



MEETING 1654 ISSUE 49 WEDNESDAY 7th June 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:

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.
Dr. Seuss

Joke of the Week:

I sometimes imagine if America switched from pounds to kilograms overnight.
I am sure that there would be mass confusion.

This week's meeting was a late change to the City Bowling Club due to a last-minute change from West Leagues Club. Over the next couple of weeks, we will need to adopt a fluid approach to breakfast locations until we sort out a more permanent arrangement.

Our guest speaker today was one of our own, Charlotte Moore, who presented her personal profile. It is amazing how many Rotary programs Charlotte has participated in over a few short years and this has grown her desire to help and volunteer. More further down in the bulletin.

I will be sending out an email over the next couple of days with next week's breakfast location.

Announcements:

- **Changeover – Saturday 17 June 2023**

Our Changeover is fast approaching. Please get your RSVP's into Vicki before 7 June 2023 to assist with the final planning of the venue.

- **Recyclable Collections**

Reminder to get collecting and to donate funds through the Return and Earn Machines. This is a great way to raise community funds so please let all your family and friends know about the opportunity.

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).

If anyone wants a collect and deposit solution (ie the dirty work), **reach out to Mitch Soree**- he can deposit these on your behalf via the bulk return facility and donate thru to the club on your behalf.

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR:

The Rotary year is drawing to an end, and as the sun sets on the current board and President's reign, we look forward to the next chapter in our club's 34th year.

I'm sure that the changeover dinner will be a more formal time to convey our thanks to those in our leadership team, and welcome those entering into the spotlight for the year ahead, however a few small words should be said leading up to the event:

Running our club can be hard, thankless work, but without it, we'd have a very disorganised club, or perhaps no club at all- so thanks for all your hard work.

For those on the fence about attending changeover dinner- please RSVP and enjoy a great night of fellowship amongst your club members, and help show your appreciation to the efforts that have gone into making RCTFL such a great place to be.

All this gushing aside, and to keep with the Military background of our fearless leader Richard, and his board:



Rotary News:

Changeover dinner RSVP is approaching- Get keen!

THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF
TAMWORTH FIRST LIGHT INVITE YOU TO OUR:

2023 CHANGEOVER DINNER

17th June , 2023 | 6 PM for 6:30pm start
Gregory's on Goonoo Goonoo
191 Goonoo Goonoo Road, Tamworth
Cost \$55 pp
Dress smart/cocktail

RSVP 7th June to Vicki at vickicooper54@gmail.com or 0412 802 215, please include one song (name and artist) that will be added to the playlist for the evening, and any dietary requirements.



Payment to: BSB 802 298
Account 100065200
Reference "your name"



Guest Speaker:

Member Personal Profile – Charlotte Moore

RCTFL heard from one of our newest members, Charlotte Moore, giving the club her personal profile- and a glimpse into her many achievements to date.

Charlotte grew up in Port Macquarie, with her parents and younger brother. Her youth was spent dancing, playing sport and attending music lessons, and the associated training, eisteddfods and matches. Charlotte recounted that the hard work of her parents afforded her these opportunities in life, and her drive to take every available opportunity that comes her way, and work ethic was instilled in her from these experiences.

At 13, her interest in volunteering developed, notably with some time spent in the local surf lifesaving club. This grew into some school based initiatives, such as a cultural immersion program in the Solomon islands helping to build classrooms in Visale Village.

Charlottes exposure to Rotary started with a National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) event in year 12 (2018) held in Canberra. The selection process was involved, with Port Macquarie Youth Director Diana Gammon being instrumental in the process, and Charlotte's lifeline back to Rotary over the years to come. NYSF brought some realisation and some challenges – Engineering was not her preferred career path, but a taste of the sports laboratory was the start of an interest in physiology and science, which progressed into a place in a Bachelors degree in Sport and Exercise Science at UTS the following year. – But not before a gap year working in the UK at a prestigious private school in Oxford.

Like every great life story, COVID happened in 2020, in the start of 1st year university- meaning that the shuffle between Port Macquarie and UTS Sydney happened multiple times amidst university opening, closing, lockdowns, protests etc. The fun we all remember. Charlotte finished her studies in 2022, and Graduated recently with Distinction.

Amongst a full time study workload, and 2 part time jobs, Charlotte was approached by Diana Gammon to attend RYLA, which she at first declined. Thankfully, Diana's persistence resulted in Charlotte attending in 2021, and returning in 2022 as a leader- by her own admission, Charlotte says this changed her life in so many ways.

