



MEETING 1644 ISSUE 39 WEDNESDAY 29th March 2023



Rotary Year 2022 - 2023

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

Richard's Notes

Quote of the Week:

On this World Day, UNESCO would like to recall the extent to which water, whose cycle is global, is permanently at odds with human boundaries. It is up to us to draw the necessary conclusions and to see it as what it is: a vital and common good of humanity, which must therefore be considered on the scale of humanity.

-Audrey Azoulay Director-General of UNESCO

Joke of the Week

My pet mouse "Elvis" died last week.

He was caught in a trap.

At our meeting today we acknowledged International Water Day which saw me lead in with a few of my favourite water phrases, which unfortunately went down the proverbial drain. Very much like my weekly joke, there were plenty of confused looks around the room and I find myself thinking that maybe I should have held off on that one until our resident laugh-a-holic Louise is back in the room.

It was a tough crowd all round with Sergeant Mal struggling to get a laugh, with the exception of wearing the bumble bee jumper again. The good news was he had the scratchy for Heads and Tails (very rare occurrence these days).

Our Guest Speaker for the week was one of our own Alice Elsley, presenting her personal profile. Alice has a mountain of experience with Rotary, starting her journey with the RYLA Program before joining the Rotary Club of Quirindi. At this Club Alice held the positions of Secretary and President and has also accepted a position on the First Light Board for 2023-24. Read further down for more notes on Alice's life so far.

There were some observant members who noticed that we have taken ownership of a new set of Chook Raffle balls. These ones are much smaller and pose less of a swallowing risk to some members.

Announcements:

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

The Conference is on this weekend. I look forward to catching up with members over the weekend.

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. There are only 1 slot left to fill on Sunday morning (9-10am), thank you for the support from the Club.

- **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 – SATURDAY 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.

- **RYLA Dinner – 3 May 2023**

Our Club is the Host Club for the RYLA Dinner and we have moved our usual breakfast meeting time to the evening so come along and see how the RYLarians are progressing through the program. . RSVP's are to be in by 21 Apr 2023 to Dimity Betts. See information further down in the Bulletin.

- **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).

Rotary News

Rotary
District 9660



RYLA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

**DISTRICT 9660 CELEBRATES ROTARY'S
MOST SUCCESSFUL YOUTH PROGRAM**

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 2023

6PM for a **6.30PM** start

**BLAZES AUDITORIUM, WEST TAMWORTH LEAGUE CLUB
58 PHILLIP ST, TAMWORTH**

HOST CLUB: RC TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT

\$50 per person
Dress: Cocktail/Jacket & Tie

Guest Speaker
PAULINE CARRIGAN
Founder "Where there's a Will"



DIRECT DEPOSIT | ACCOUNT: ROTARY CLUB OF TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT

Bank: NICU | BSB: 802 298 | Account: 100065212 | Reference: Your Name

RSVP: FRIDAY 21ST APRIL

Dimity Betts | dimity.betts@outlook.com
0422 268 863 | PO Box 271 Moonbi NSW 2353

Please advise dietary requirements



VALTELLINA IRON CAMP



Our club has received an email from Martina Antonucci, our First Light Rotary exchange student from 2013, regarding a Rotary Summer Camp for 18-23 year olds. This is to be held near her hometown of Sondrio, in northern Italy.

There is an opportunity for interested parties to apply for this (self funded) experience, where participants will spend 14 unforgettable days of adventure travelling through 190 kms of wonderful Italian scenery. Travel will be by sustainable means- bicycle, canoe and on foot, leaving behind no environmental footprint and allowing participants to see this beautiful scenery with their own eyes, and at a pace that you can only get while travelling under your own power.

Details available in full brochure / itinerary via [>>>this link<<](#) , or attached to bulletin email.

...Makes me wish I was 24 again. (-Mitch)

GUEST SPEAKER – ALICE ELSLEY – PERSONAL PROFILE

WORDS BY IAN

I was born on 8 June 1991 at Quirindi hospital. I'm the second eldest out of four children in my family. There is my oldest brother Luke who is a mechanic, then me, James who is a farm manager and Christopher who is a builder. We are all living in Tamworth at the moment except for James who lives in Macksville, which is about 30mins south of Coffs Harbour.

Home for me is on the farm at Spring Ridge. For those that don't know where that is, Spring Ridge is approximately 90km south-west from Tamworth – heading towards Coonabarabran. Mum and Dad have a 1400 Hectare (3,400 acre) property on the fertile black alluvial soils on the Liverpool Plains. They grow crops (e.g. sorghum, wheat, barley, cotton and oats), and run about 300 head of mostly Angus cattle. I say mostly as there have been a few outliers (e.g. Brahmans) that have made their way into the herd over the years.

As a farmer's daughter, I would like to share some fun facts and lessons learnt. Firstly, sorghum makes a great substitute for popcorn – tried and tested by my brothers and me. However, it can be a bit hard on your teeth. Secondly, there's no such thing as a left handed spanner or a long weight tool, and a filter wrench definitely looks like a dog's collar! Finally, there's always a need for a goufer on the farm (i.e. someone to move vehicles, deliver lunches or run errands), especially during harvest.

