



Rotary



Club of Tamworth First Light

MEETING 1649 ISSUE 44 WEDNESDAY 3rd May 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:

War does not determine who is right – Only who is left.

Bertrand Russell

Joke of the Week:

My financial advisor suggested that I invest in a wind chime factory.

Apparently, it is a nice sound investment.

A big crowd at our meeting this week and we took a moment to have a quick reflection on the past few days with the ANZAC spirit in the community, with big numbers attending the services around town. Over the weekend I represented the Club at the unveiling of the 75th Anniversary of Legacy in Tamworth at the Tamworth War Memorial Town Hall. I also laid a wreath at the Gipps Street Service run by the Rotary Club of West Tamworth on behalf of our Club members.

Stand in Sergeant Barry Biffin pulled out the two up ring and invited the Official Club Tossler, Glenn McIntosh to take to the ring for a special two up this morning with three lucky winners all receiving a bottle of wine.

In keeping with the ANZAC theme, our guest speaker was Warrant Officer Class 2 (WO2), Aaron Barnes, Operations Warrant Officer, and Recruiting Officer for 12/16 Hunter River Lancers. Aaron outlined his life and experiences throughout his 24 years in the Australian Army. More on Aarons story further down in the bulletin.

The Career Expo Committee have signed on 101 exhibitors for this year's North West Careers Expo. The largest number of exhibitors in the event since...last week. Courtney will need assistance with the setting up of the TRECC on Tuesday, 16 May. If you have some time available, please contact Courtney.

Announcements:

- **RYLA Dinner – 3 May 2023 – 6.00pm for 6.30pm – Blazes, Wests Leagues Club**

Don't forget our usual morning meeting is transferred to the evening for the RYLA Dinner. Sleep in for everyone.

- **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**

Our fundraising through the Return & Earn Machines ceased on 23 Apr 2023 for direct donations through the local machines (excluding the bulk sorter in MacIntosh Street). All is not lost, if you wish to still collect and donate to the Club 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

Please note – next week's breakfast meeting is replaced with the RYLA dinner. The club job listing for 3rd May has been wiped, as these tasks are not required for the dinner format. I'm sure it will be a great night for all attending.

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

GUEST SPEAKER – ANZAC DAY-

WO2 AARON BARNES 12/16 HUNTER RIVER LANCERS



Our club was grateful for a presentation from Warrant Officer Class 2 (WO2), Aaron Barnes, Operations Warrant Officer, and Recruiting Officer for 12/16 Hunter River Lancers.

Aaron mentioned his early life as a student, which progressed towards a desire to be a pilot in the RAAF, then a pilot in the Navy, and finally, a start in the army reserves.

Aaron's life in the military has been distinguished and varied, with a number of postings, deployments, and life and experiences gained throughout his 24 years in the Australian Army. Notable mentions were of the changes seen in the countries in which he served over the years, such as training of local forces, plus changes in warfare and weaponry as the war progressed over the years- one example being the design of IED's. The robustness of the Australian Bushmaster vehicles which saw service was mentioned- the division suffered a loss of 13 vehicles in a single deployment, thankfully, with only minimal injury to our soldiers (a few broken bones) as a result.

Some notable moments include peacekeeping in East Timor, deployment to Iraq, and a range of roles in the armoured division on the army supporting our troops in their mission.

More recently, WO2 Barnes was posted to Puckapunyal, Townsville and Brisbane, making the move to Tamworth 3 years ago where his role is involved in the recruitment and training of soldiers throughout a number of courses.

