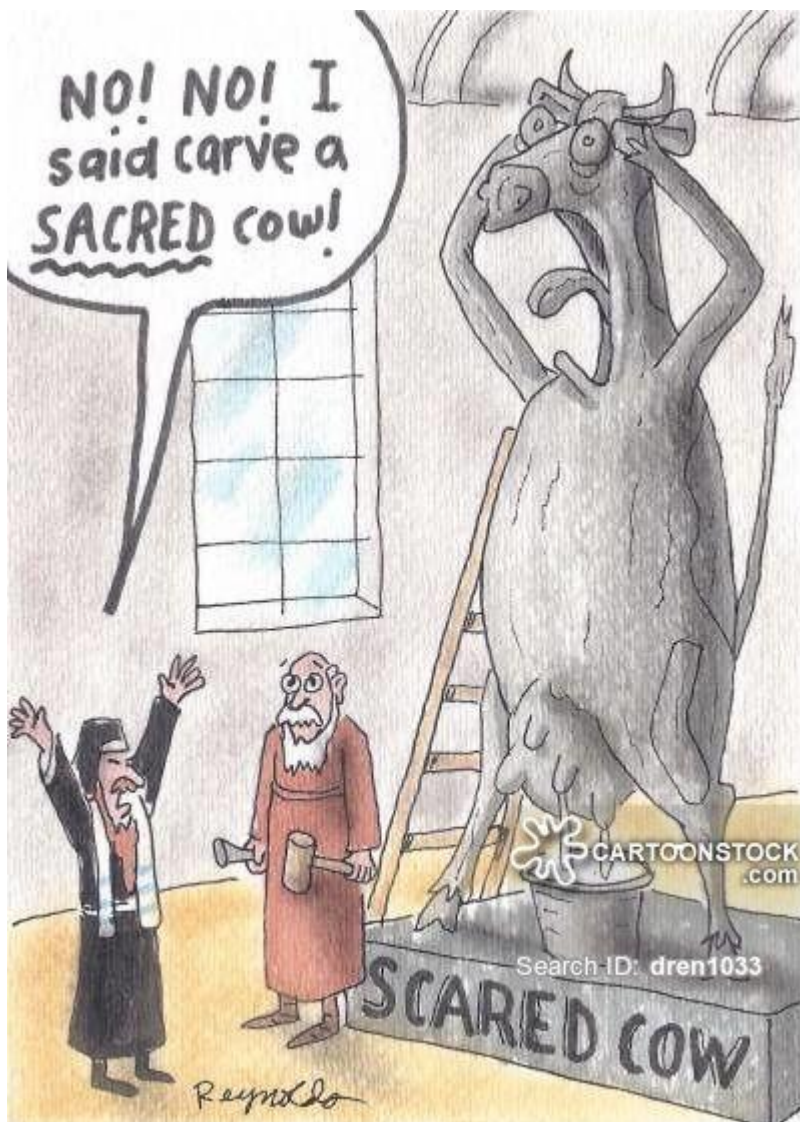
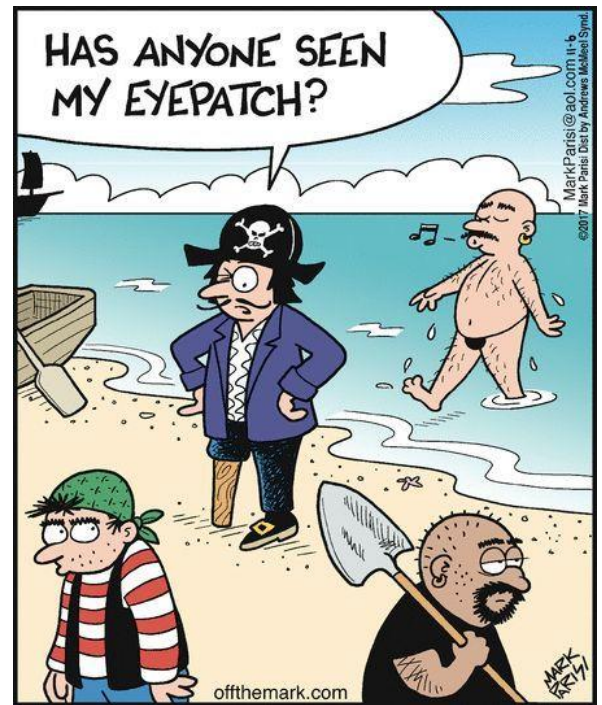




Dad Jokes
@Dadsaysjokes

A weasel walks into a bar. The Bartender says, "Wow, I've never served a weasel before. What can I get you?"

"Pop," goes the weasel.



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IN
FRANCE.
EIFFEL OVER.

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

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

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?

	8 th February	15 th February	22 nd February
Topic	Personal Profile – Izaak Ewin	Carbon Farming Credits	Calrossy Snr School & US Golf pro
Location	Wests	Wests	TBC
Guest speaker	+ Fiji Volunteering	Norman Marshall	Julia Boland
Sergeant	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull
Corporals (fortnightly)	Alice Elsley Phil Penman	Peter Ryan Helen Tickle	Peter Ryan Helen Tickle
Meeter & Greeter	Glenn McIntosh	Sue O'Connor	Naomi Blakey
Door Team	Richard Walker Graham Dooley	Barry Biffin Luke Massey	Bruce Hemmett Mitch Soree
President Assist	John Rouvray	Laurence Heame	Steve Martin
Visitor Assist	Chris Watson	Val Hellmann	Louise Matthews
Welcome	Deb Barnes	Brian Logan	Hannah Woods
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Hugh Raadgever	Izaak Ewin	Phil Penman
Vote of Thanks	Mitch Soree	Bev Fletcher	Brett White

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

10 th February	17 th February	24 th February	3 rd March
Liz Gill Stephen Massey	Stephen Massey Sue O'Connor	Sue O'Connor John Rouvray	John Rouvray James Treloar

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	Nil
Partners Birthdays	Helen Hinwood, 11 Feb & Robert Betts, 13 Feb
Anniversaries	Nil
Club Induction	Nil
Attendance	72%
Make-Ups	Nil
Visiting Rotarians	Sam Peacocke (Dubbo Sth), Charlotte Moore (Young Leaders)
Visitors	Aurelie Quade, Chris Wild & Lorenzo Strand
Heads & Tails	Bev Fletcher
Raffle	Peter Bell

I was wondering why the frisbee kept getting bigger and bigger, but then it hit me.