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## **Rotary Year 2022 - 2023**

<b>District Governor</b>	<b>Neville Parsons</b>
<b>President:</b>	<b>Richard Hardwick</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Vicki Cooper</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Dennis Maunder</b>

# **Richard's Notes**

### **Quote of the Week:**

There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of the people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age.

[Sophia Loren](#)

### **Joke of the Week:**

I told my wife she was drawing her eyebrows on too high.  
She looked surprised.

Our meeting this week was at the TRECC as part of the North West Regional Career Expo (NWRCE). Another fine breakfast from our caterer extraordinaire Brian Logan. The NWRCE team had been busy with plenty of support from club members yesterday to assist in the setup of the site for our 105 exhibitors. Well done to Courtney, Bruce, Marina, and Charles for making it all work. Members took the opportunity to have a walk through before the event opened and even helped collect a chair or two.

Our guest speaker today was Paul Breen from the Productivity Bootcamp. Paul spoke passionately (even with a few French words thrown in) about the project that takes young people from school and provide general employment skills such as attendance and working in a team before finding apprenticeship placements. The program has a number of sites in Sydney, but Paul wants to bring the concept to Tamworth very soon.

We will be back at West's next week with our returning RYLAians talking about their experiences at the recent camp. Always a great meeting to see the changes in group.

# Announcements:

- **Club Changeover – 17 June 2023**

The invitation will soon be sent out so keep the date free.

- **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).

## Rotary News

Be sure to review the event supplement attached to this week's email. Lots of pics and stats on the NWRCE event!

# Funny Corner

LIVING IN THE COUNTRY

Birth of country music:

oh haaaaayyyyyyy

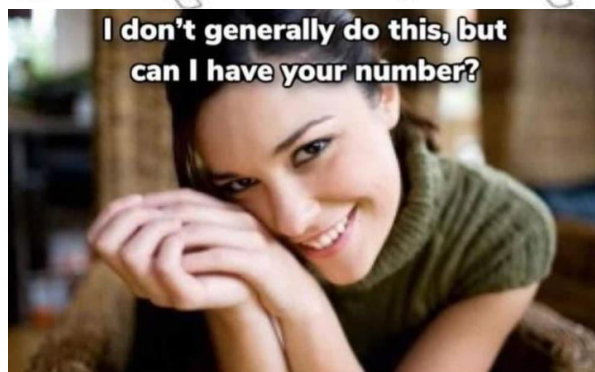
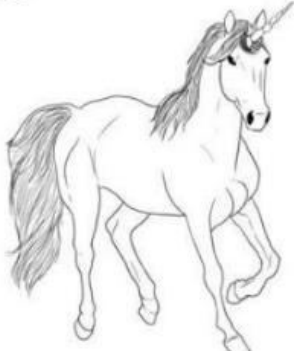


You know how good music is? Yeah  
Lets make it not like that

## How to draw a horse

1 Draw a unicorn.

2 Delete the horn.



I don't generally do this, but can I have your number?



You had me at General Lee.



ON A SCALE OF 1-10

HOW EXTREME OF A MULLET DO YOU NEED TO DRIVE THIS THING

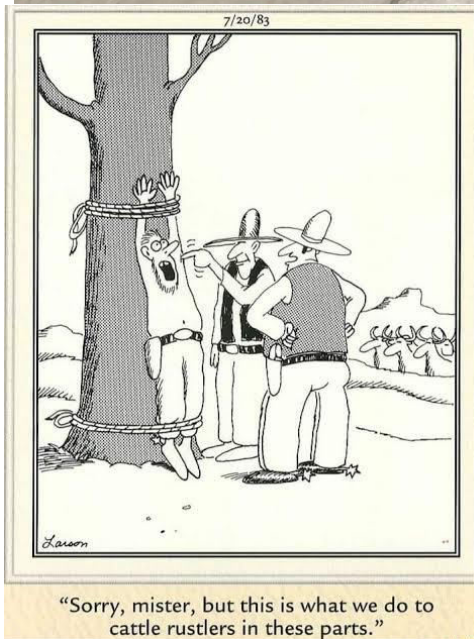


REDNECK MURDERS ARE HARD TO SOLVE

THERE'RE NO DENTAL RECORDS AND ALL OF THE DNA IS THE SAME

memegenerator.net

date idea: you, me & the truckuzzi



## LEGEND HAS IT THAT A MAN PARKED HIS CAR



## WHILE WAITING FOR HIS WIFE TO GET READY

Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Rotary International Convention – Melbourne	▪ 27 – 31 May 2023 (register now)
▪ First Light Changeover	▪ Saturday 17th June 2023
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Social Calendar	Date
• Post Office Raffles Social Night	• 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	
<b>President</b> - Richard Hardwick	<b>Secretary</b> - Vicki Cooper
<b>Treasurer</b> - Dennis Maunder	<b>Executive Secretary</b> - Brodie Shields
<b>Club Admin</b> - Liz Gill	<b>Membership</b> - Louise Mathews
<b>Public Relations</b> - Peter Bell	<b>Community Service</b> - Steve Martin
<b>Youth</b> - Dimity Betts	<b>Rotary Foundation</b> - Steve Hawkins

