



MEETING 1647 ISSUE 42 WEDNESDAY 19th April 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:

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.

-RI Website

Joke of the Week:

A little-known fact – before the crowbar was invented, crows simply drank at home.

This week our was back to the usual format:

- Fantastic joke by the President.
- Fantastical impromptu guest speaking role (I mean Welcome) undertaken by James.
- Late serving of breakfast (which I did note was in a bowl for some reason).
- Mediocre fine session by the Sergeant (although comments from the peanut gallery indicated his funniest yet).
- Our real guest speakers; and
- A warm vote of thanks by Val.

Sometimes I wish things will never change...

Well done to Peter Ryan for securing grant funding of \$2500 for our Tree Planting program from the Regional Australia Bank. These funds will help towards the purchase of stakes and tree guards as well as support the ongoing maintenance of the more than 700 trees already in the ground.

Our Guest Speakers this week were Alice Salomon, Alex Hagan and Deepthi Matthews from the Social Justice Advocacy. The subject was around decriminalising illicit drugs (for the user not the dealer) and focus on rehabilitation programs in regional communities. More information further down in the bulletin on this tough but necessary work.

The District YEP Committee is on the lookout for families willing to take on one of the many Youth Exchange applicants heading to our shores. There are currently applicants from Poland and Denmark as well as possible applicants from Germany and Mexico. If you would like to support the program or need to know more, please let me know and I will put you in touch with a member from the YEP Committee to discuss further.

Announcements:

- **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. Please send Marina an email if you are attending and have not yet put your name on the sheet.

- **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).

- **Tree Planting – 7 May 2023**

If you have the time to spare, then Sunday 7 May 2023 is where you can give it. We will be planting our next round of trees as we move towards the 1000 Trees for 100 years of Rotary. Location will be on Gunnedah Road adjacent to the Duck Inn. Let Peter Ryan know if you can help.

- **Youth Exchange**

The Youth Exchange Committee is seeking additional Host Clubs. Could members please contact Richard Hardwick to advise if they would be able to assist with hosting an exchange student, which will assist the club in deciding if we will participate in hosting.

Timeframe is generally 3 months that the student will stay with you. We have 2 potential families already. Can be a one person household. Your children/ family members in the area can also host, they do not have to be Rotarians. Currently the committee has a Polish and Danish student - both male looking for a Host Club. Students will arrive late July.

If you need more info, let Richard know and a committee member will contact you. It's a fantastic program that falls under peace and conflict prevention/ resolution. You'll end up with a new family member for life!

Rotary News



TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN

1,000 Trees for 100 years of Rotary

Tree Planting Day

9.00 am – 12.00 pm Sunday 7th of May 2023

Gunnedah Road TAMWORTH (Near Duck Inn)

Please email pryan@inlandtechnology.com.au or text 0409 458 065 to advise if you can attend.

Do you know who has the Rotary Marquee and banners? If so, please contact Peter.

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



Rotary 

 **IMAGINE
ROTARY**

GUEST SPEAKER –

WORDS BY RICHARD WALKER / DEEPTHI MATTHEWS

Alice Salomon and Alex Hogan from Uniting NSW.ACT's Advocacy Team were guest speakers at the meeting on April 12 to talk about their Fair Treatment for Tamworth campaign. The campaign has been working with the community to call for **better local support and treatment options** for alcohol and other drug use and dependency.

They talked about the origins of Fair Treatment with the story of Marion McConnell, a member of the Uniting church who lost her son to a drug overdose. She recognised the need for more **compassionate, evidence-based responses** to alcohol and other drugs that prioritises health and wellbeing. She took her story to the Uniting Church Synod which led to the creation of the campaign. You can hear Marion talking about her experiences [here](#). You can also watch their [animation series](#) if you want to find out more.

After they supported another successful campaign pushing for better regional treatment options, local community members reached out for Fair Treatment to help coordinate a similar campaign in Tamworth.

Across the country, up to 200,000 people are turned away from alcohol and other drug treatment services each year — services are either not available or the waiting lists are too long. The need is even more dire in rural and regional communities like Tamworth.

In the

Fair Treatment community survey of over 200 local residents of Tamworth and neighbouring regions, 98% said the community would be better off with additional AOD treatment and support services.

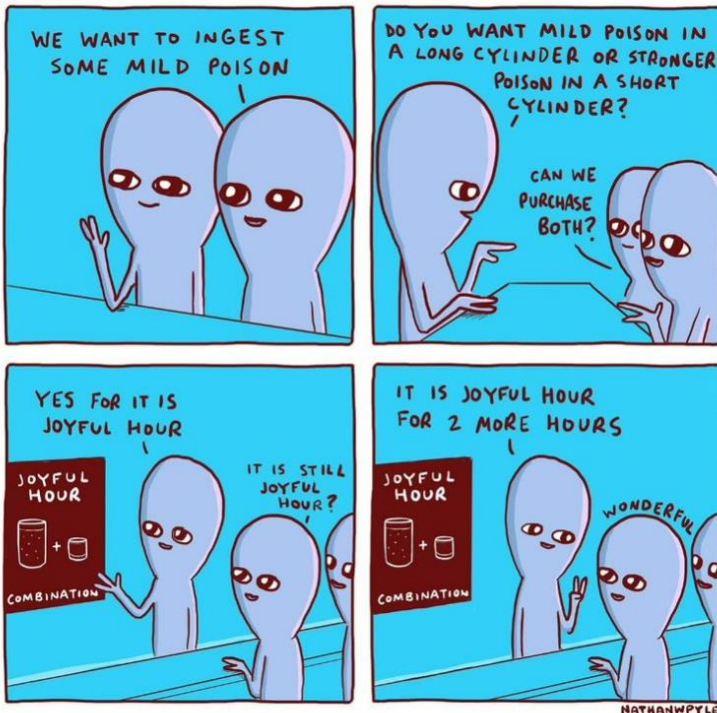
The team has met with people and organisations across the community and have identified three main priorities for local services: **1. Mentoring program, 2. Local detox and residential rehab, and 3. Culturally appropriate wellness centre** that provides holistic care and recognises the connections between mental illness and alcohol and drug dependency.

