



MEETING 1650 ISSUE 45 WEDNESDAY 10th May 2023



Rotary Year 2022 - 2023

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

Richards Notes

Our meeting this week was moved to the evening and was part of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award dinner. It was good to see a decent attendance from Club members and even better to see our sponsored RYLarians in action throughout the evening. Even after only 5 days at the camp, there are changes in progress. It was great to hear Janarri Flett (2023 Terry Burgess Scholarship awardee) do the Acknowledgement of Country, which for most Club members was possibly the most they have ever heard her say (apart from "Sorry, the coffee machine is broken").

Three of the RYLA Leaders were from our Club with Jermain Walford (looking like a rat with a gold tooth in his new suit) and Ben Watts speaking of how attending RYLA as a leader has been life-changing for them. Lastly, our Hannah (two 'N's') Woods spoke wonderfully about her journey since last years' RYLA camp to today and how proud she is to call herself a Rotarian and is looking forward to bigger and better things.

I feel proud to be part of a Club that continues to support young people to achieve more from themselves and go onto so many opportunities that they did not think possible. Many times, throughout the evening this young group provided an insight into the talent and emotions that are brought out by the RYLA program.

Our meeting next week will be back in the Chillingsworth Room at West at the normal time. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Announcements:

- **May Golf Trip**

The May Golf Trip heads off this weekend. Good luck to all and I would like to slip in a golfing quote for the week.

- The people who gave us golf and called it a game are the same people who gave us bag pipes and called it music.

- **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.

- **North West Careers Expo – 16-17 May 2023**

The Careers Expo team are looking for assistance with the event on Tuesday 16 May 2023 and Wednesday 17 May 2023. If you have some time free on either of these days, please reach out to Courtney Priestley and let her know when you can assist.

- **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).

Joke of the Week:

Fortunately, we were spared the joke of the week but be prepared for a double wammy next week. 😊

Rotary News

INTERNATIONAL ROTARY PROJECT IN FOCUS – GENKI ALA WAI PROJECT, HAWAII

Members of the Rotary Club of Kaka’ako Eco, Hawaii, tossed 5,000 mud balls filled with beneficial organisms into the Ala Wai Canal in Waikiki as part of a rehabilitation effort to make the waterway fishable and swimmable. The healthy bacteria in the genki balls — made with soil, molasses, rice bran, and water — digest and oxygenate sludge at the bottom of the canal (genki means healthy in Japanese). In March 2022, more than 200 volunteers, including club members and friends, made the balls, advised by the [Genki Ala Wai Project](#). Three weeks later, they threw the fermented genki balls into the waterway. Donors paid \$5 per ball to defray some of the cost. “A lot of kids came out and we had canoes come through the canal to help throw the balls,” says Club President Jenny Do. “We blew the air horn and then hundreds of balls just went into the Ala Wai Canal.”



What are Genki balls?

Genki balls are tennis ball-sized mud balls. They contain a mixture of clay soil, rice bran, molasses, water, and EM-1 solution. For the project, Genki balls are tossed into the Ala Wai canal to digest sludge.



What is EM?

EM stands for Effective Microorganisms - a mixed culture of aerobic and anaerobic microorganisms found in the natural environment. They are primarily lactic acid bacteria, yeast, and phototrophic bacteria.



Why do we use Genki balls?

To digest sludge, EM must reach the bottom of the canal. According to the USDA, one teaspoon of healthy soil contains one hundred million to one billion bacteria. The soil used in Genki balls provide a "home" for EM as they digest sludge in the canal.



How does EM work?

After Genki balls embed into the surface of sludge, the fermentative bacteria begin to digest and oxygenate the sludge. At the same time, the phototrophic bacteria consume harmful gases, and contain foul odors.