Post Ryla, and on the final year of her Bachelors degree, Charlotte and other Port Macquarie RYLarians started a young leaders Rotary club, and subsequently chartered and handed over to the members. The club has sponsored 2 RYLA participants, 2 RYPEN participants.

Charlotte commenced work at 360 fitness club Tamworth, as an accredited exercise scientist. She specialises in adolescents, athletes and strength conditioning, and some members jokingly expressed interest in geriatric training programs during the meeting. Your editor is of the strong belief that anything is possible, and despite the age of some of our members, exercise is always a great pastime to get involved in. Charlotte has developed a program for sport performance for highschool students, which is being well received by the Tamworth community.

Currently, Charlotte has commenced further education in a masters of Teaching (Secondary), majoring in PDHPE and Mathematics.

Huge thanks to Charlotte for telling us your story, and we look forward to seeing you grow in your career, and your Rotary club here in Tamworth.

-Mitch Soree

Funny Corner

Thoughtfully curated by Brian Thompson





I was mugged by a thief last night on my way home.

Pointing a knife at me ... He asked me "your money or your life!"

I told him I am Married... so I have no money and no life...

We hugged and cried together.

It was a beautiful moment...

EDITOR'S JOKES:

My wife said "It's either me, or the football game. What will it be?!"

I said, "Can I have 60 minutes to think?"

A cop was patrolling late at night in a well-known lover's spot, famous for all kinds of obscene activities. He sees a couple in a car, with the interior light brightly glowing.

The cop carefully approaches the car to get a closer look. Then he sees a young man behind the wheel, reading a computer magazine. He immediately notices a young woman in the rear seat, knitting. Puzzled by this surprising situation, the cop walks to the car and gently raps on the driver's window.

The young man lowers his window. "Uh, yes, officer?"

The cop says: "What are you doing?"

The young man says: "Well Officer, I'm reading a magazine."

Pointing towards the young woman in the back seat the cop says: "And her, what is she doing?"

The young man shrugs: "Sir, I believe she's knitting a pullover sweater."

Now, the cop is totally confused.. A young couple, alone, in a car, at night in a Lover's lane... and nothing obscene is happening!

The cop asks: "What's your age, young man?"

"I'm 20, sir." The young man says

The cop asks: "And her...what's her age?"

The young man looks at his watch and replies:

"She'll be 18 in 11 minutes."

My girlfriend and I laugh about how competitive we both are.

But I laugh more.

Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ 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 (16.06.2023)
• 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

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

	7 th June	14 th June	21 st June	28 th June
Topic	RYAG Sheep Presentation	NO BREAKFAST MEETING	Personal Profile	Sth Tamworth Fire station Visit
Location	TBA	Changeover dinner SATURDAY	TBA	16 The Ringers Rd Sth Tamworth
Guest speaker	Richard Hardwick		Aurelie Quade	Tom Cooper- NSW Fire and Rescue
Sergeant	Mal Turnbull			
Corporals	Dennis Maunder Val Hellman		Val Hellman Liz Gill	
Meeter & Greeter	Nina Wrathall		Deb Barnes	
Door Team	Barry Biffin *Mitch Soree		Sue O'connor Brodie shields	Charlotte Moore Hugh Raadgever
President Assist	Courtney Priestley		Paul Stevenson	Luke Massey
Visitor Assist	Peter Bell		John Rouvray	
Welcome	Izaak Ewin		Richard Hardwick	Aurelie Quade
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Alice Elsley		Bev Fletcher	Naomi Blakey
Vote of Thanks	Bev Fletcher		Michael Smith	Glenn McIntosh
*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				
9 th June	16 th June	23 rd June	30 th June	7 th July
*Deb Barnes Graham Dooley	Graham Dooley Hugh Raadgever	Hugh Raadgever Bev Fletcher	Bev Fletcher *Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh Peter Ryan
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS				
Members Birthdays	Alice Elsley 8/6, Hannah Woods 12/6, Tom Hellman 13/6			
Partners Birthdays	Sarah Massey 7/6, Leonie Bell 11/6, Tom Hellman, 13/6			
Anniversaries	John and Chris Rouvray 7/6			
Club Induction	David Hinwood 26yrs			
Attendance	64%	Lolly Jar Raffle		Brodie Shields
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails		Steve Hawkins
Visiting Rotarians	Nil			
Visitors	Nil			