The State Government recently announced **\$358 million** of additional funding for alcohol and drug treatment and support services, with a focus on regional and rural areas in their response to the Ice Inquiry. This has presented an excellent opportunity for the campaign and a pathway to getting resources and funding.

If you want to be a part of the push for better support and services in Tamworth and keep up to date on Fair Treatment's work, sign their [new Tamworth Region Pledge!](#)



Funny Corner



If you encounter wine snobs, confuse them by using this move



Me when I can't hear someone



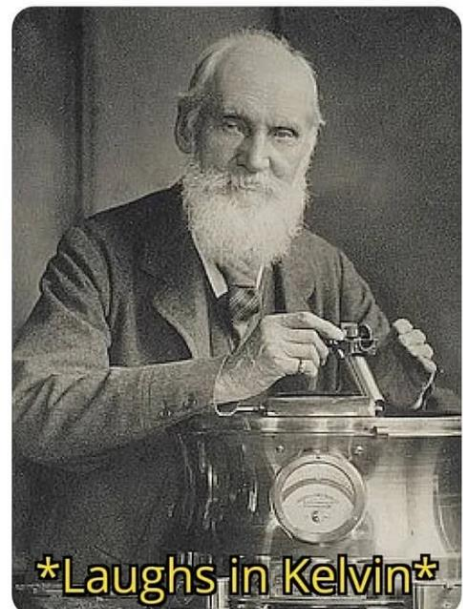
- Tell them I can't hear them
- Move closer so I can hear
- Repeatedly shout WHAT?!
- Laugh and hope it wasn't a question

 **Kevin Farzad**
@KevinFarzad

Sure, I made mistakes when I was younger. But now that I'm older I've learned how to make different, often far more serious mistakes.

The Ultimate Temperature Conversion Guide		
0°	Fahrenheit	100°
Really cold outside		
Really hot outside		
0°	Celsius	100°
Pretty cold outside		
Dead		
0	Kelvin	100
Dead		
Dead		

When someone insults you by saying, that you have IQ of room temperature



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ RYLA Dinner – Blazes Restaurant.	▪ Replaces breakfast meeting - Wednesday 3rd May 6:00PM for 6:30PM start -
▪ Tree Planting - Gunnedah Road (Near Duck Inn)	▪ 7 May, 0900-1200hrs
▪ NWRCE (AKA Careers Expo)	▪ 16 & 17 May
▪ Rotary International Convention – Melbourne	▪ 27 – 31 May 2023 (register now)
▪ First Light Changeover	▪ 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 (21.04.2023) • 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?

	19 th April	26 th April	3 rd May	10 th May
Topic	RYLA - Introducing RYLA Attendees (Pre RYLA)	ANZAC Day	RYLA DINNER	Manilla Solar - Update (Community Organisation)
Location	Wests	Wests	Dinner- Wests	Wests
Guest speaker	Louise, and RYLA	WO2 Aaron Barnes 12/16 Hunter River Lancers	Louise Matthews	Emma Stilts
Sergeant	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull
Corporals	Graham Dooley Hugh Raadgever	Leonard, Peter Moore, Charlotte	Blakey, Naomi Helen Tickle	Barry Biffin Ian Howle
Meeter & Greeter	Helen Tickle	Shields, Brodie	Bev Fletcher	Brian Thompson
Door Team	Paul Stevenson Glenn Mcintosh	Hemmett, Bruce Thompson, Brian	Peter Johnson Alice Elsley	Luke Massey Deb Barnes
President Assist	Michael Smith	Priestley, Courtney	Anne Jacob	Aurelie Quade
Visitor Assist	Brian Logan	Rouvray, John	Sue O'Connor	Philip Penman
Welcome	Naomi Blakey	Hellmann, Valerie	Deb Barnes	Louise Matthews
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Louise Matthews	Jacob, Anne	Brian Logan	Anne Jacob
Vote of Thanks	Luke Massey	Watson, Chris	Michael Smith	Peter Johnston
*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				
21 st April	28 th April	5 th May	12 th May	19 th May
Peter Leonard *Brett White	Brett White James Treloar	James Treloar Richard Walker	Richard Walker Liz Gill	Liz Gill Terry Robinson
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS				
Members Birthdays	Ashleigh Dallas 20/4			
Partners Birthdays	Debbie Leonard 24/4, Roslyn Maunder 21/4			
Anniversaries	Dimity & Rob Betts (7yrs), Laurence & Liz Heame (44yrs), Terry & Sue Robinson (39yrs)			
Club Induction	Nil			
9/4				
Attendance	66%	Lolly Jar Raffle		Skinner
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails		Dennis Maunder
Visiting Rotarians	Jane Bradford (Honorary)			
Visitors	Nil			