



MEETING 1639 ISSUE 34 WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2023



### Rotary Year 2022 - 2023

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

*Welcome to Aurelie Quade, our newest member of First Light!*



# Richard's Notes

## Quote of the Week:

**An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind.**

**Mahatma Gandhi**

## Joke of the Week

**My wife and I had this long pointless argument as to which vowel is the most important.**

**I won.**

What a busy meeting this morning, we certainly covered a lot of ground before 8.00am. We had a mountain of announcements, an induction of a new member, a Special Meeting and a guest speaker to get through and I would like to thank all those involved in parts of the meeting today for their efforts in making it a smooth and seamless process.

Speaking of new members - Bienvenue à notre nouvelle Rotarienne, Aurélie Quade, we finally had the opportunity to welcome Aurelie into the club as a new member and I am sure all members will make her feel welcome and involved in our many projects that are coming up in the next few months.

Our Guest Speaker for the week was Norman Marshall who came along to discuss Carbon Farming Credits. It was a very interesting talk and certainly had the members asking a lot of questions about how it is achieved long term and the benefits to the both the soil and the farmer. Further details below.

We have a venue change for next week's meeting (22 Feb 2023), it will be held at the Post Office Hotel. We will require you to RSVP your attendance at the meeting to assist our host Andrew with the catering requirements. Please use the following link to RSVP and if you are bringing along a guest please add "+ 1" after your name so we can count them in.

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

Rich

## Announcements:

- **Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 5 Mar 2023**

The annual Clean Up Australia Day is coming up fast and Community Services Director, Steve Martin is looking for a volunteer to lead this activity. We have a group of volunteers already from McCarthy College and just need a few Rotarians to be involved on the day. Please contact Steve if you can assist with the Coordination and if you can volunteer your support for the day.

- **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.

The Conference Team have requested if anyone has some time available to assist on the front door over the Conference dates checking peoples tickets etc. if you have some time, please contact Bruce Hemmett.

There has also been an expression of interest put around regarding Home Hosting of fellow Rotarians over the Conference dates. If you are interested, please let Deb Barnes know and Deb will put you in touch with the Conference Organisers.

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

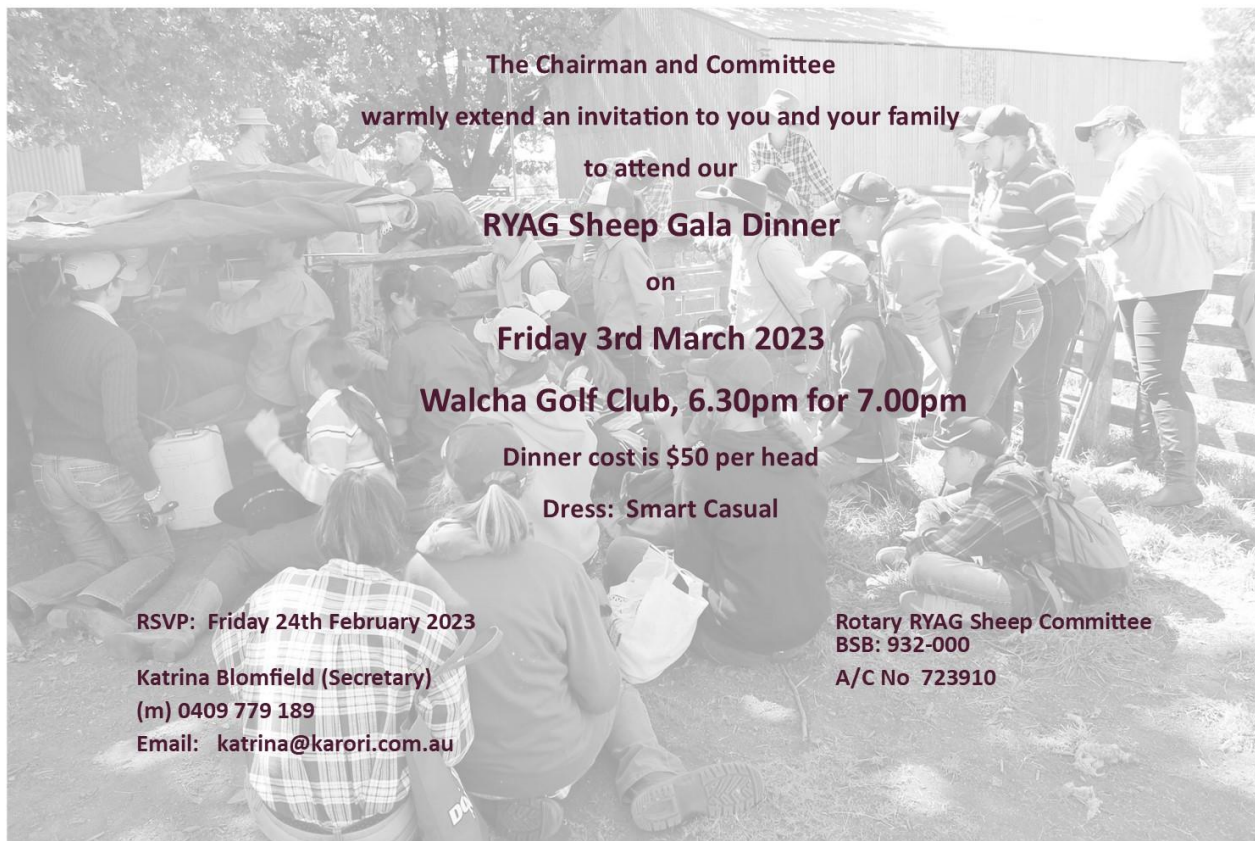
The MHERV Van will be back in Tamworth over the weekend of the District Conference, and it will be set up outside of the TRECC on the Saturday and Sunday. There has been a request for volunteers to assist the Nurse with running this program. If you have an hour or two to spare over the weekend let me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

