



MEETING 1648 ISSUE 43 WEDNESDAY 26th 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:

If we are reducing the risk of a baby being born premature, we are reducing the risk of that baby dying in childhood, of experiencing disability and developing chronic disease such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease or kidney disease later in life."

"We have literally closed the gap for some of these families.

Kristie Watego, General Manager, Family Health and Wellbeing at the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health – 2022 Closing the Gap Annual Report

Joke of the Week:

I decided to take my wife out for dinner last week and we arrived a little early at the restaurant.

The Maître d asked "Do you mind waiting for a bit?"

I said "Not at all"

He said "Great, take these drinks to Table 9"

I would like to thank Jermain Walford for delivering a great Welcome to Country at the start of breakfast.

Our meeting the week looked a little like grandparents' day at school with so many young people present, they almost out numbered the rest of us. RYLA mum Louise was in full flight as she herded the RYLA candidates into position to introduce themselves to the Club.

Our Club is financially sponsoring 2 candidates this year and along with 3 from Tamworth Regional Council and 1 from Joblink Plus being linked to the Club, bringing the total to 6. This is providing a fantastic opportunity for young people to experience a great program to grow into young leaders of the future. Our candidates include the Terry Burgess recipient for 2023 Janarri Flett, who we all know from our breakfasts at Wests each Wednesday morning and Lachlan Smith who has been sponsored by Peter Bell through his Club Person of the Year award.

We also welcomed back this year's RYLA Leaders, Ben Watts, Hannah Woods and Jermain Walford who were all supported by our Club last year. The leaders all spoke of how things have changed since completing RYLA last year which we hope inspired some of the shyer candidates that things will get easier.

Well done to Peter Ryan again for securing more funding from Joblink Plus for a picnic table and shade to be installed at Electra Park for families to enjoy the trees we planted last year. While we are handing out the virtual "high fives", the Career Expo Committee have signed on 90 exhibitors for this year's North West Careers Expo. The largest number of exhibitors in the event since...forever. So, we will need help with set up for the event. If you have time, make this known to Courtney over the next few weeks and you will get a job.

Announcements:

- **RYLA Dinner – 3 May 2023 – RSVP'S CLOSE THIS FRIDAY**

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.

- **May Golf Trip**

The committee are chasing small gifts for prizes on the May Golf Trip. If you can help out please contact Vicki Cooper.

- **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.

- **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

SOCIAL EVENT WRAP-UP- ARVO AT BRETT'S

We had a fantastic afternoon at Brett & Trudy's house.

There was so much to do, far too much to eat (think we all missed the memo on small plate) and we all enjoyed ourselves immensely.

We had tennis, golf chipping, cornhole, a dangerous looking European golf ball throwing game, frisbee and pool.

Thank you immensely to our hosts. Hopefully we all behaved ourselves enough to be allowed back. - Marina







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

GUEST SPEAKER –

WORDS BY LOUISE MATTHEWS

Candidates

Anam Khan (TRC) Business Analyst
Joseph Murphy (TRC) Town Planner
Ryan Smith (TRC) Engineer
Hanah Wells (Joblink) Admin from Rutherford
Lachlan Smith (RCTFL) Surveyor
Janarri Flett (RCTFL/Terry Burgess Scholarship) Hospitality

Leaders

Ben Watts (TRC)
Hannah Woods (Challenge)
Jermain Walford (Terry Burgess Scholarship 2022)

Once again it was great to meet our RYLA candidates & Leaders before they head off into the unknown. First Light have signed off on 6 participants out of 30 for the whole District & have 3 out of 5 Leaders for the whole District.

Lachlan was gifted his place by Peter Bell by way of his Club Person of the Year Award. Peter has known Lachlan for many years & I'm sure he will be a valued return on investment for Peter & his generosity.

Janarri will benefit greatly from the experience & is a worthy recipient of the Terry Burgess Scholarship. Following on from her cousin, Jermain, who received that honour last year, I expect that Janarri will gain a great deal of confidence & direction during the week.

Tamworth Regional Council & Joblink have been wonderful supporters of the program & provide us with worthy candidates each year.

Ben, Jermain & our Hannah will continue on their growth journey & I was seriously chuffed that the three of our candidates were chosen out of 30 applicants for the Leader positions this year.

Thank you to all Club members for your ongoing support of these amazing young Leaders of the future. It was also very poignant that the welcome came from Naomi & the vote of thanks from Luke.