In terms of schooling, I completed Kindergarten at Spring Ridge Public School and then went to Carinya Christian School in Tamworth for the remaining years. Mum had a house here in Tamworth during that time – we stayed in town for school and went back out to the farm for the weekends and school holidays. I went to university at UNE in Armidale in 2010 and studied a Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning. I graduated from UNE in 2014. I then studied a Diploma a Building Surveying from 2013-2015 through OTEN – TAFE.

I started working in my last year of uni (2013) as a Development Assistant / Graduate Town Planner at Liverpool Plains Shire Council. I then took on being a building inspector after finishing my TAFE course and eventually worked my way up to being a Senior Planner. I stayed at Liverpool Plains for a 7.5 years. In 2021, I decided that it was time for a change and secured a job as a Senior Development Assessment Planner at TRC.

My time in Rotary started when I completed the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) in 2016. I then became a member of the Rotary Club in Quirindi in 2017 and held the position on Secretary from 2017-2020 and President from 2020-2021.

Over the last 10 years, I've done a bit of travelling around the world (about 36ish countries). My first big trip was a TopDeck tour through Western Europe with a friend in 2016. I then went to Japan and NZ in 2017; Eastern Europe and Greece in 2018 and Scandinavia, Russia, the Baltics and Germany in 2019 before Putin ruined the party and invaded Ukraine, and COVID19 locked up worldwide travel. For my next overseas trip, I'm going to Spain, Morocco and Portugal – hopefully towards the end of this year.

I bought a house here in Tamworth about 12 months ago and have recently acquired a miniature dachshund puppy, named Luigi. He brings me much joy but is also very naughty – he's recently worked out how to break into my bedroom by jumping up on the door. He then gets all excited and steals my laundry out of the washing basket. He's lucky he's cute is all I can say.

In terms of hobbies, I play the piano and like to bake (so much so that the family have nicknamed me 'Nonna Hay' – it's basically the Italian version of Donna Hay!). I'm also a regular at Parkrun each Saturday morning and have just completed my 43rd parkrun.

Thank you for listening.



Funny Corner

Cars and Boats edition



Fingers crossed it's hummus





Dads naming boats might be my favorite thing ever



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ District Conference – Tamworth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 24 – 26 March 2023 ▪ District conference door team and dinner casino event- Helpers needed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mherv 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 25 & 26 March – Helpers needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Science & Engineering Challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 29 March – 4 days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RYLA Dinner – Blazes Restaurant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Replaces breakfast meeting - Wednesday 3rd May 6:00PM for 6:30PM start -
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tree Planting - Gunnedah Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7 May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NWRCE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 16 & 17 May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rotary International Convention – Melbourne 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 27 – 31 May 2023 (register now)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First Light Changeover 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Saturday 17th June 2023

Social Calendar	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Event – casual afternoon of fun • Post Office Raffles Social Night • Jamaica Blue Coffee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 15 April @ 3pm • 3rd Friday of the Month (17.03.2023) • 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?

	29 th March	5 th April	12 th April	19 th April
Topic	Science & Engineering Challenge - Dinner	Club Assembly	Social Justice Advocacy	RYLA - Introducing RYLA Attendees (Pre RYLA)
Location	Blazes 6PM	Wests	Wests	Wests
Guest speaker	Steve Hawkins	Board Members	Deepthi Matthews	Louise, and RYLA
Sergeant		Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull
Corporals (fortnightly)		Peter Leonard Brian Logan	Peter Leonard Brian Logan	Graham Dooley Hugh Raadgever
Meeter & Greeter		Charlotte Moore	John Treloar	Helen Tickle
Door Team	John Rouvray *Courtney Priestley	Alice Elsley Glenn McIntosh	Helen Tickle Barry Biffin	Paul Stevenson Glenn McIntosh
President Assist		Graham Dooley	Nina Wrathall	Michael Smith
Visitor Assist		*Peter Ryan	Louise Matthews	Brian Logan
Welcome		Naomi Blakey	James Treloar	Naomi Blakey
Bulletin Notes & Introduction		Brodie Shields	Richard Walker	Louise Matthews
Vote of Thanks		*Stephen Hawkins	Val Hellmann	Luke Massey

*Denotes a change. Roster roles are randomly assigned. 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				
31 st March	7 th April Good Friday	14 th April	21 st April	28 th April
Michael Smith Laurence Hearne	TBA	Peter Leonard *Steve Martin	Peter Leonard *Brett White	Brett White James Treloar

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	Nil
Partners Birthdays	Nil
Anniversaries	Nil
Club Induction	Laurence Heame 28yrs (01.04.1995), Peter Ryan 15yrs (02.04.2008)

Attendance	66%	Lolly Jar Raffle	Marina Heame
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails	Charlotte Moore
Visiting Rotarians	Nil		
Visitors	Nil		