**Why not carpool and head to Walcha for the evening!**



Rotary Oceania

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We have set up a dedicated page for donations. You can help by sharing this on your social media page, tell your friends, families, neighbors and work colleagues that we are PEOPLE OF ACTION. Donate \$10 today to help our people affected by the floods.

[#auckland](#) [#wellington](#) [#christchurch](#) [#FloodRelief](#)

**DONATE \$10 TODAY**  
[nzfloods.org](https://nzfloods.org)

**A ROTARY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE.**

The funds will be distributed to affected communities through our network of local Rotary Clubs.

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10 February 2023

A roundup of Rotary news



## Rotary responds to earthquake in Turkey, Syria

Turkey and Syria were struck by a devastating earthquake on 6 February that has killed tens of thousands of people, destroyed thousands of homes and other structures, and left people across the region without shelter in bitterly cold winter weather. The Rotary world responded to this catastrophe immediately. Rotary leadership has activated our disaster response efforts, communicated with the affected districts, and encouraged governors in those regions to apply for disaster response grants. In addition, our project partner ShelterBox and service partner Habitat for Humanity are working on their responses. [Find out how you can have the greatest impact.](#)

Click this link to read more: <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-responds-earthquake-has-devastated-areas-turkey-and-syria>

- [Give to Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund](#). Donations help clubs and districts provide aid and support rebuilding efforts where the need is greatest. The funds are distributed to affected communities through disaster response grants. The Disaster Response Fund can accept cash contributions and District Designated Funds (DDF).
- [Support local initiatives](#). As we learn about local response efforts that are being led by clubs and districts, Rotary raises awareness about how to support them. People can then support these projects by working directly with Rotary members in the region. If you want us to publicize information about local response efforts, write to [relief@rotary.org](mailto:relief@rotary.org).

Rotary in Review, emailed on 11 Feb 2023

<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

# Guest Speaker – Norman Marshall

*Australian Soil Management: Australian Carbon Credit Units*

Norman Marshall and Greg Bender started Australian Soil Management (ASM) have conducted many research activities. One of their research projects led them to determine the effect of compost on soil carbon. It is during that time that they were approach by many farmers, concerned with the lack of integrity of most company registering Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs). The ACCUs are a commodity and they have a dollar value. Australia is the only country in the world that provide carbon credits for increase in soil carbon. Once issued, how they are used and sold is important. The current price is at \$40 per ACCUs. A 1000 ha farm can potentially generate \$5 million dollars. And at a \$100 value, there is a potential for \$10 million. Where will the price be in 10 years? The current price in Europe is 80euros or \$100 AUD and within the next 5 years, international trading will open and it is possible that ACCUs will trade at that price and higher. Furthermore, Australian credits are based on measurement, not modelling and will fetch the highest price. This translates to a substantial additional revenue for farmers, particularly, graziers. Suddenly, how they manage their soils becomes very important.