RYLA is the gift that keeps giving.

Louise (RYLA Mum)



Back Row L-R: Leader Ben Watts, Lachlan Smith

Middle Row L-R: Janarri Flett, Anam Khan, Louise, Leader Hannah Woods, Leader Jermain Walford, Luke Massey (vote of thanks)

Front: Ryan Smith



Funny Corner

JOB EDITION - PART 1

my life is a constant cycle of waiting until the weekend and then not doing anything when it comes



Interviewer: how would you describe yourself?

Me: verbally, but I've also prepared a dance



a bird

@i_eat_fruit

interviewer: whats ur greatest weakness?

me: im vague

interviewer: can u elaborate?

me: yeah



Dad Jokes

@Dadsaysjokes

I have a Russian friend who's a sound technician.

And a Czech one too. A Czech one too.

I'm doing one of those escape rooms today...

Well, work... I'm going to work, but trying to figure out how to get out of it



consigliere
@moyodre

How would you write "I changed a light bulb" on your resume?

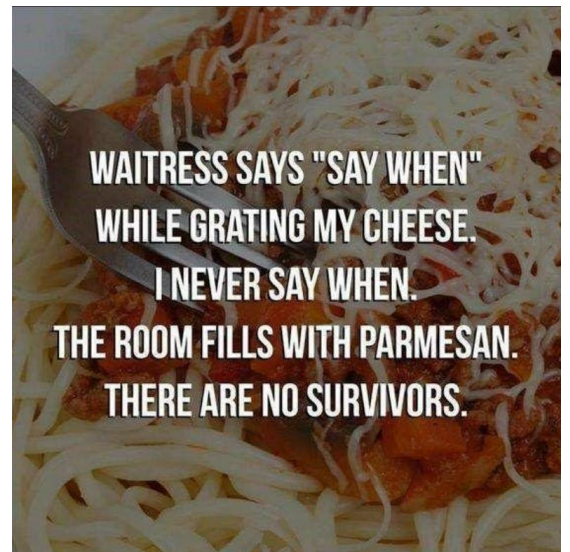


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@MuyiwaSaka

Single-handedly managed the successful upgrade and deployment of new environmental illumination system with zero cost overruns and zero safety incidents.

They call me 007 at work

0 Motivation
0 Competence
7 Lunch breaks



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"> • Post Office Raffles Social Night • Jamaica Blue Coffee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?

	26 th April	3 rd May	10 th May	17 th May
Topic	ANZAC Day	RYLA DINNER	Manilla Solar - Update (Community Organisation)	Cotton Australia-Careers Expo, and the Cotton Industry
Location	Wests	Dinner- Wests	Wests	TRECC
Guest speaker	WO2 Aaron Barnes 12/16 Hunter River Lancers	Louise Matthews	Emma Stilts	Jenny Hughes (Cotton Australia)
Sergeant	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull
Corporals	Leonard, Peter Moore, Charlotte	Blakey, Naomi Helen Tickle	Barry Biffin Graham Dooley	Bruce Hemmett Steve Martin
Meeter & Greeter	Shields, Brodie	Bev Fletcher	Brian Thompson	Terry Robinson
Door Team	Hemmett, Bruce Thompson, Brian	Peter Johnson Alice Elsley	Luke Massey Deb Barnes	Richard Walker Peter Bell
President Assist	Priestley, Courtney	Anne Jacob	Aurelie Quade	John Rouvray
Visitor Assist	Rouvray, John	Sue O'Connor	Philip Penman	Dimity Betts
Welcome	Hellmann, Valerie	Deb Barnes	Louise Matthews	Barry Biffin
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Jacob, Anne	Brian Logan	Anne Jacob	Phil Penman
Vote of Thanks	Watson, Chris	Michael Smith	Peter Johnston	Naomi Blakey

*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				
28 th April	5 th May	12 th May	19 th May	26 th May
Brett White James Treloar	James Treloar Richard Walker	Richard Walker Liz Gill	Liz Gill Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson Nina Wrathall
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS				
Members Birthdays	Phil Penman (28/4), Mitch Soree (2/5)			
Partners Birthdays	Angela McIntosh (29/4)			
Anniversaries	Paul and Susie Stevenson (44yrs)			
Club Induction	NIL			
Attendance	70%	Lolly Jar Raffle	Louise Matthews	
Make-Ups	NIL	Heads and Tails	Paul Stevenson	
Visiting Rotarians	NIL			
Visitors	RYLA-			