Incoming Board Members	
<b>President</b> – Brian Logan	<b>Secretary</b> – Liz Gill
<b>Treasurer</b> – Dennis Maunder	<b>Executive Secretary</b> – Brodie Shields
<b>Club Admin</b> – Courtney Priestley	<b>Membership</b> – Bev Fletcher
<b>Public Relations</b> – Alice Elsley	<b>Community Service</b> – Peter Johnston
<b>Youth</b> – Hannah Woods	<b>Rotary Foundation</b> – Bruce Hemmett

	24 <sup>th</sup> May	31 <sup>st</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Topic</b>	<b>RYLA Graduates 2023</b>	<b>Member Personal Profile</b>	<b>RYAG Sheep Presentation</b>	<b>NO BREAKFAST MEETING</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Wests</b>	<b>Wests</b>	<b>Wests</b>	<b>Changeover dinner SATURDAY</b>
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Louise and RYLA	Charlotte Moore	Richard Hardwick	
<b>Sergeant</b>	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull	
<b>Corporals</b>	Glenn McIntosh Michael Smith	Terry Robinson Sue O'Connor	Dennis Maunder Val Hellman	
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Deb Barnes	Brett White	Nina Wrathall	
<b>Door Team</b>	Barry Biffin Bruce Hemmett	Deb Barnes Alice Elsley	Barry Biffin *Mitch Soree	
<b>President Assist</b>	Hugh Raadgever	Peter Ryan	Courtney Priestley	
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Brodie Shields	Stephen Massey	Peter Bell	
<b>Welcome</b>	Paul Stevenson	Barry Biffin	Izaak Ewin	
<b>Bulletin Notes &amp; Introduction</b>	Louise Matthews	Hugh Raadgever	Alice Elsley	
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Luke Massey	Bruce Hemmett	Bev Fletcher	

\*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				
26 <sup>th</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	9 <sup>th</sup> June	16 <sup>th</sup> June	23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Terry Robinson Nina Wrathall	Nina Wrathall Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh Graham Dooley	Graham Dooley Hugh Raadgever	Hugh Raadgever Bev Fletcher
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS				
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Nil			
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Nil			
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil			
<b>Club Induction</b>	Vicki Cooper (2yrs, this time), Liz Gill (7yrs), Ian Howell (33yrs), Brian Thompson (33yrs), John Treloar (33yrs) – 33 years- our charter members.			
<b>Attendance</b>	52%	<b>Lolly Jar Raffle</b>	N/A	
<b>Make-Ups</b>	Nil	<b>Heads and Tails</b>	N/A	
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Nil			
<b>Visitors</b>	Nil			



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## **SUPPLEMENT: NORTH WEST REGIONAL CAREERS EXPO**

The Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light has coordinated and executed the North West Regional Careers Expo for many years, with humble beginnings in 1992 where the first event was held at the old Tamworth showground in the chook shed pavilion.

These days, the North West Regional Careers Expo (NWRCE) is a major event, exposing thousands of young adults around the North West to a range of employers, universities, colleges, and organisations – all in one place, and over 2 action packed days.

NWRCE 2023 was a huge success. The event would not be possible without the tireless work of the Careers Expo committee- RCTFL's own Bruce Hemmett, Courtney Priestley, and Marina Hearne, plus school liaison Charles Impey. Their work involved prospecting for exhibitors, coordinating bookings, site plans, exhibitors manuals, arranging schools to attend, and much more. The massive scale of the event is just a small indicator of that actual work going on behind the scenes by these dedicated Rotarians.

This year, the event attracted the financial sponsorship of 104 exhibitors- representing a 40% increase on our previous event. Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsors were accepted.

The parents evening was again a huge success, attracting 290 parents on Tuesday night- a bit of a sneak peak of the record attendance which was to follow on Wednesday 17/5.

The next day, 26 schools attended, bringing 2300 students to explore their future career options, from towns such as Gunnedah, Narrabri, Moree, Inverell, Emmaville, Glen Innes, Guyra and Armidale- alongside our local Tamworth schools.

Great positive feedback was received from our exhibitors, who were thankful for the opportunity to exhibit to the young adults of the North West, a valuable marketing tool for them in times of record low unemployment numbers.

Additional praise was received from TAFE NSW, who through their newsletter, ranked NWRCE as one of the top 3 major careers expos in NSW- and the only expo held outside of Sydney.

A huge thanks again to the careers expo committee who made the event possible, and the assistance of the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre (TRECC) staff.