What is the future? This is only the start. Last year, the Federal Government introduced biodiversity credits. A program is coming from the Federal Government that will enable farmers to have carbon credits for their soils and if they add a biodiversity protection program. They will be able to claim other carbon credits. Degraded land can also be eligible, if they are being repaired. This means that every bit of a farm is now valuable. If you are adding long term conservation to your land title, the amount of money will be substantial.

Another aspect of increasing soil carbon is productivity. A 1% increase in soil carbon equates to a 30% increase in productivity. Farmers will have the option to package different credits, so long as they collaborate with the right provider and make sure the project is registered under their names.

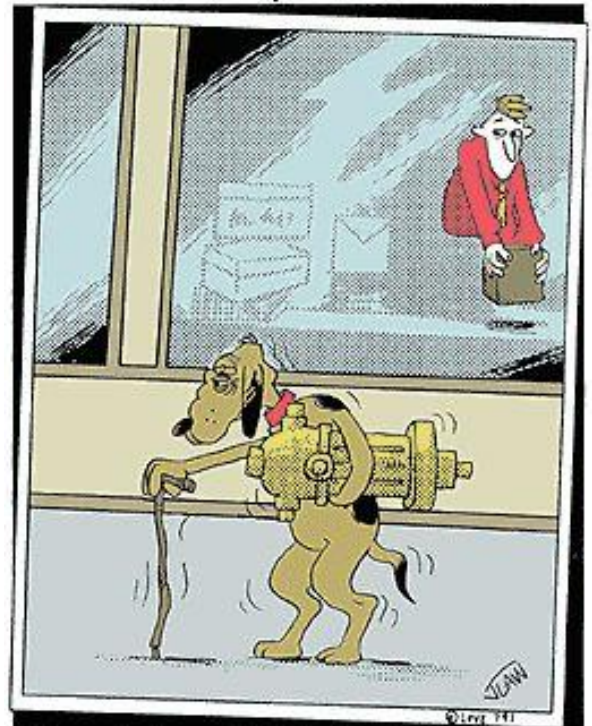
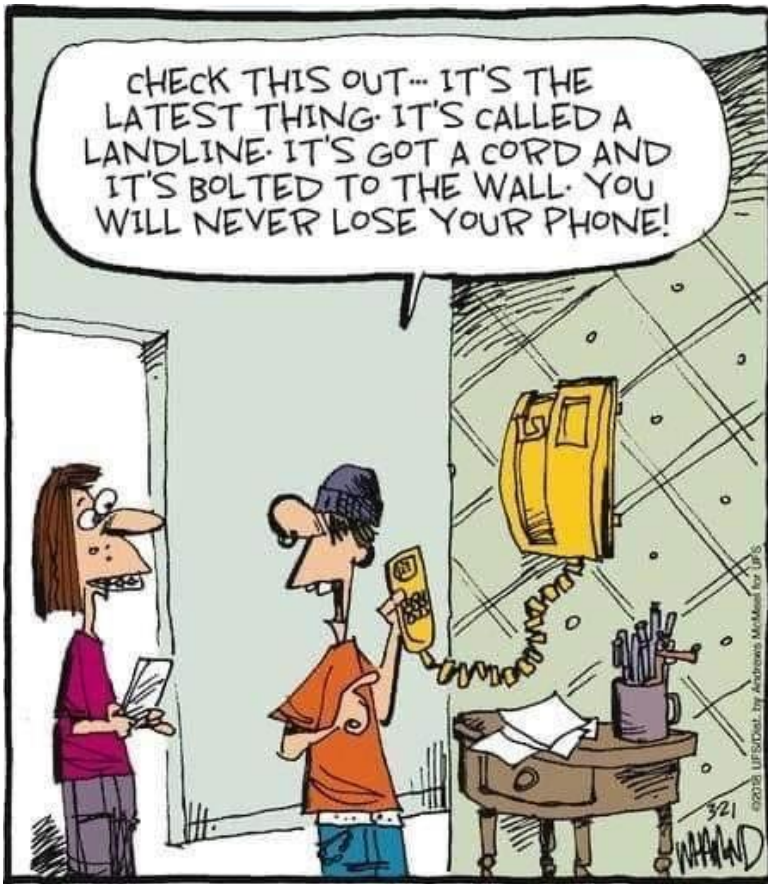
Notes by Aurelie Quade

