



MEETING 1642 ISSUE 37 WEDNESDAY 15th March 2023



Rotary Year 2022 - 2023

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

Richard's Notes

Quote of the Week:

"All right, but apart from the sanitation, medicine, education, wine, public order, irrigation, roads, the freshwater system and public health, what have the Romans ever done for us?"

-John Cleese

Joke of the Week

I recently spent \$80 on a belt that doesn't fit.

My wife said it's a huge waist.

Our meeting this week was at the City Bowling Club as a cosy affair but was good to see a big turn out to enjoy breakfast from the Bain Marie. As we acknowledged International Women's Day it was noted that our very own self-appointed Minister for Women's Affairs was absent for the morning.

I would also like to offer our condolences to Bruce Hemmett with the passing of his brother after a battle with brain cancer. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this sad time.

Thank you to the Naomi and the team last Sunday for Clean Up Australia Day down on the riverbank. The team cleaned from Paradise Bridge to almost Hopscotch Café and collected multiple bags of rubbish and recycling for collection by TRC Staff. The team also salvaged 10 shopping trolleys from around the area including three from the river.

RYAG Sheep was held last week With Liz Gill and Richard Walker in attendance for a number of days and culminating in a dinner at the Walcha Golf Club. We had 5 members of the Club in attendance for the dinner to support our

three students from McCarthy College. Great program and it was good to see the results at the end of the week. We will be inviting Mia, Maggie and Cooper back to the Club to let us know what they learnt over the week.

Our Guest Speaker for the week was one of our own, Peter Ryan discussing his exploits in last year's Variety Bash in the aptly named "Ryanstone Cowboy". Peter outlined what it takes to setup and run a vehicle in this type of event and of the support when things go wrong to get the vehicles and crews back in action. More details below.

Our meeting next week will be back at West Leagues Club.

Announcements:

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, you have until 12 Mar 2023 to ensure that you can get catered for over the conference. Bruce has advised that our club has 17 members registered which is a great turnout.

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

Home Hosting – District Conference

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.

District Conference Dinner

Assistance is required for Sunrise to run the Blackjack and Roulette tables during the District Conference Dinner. If you would like to be involved, please contact either:

- Chas McKenzie – g.mckenzie@tamworth.nsw.gov.au
- Ruythe Dufty - ruythe1.dufty@gmail.com

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.

Science & Engineering Challenge

Brodie is still chasing volunteers for the Challenge, if you have some time available over **28 – 31 Mar 2023** please let him know and get your name on the roster for support.

Our Breakfast Meeting will be relocating to an evening event at West Leagues on 29 Mar 23 to support the Science & Engineering Challenge as has happened in previous years. Please speak with Glenn McIntosh if you are available to come along for a fun filled evening so we can finalise catering requirements.

Social Activity – Sunday 15 Apr 2023

We will be holding a social event at Brett White's place for an afternoon of fellowship and games. Marina will have a sheet coming around in the next couple of weeks for attendance.

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. There is a new bulk Return and Earn machine in Macintosh Street for you to take in and claim. At this stage they are not set up to transfer across to our Club as a donation, but all is not lost you can still cash in the bottles and cans and transfer across to our bank account (Just let Dennis know with a quick email).

EDITOR'S NOTE

Greetings from Mitchell Soree- reporting for duty as your new bulletin Editor. Thanks go to Marina Hearne, for all her work on this bulletin during her role as editor – I sure do have large shoes to fill.

My goal is to make this publication informative and fun. So to that end, please remember to send me thru any content that would benefit *your bulletin*- let me know of any suggestions you may have on it's content and format, and as always, keep your bulletin editor up to date on any projects you are working on, so we can share our achievements with members, friends, and the district!

Rotary News

Wrap up: Clean Up Australia Day

Last Sunday, March 5th, RCTFL members rolled down their sleeves to get stuck into our annual Clean up Australia day activities. The clean-up was conducted between Hopscotch café and the Paradise pond behind Hungry Jacks, where litter was collected. Waste items including food packaging, fishing lines, bottles, tyres, old camp chairs, and plastic items- all collected from the area. We also managed to find 10 shopping trolleys in and around the Peel River!

Big thanks to Naomi for organising and coordinating this event, as well as all attendees from our club.