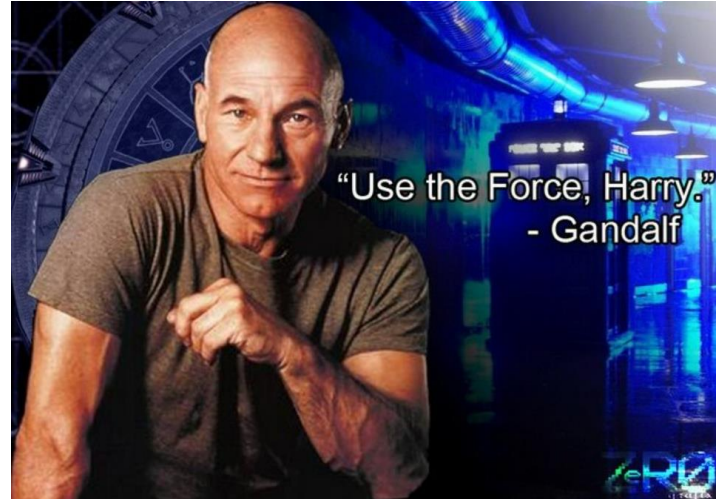
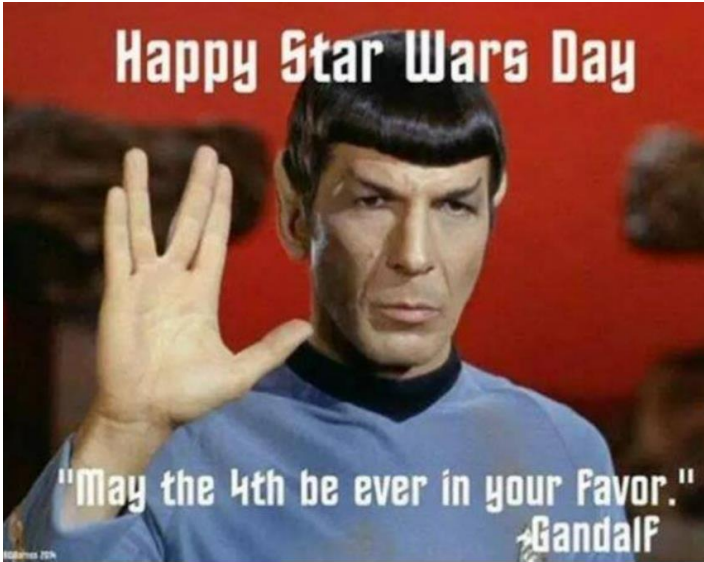
Through Peter Ryan, our Club thanked WO2 Aaron Barnes for his service to his country, and thanked him on a personal level for sharing his experiences in our armed forces with us- which has proved to be a very interesting and continuing career, with a lot of interesting stories that could span many, many hours.



Funny Corner

INTERNATIONAL STAR WARS DAY - MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU!

May the 4th has become known as **International Star Wars Day**. For those in the know, you know... for the rest of you, please see some appropriate humour to mark the date.



| Rotary Events Calendar | Date |
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| ▪ 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 |
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| Social Calendar | Date |
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| <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 (19.05.2023) • 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 | |
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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



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

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?

| | 3 rd May | 10 th May | 17 th May | 24 th May |
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| Topic | RYLA DINNER | Manilla Solar - Update (Community Organisation) | Cotton Australia-Careers Expo, and the Cotton Industry | RYLA Graduates 2023 |
| Location | Dinner- Wests | Wests | TBA | Wests |
| Guest speaker | Louise Matthews | Emma Stilts | Jenny Hughes (Cotton Australia) | Louise and RYLA |
| Sergeant | | Mal Turnbull | Mal Turnbull | Mal Turnbull |
| Corporals | | Barry Biffin Graham Dooley | Bruce Hemmett Steve Martin | Glenn McIntosh Michael Smith |
| Meeter & Greeter | | Brian Thompson | Terry Robinson | Deb Barnes |
| Door Team | | Luke Massey Deb Barnes | Richard Walker Peter Bell | Barry Biffin Bruce Hemmett |
| President Assist | | Aurelie Quade | John Rouvray | Hugh Raadgever |
| Visitor Assist | | Philip Penman | Dimity Betts | Brodie Shields |
| Welcome | | Louise Matthews | Barry Biffin | Paul Stevenson |
| Bulletin Notes & Introduction | | *Hannah Woods | Phil Penman | Louise Matthews |
| Vote of Thanks | | Peter Johnston | Naomi Blakey | 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 | | | | |
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| 5 th May | 12 th May | 19 th May | 26 th May | 2 nd June |
| James Treloar Richard Walker | Richard Walker Liz Gill | Liz Gill Terry Robinson | Terry Robinson Nina Wrathall | Nina Wrathall Glenn McIntosh |

| BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS | |
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| Members Birthdays | Nil |
| Partners Birthdays | Nil |
| Anniversaries | Peter and Debbie Leonard (38yrs) |
| Club Induction | Nil |

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| Attendance | 73% | Lolly Jar Raffle | Bev Fletcher |
| Make-Ups | Nil | Heads and Tails | Peter Bell, Bev Fletcher, Jane Bradford |
| Visiting Rotarians | Jane Bradford (honorary) | | |
| Visitors | Nil | | |