Vote of Thanks, Bev Fletcher

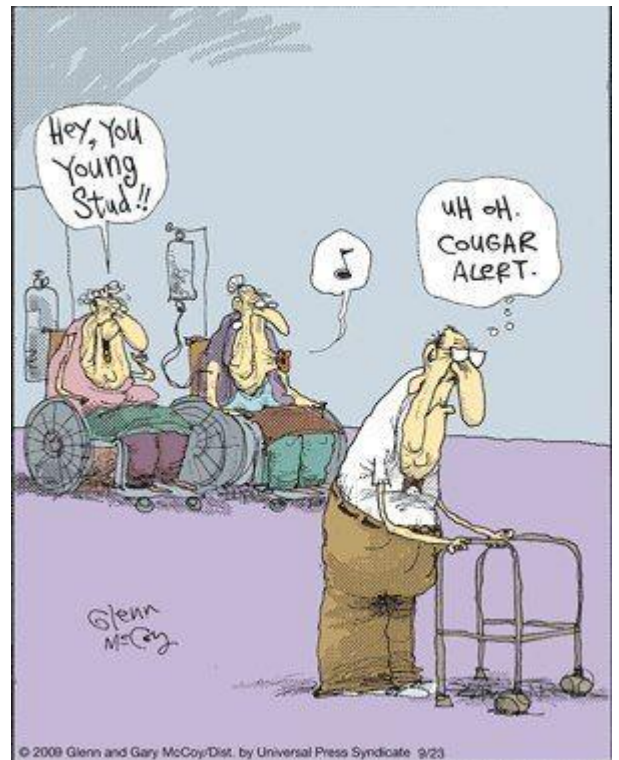
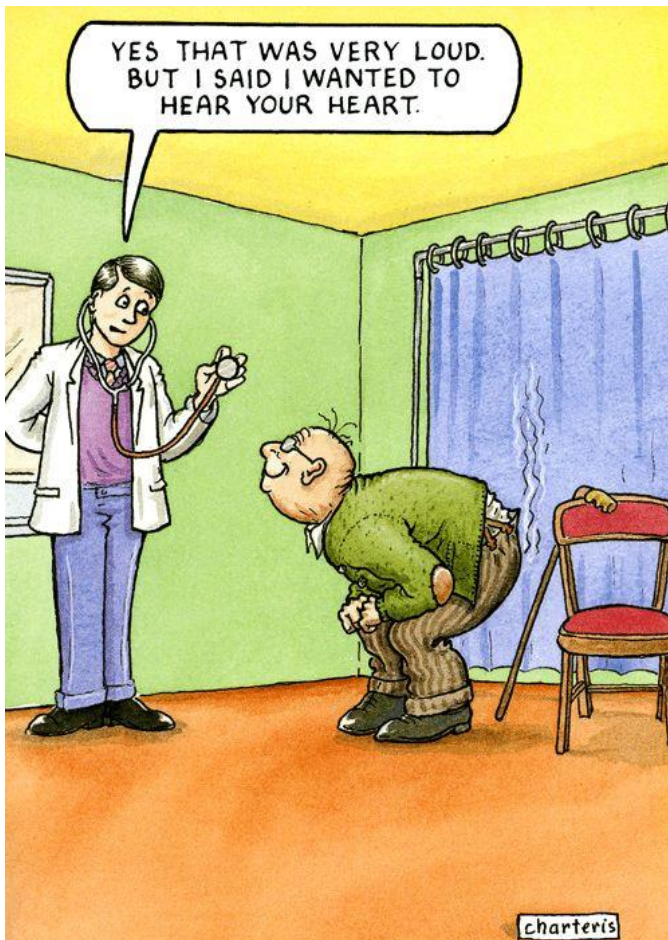