GUEST SPEAKER – PETER RYAN – VARIETY BASH

- Variety Bashes started in 1927 in Pittsburg USA as a way to raise money for kids.
- The first Australian bash was run by Dick Smith in 1985. It was between Bourke and Burketown Qld and raised \$250K
- The bashes are not a race. All money raised goes to kids in the regions. So far \$200 million has been raised in total.
- There are now a variety of bashes – motor bikes, postie bikes, B to B out of Sydney and NSW Variety bashes.
- Cars must be 2-wheel drive, and more than 30 years old. Petrol consumption is about 5Ks/litre in these old cars, so all are fitted with bigger fuel tanks.
- For breakdowns, there are 3 or 4 mobile workshops and 2 pantechs to transport stricken vehicles back to towns.
- Each bash is full of characters many of whom dress up
- In 2022 Peter’s car was voted best presented car of the bash.
- The 2023 bash is from 21st to 27th May, from Dubbo down to Echuca, and back through Narrandera and Goulburn to Newcastle. 7 days doing 3-400kilometers per day. Peter’s car has 3 people and hopes to raise \$5000.
- Costs are \$1000 per person for the week, and about \$4000 to get the car ready.
- Each car is inspected before the Bash, and carries a lot of extra gear – fan belts, fuses, extra petrol, oil/air filters, axels, etc.

Notes by Steve Massey- Thanks Steve!



Our Very own Peter Ryan, discussing the 2022 Variety Bash, between Newcastle and Dubbo (via Echuca!)

| Rotary Events Calendar | Date |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ▪ District Conference – Tamworth | ▪ 24 – 26 March 2023 |
| ▪ Mherv | ▪ 25 & 26 March |
| ▪ Science & Engineering Challenge | ▪ 29 March – 4 days |
| ▪ RYLA Dinner – Blazes Restaurant. | ▪ Replaces breakfast meeting - Wednesday 3rd May 6:00PM for 6:30PM start - |
| ▪ Tree Planting - Gunnedah Road | ▪ 7 May |
| ▪ NWRCE | ▪ 16 & 17 May |
| ▪ Rotary International Convention – Melbourne | ▪ 27 – 31 May 2023 (register now) |
| ▪ First Light Changeover | ▪ Saturday 17th June 2023 |
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| Social Calendar | Date |
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| • Social Event – casual afternoon of fun | • 15 April @ 3pm |
| • Post Office Raffles Social Night | • 3 rd Friday of the Month (17.03.2023) |
| • Jamaica Blue Coffee | • 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 | |
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| 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?

| | 15 th March | 22 nd March | 29 th March | 5 th April |
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| Topic | Lifeline in Tamworth | Personal Profile | Science & Engineering Challenge - Dinner | Club Assembly |
| Location | Wests | Wests | Blazes 6PM | Wests |
| Guest speaker | Kimberley Squires | Alice Elsley | Steve Hawkins | Board Members |
| Sergeant | Mal Turnbull | Mal Turnbull | | Mal Turnbull |
| Corporals (fortnightly) | Sue O'Connor Brodie Shields | Sue O'Connor Brodie Shields | | Peter Leonard Brian Logan |
| Meeter & Greeter | Peter Ryan | Phil Lyon | | Charlotte Moore |
| Door Team | Nina Wrathall Louise Matthews | Charlotte Moore Brian Logan | John Rouvray Bev Fletcher | Alice Elsley Glenn McIntosh |
| President Assist | Brett White | Glenn McIntosh | | Graham Dooley |
| Visitor Assist | John Treloar | Peter Ryan | | Sue O'Connor |
| Welcome | Barry Biffin | Stephen Hawkins | | Naomi Blakey |
| Bulletin Notes & Introduction | Luke Massey | Ian Howle | | Brodie Shields |
| Vote of Thanks | Graham Dooley | Nina Wrathall | | Bev Fletcher |
| If you cannot commit to a rostered duty for your club, please speak to your fellow Rotarians to arrange a replacement and let Mitch know for the next bulletin instalment. | | | | |

| POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM | | | | |
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| 17 th March | 24 th March | 31 st March | 7 th April Good Friday | 14 th April |
| John Treloar Steve Martin | Steve Martin Michael Smith | Michael Smith Laurence Hearne | TBA | Peter Leonard Aurelie Quade |

| BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS | | | |
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| Members Birthdays | Nil | | |
| Partners Birthdays | Deb Logan, 20/3 | | |
| Anniversaries | Nil | | |
| Club Induction | Nil | | |
| Attendance | 65% | Raffle | Nil |
| Make-Ups | Nil | | |
| Visiting Rotarians | Nil | | |
| Visitors | Nil | | |