Funny Corner

JOBS- PART 2

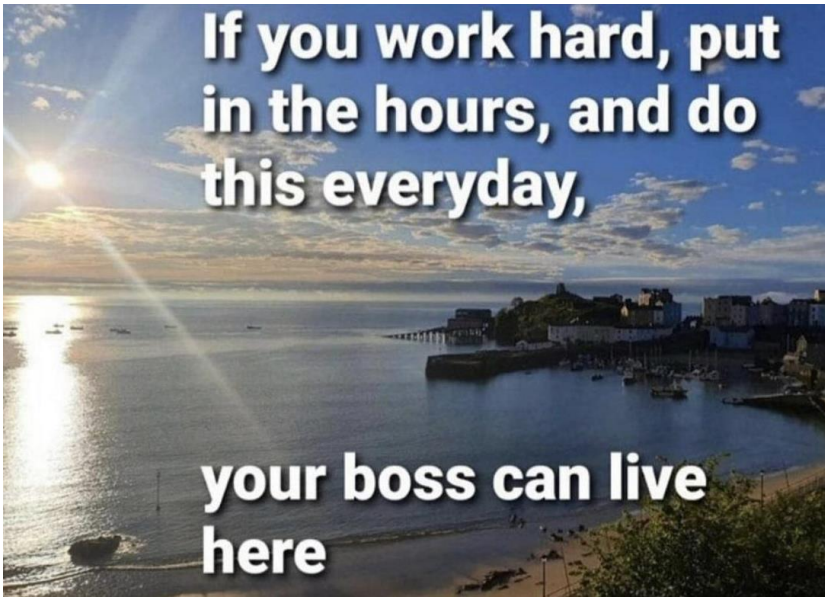
Doctors have gone on strike but their demands are unclear



Interviewer: How do you explain this 4 year gap on your resume
Me: That's when I went to Yale.
Interviewer: That's pretty impressive. You're hired.
Me: Thanks. I really need this Yob.

 **Zilla**
@GoodZilla

[doctor looking at my xrays]
doctor: this is exactly what i was afraid of
me: what
doctor: skeletons



Are you lonely?
Tired of working on your own?
Do you hate making decisions?
HOLD A MEETING!

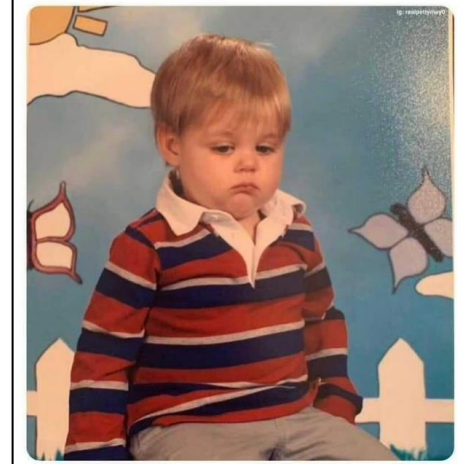
You can —

- See people
- Show charts
- Feel important
- Point with a stick
- Eat donuts
- Impress your colleagues

All on company time!

MEETINGS
THE PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO WORK

when I'm on my third "mhm" and they just keep talking



 **nash™**
@itsnashflynn

therapist: how have you been coping with everything
me: with sarcasm mostly
therapist: has that been working
me: yeah it's been super great

Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ 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
• Post Office Raffles Social Night	• 3 rd Friday of the Month (19.05.2023)
• 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	
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?

	10 th May	17 th May	24 th May	31 st May
Topic	Manilla Solar - Update (Community Organisation)	Cotton Australia-Careers Expo, and the Cotton Industry	RYLA Graduates 2023	Member Personal Profile
Location	Wests	TBA	Wests	Wests
Guest speaker	Emma Stilts	Jenny Hughes (Cotton Australia)	Louise and RYLA	Charlotte Moore
Sergeant	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull
Corporals	Barry Biffin Graham Dooley	Bruce Hemmett Steve Martin	Glenn McIntosh Michael Smith	Terry Robinson Sue O'Connor
Meeter & Greeter	Brian Thompson	Terry Robinson	Deb Barnes	Brett White
Door Team	Luke Massey Deb Barnes	Richard Walker Peter Bell	Barry Biffin Bruce Hemmett	Deb Barnes Alice Elsley
President Assist	Aurelie Quade	John Rouvray	Hugh Raadgever	Peter Ryan
Visitor Assist	Philip Penman	Dimity Betts	Brodie Shields	Stephen Massey
Welcome	Louise Matthews	Barry Biffin	Paul Stevenson	Barry Biffin
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Anne Jacob	Phil Penman	Louise Matthews	Hugh Raadgever
Vote of Thanks	Peter Johnston	Naomi Blakey	Luke Massey	Bruce Hemmett
*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				
12 th May	19 th May	26 th May	2 nd June	9 th June
Richard Walker Liz Gill	Liz Gill Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson Nina Wrathall	Nina Wrathall Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh Graham Dooley
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS				
Members Birthdays	Rob Sharp 10/5, Marina Heame, 13/5, Brian Logan 13/5, Courtney Priestley 14/5			
Partners Birthdays	Judy Biffin 13/5			
Anniversaries	Nil			
Club Induction	Nil			
Attendance			Lolly Jar Raffle	
Make-Ups			Heads and Tails	
Visiting Rotarians				
Visitors				