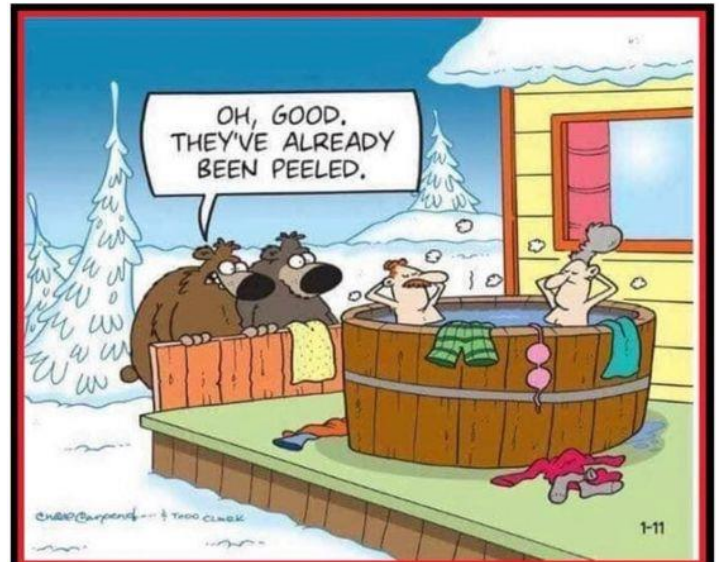
# Funny Corner

## SNAPSHOTS by Jason Love



Tiger had reached that age when you just never know.





\*3 sec after locking the door\*  
Me: Did I lock the door?  
My brain:





Rotary Events Calendar	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ District Conference – Tamworth</li> <li>▪ Mherv</li> <li>▪ Science &amp; Engineering Challenge</li> <li>▪ NWRCE</li> <li>▪ Rotary International Convention – Melbourne</li> <li>▪ First Light Changeover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 24 – 26 March 2023</li> <li>▪ 25 &amp; 26 March</li> <li>▪ 29 March – 4 days</li> <li>▪ 16 &amp; 17 May</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!!!)

<b>Board Members</b>	
<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?

	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> March	8 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Calrossy Snr School &amp; US Golf pro</b>	<b>Personal Profile</b>	<b>The Variety Bash</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>PO Hotel</b>	<b>Wests</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Julia Boland	Nina Wrathall	Peter Ryan
<b>Sergeant</b>	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull
<b>Corporals (fortnightly)</b>	Peter Ryan Helen Tickle	Bev Fletcher Luke Massey	Bev Fletcher Luke Massey
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Naomi Blakey	Louise Matthews	Laurence Hearne
<b>Door Team</b>	Richard Walker Mitch Soree	Val Hellmann Bruce Hemmett	Brodie Shields Courtney Priestley
<b>President Assist</b>	Steve Martin	Phil Lyon	Phil Penman
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Louise Matthews	Deb Barnes	Steve Martin
<b>Welcome</b>	Hannah Woods	John Treloar	Chris Watson
<b>Bulletin Notes &amp; Introduction</b>	Phil Penman	Alice Elsley	Steve Massey
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Brett White	Helen Tickle	Glenn McIntosh

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

24 <sup>th</sup> February	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	10 <sup>th</sup> March	17 <sup>th</sup> March
Sue O'Connor Peter Johnston	Peter Johnston James Treloar	James Treloar John Treloar	John Treloar Steve Martin

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS**

<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Val Hellmann, 25 Feb
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Susie Stevenson, 25 Feb
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil
<b>Club Induction</b>	Peter Johnston, 23 Feb (1 whole year)

<b>Attendance</b>	70%
<b>Make-Ups</b>	Nil
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Jane Bradford (Honorary)
<b>Visitors</b>	Nil
<b>Heads &amp; Tails</b>	Vicki Cooper
<b>Raffle</b>	Skinner