




**Rotary**   
Club of Tamworth First Light  
**MEETING 1657, ISSUE 2**  
**WEDNESDAY 28th June 2023**



### Rotary Year 2023 - 2024

<b>District Governor</b>	<b>Alyn Miranda</b>
<b>President:</b>	<b>Brian Logan</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Liz Gill</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Dennis Maunder</b>

# The Life of Brian

## Quote of the week

Not all those that wander are lost.

-JRR Tolkien

## Joke of the week

What do you get if you cross a polar bear with seal?

A polar bear.

Avery big thanks to those that organised and all who attended the Changeover Dinner. It was one of our best. A special mention to emcee Luke and organisers Liz, Louise, Courtney and Steve.

Our Guest speaker this morning was our own member Aurelie Quade. Aurelie presented her personal profile. As we usually find, there is much more to realize about our members. Aurelie showed us that not only does she have a diverse and respected life, but has a wonderful sense of humour.

Our club received a letter of appreciation from Thomas Melville re; Our support for him in RYPEN. This can be read in full in this week's Bulletin.

Breakfast next week will be at the South Tamworth Fire Station. (16 The Ringers Rd)

We are still working our way through a solution for a place to hold our breakfast meetings on a more permanent basis. This will be done ASAP.

## Meeting End Words of Wisdom;

Getting to work before, or on time, makes the day seem longer.

To always stay young, live honestly, eat slowly, sleep sufficiently, work industriously, worship faithfully and lie about your age.

# Announcements:

- **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.

# Rotary News:



## TAMWORTH COMMUNITY GARDEN- ASSISTANCE NEEDED!

Naomi is looking for helpers at the Tamworth Community Garden (located in Victoria Park next to the men's shed)

**DATE:** Saturday the 1st of July

**TIME:** 9am.

**WHAT:** Help needed to level 4x raised garden beds, and put a rubber edge around each.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Crow Bar, Bricks or off cuts of wood, Suitable gardening clothing, PPE etc

**HOW TO JOIN:** Please contact Naomi on 0424 973 714

## Science and Engineering Wrap-up meeting

For those involved in the S&E planning committee, Steve Hawkins has organised a wrap up meeting to be held on **6<sup>th</sup> July. 5.30pm**, at the usual place.

Contact Steve for further information.

## Letter from Thomas Melville (sponsored to attend RYPEN)

Thomas Melville wrote to our club thanking us for the experiences gained during RYPEN 2023.

Good afternoon Dimity,

RYPEN 2023 has been a valuable experience for me as an individual, and I wanted to both reflect on and thank you for the opportunity provided to me.

From the moment I stepped out of the car, RYPEN forced me out of my comfort zone, placing me into a room full of complete strangers. It was both intimidating and frightening, as I found myself lost in deep water. However, with the help of my team leaders and fellow campmates, I soon found my rhythm and was learning to swim. Across the course of the three days, this was a continual occurrence, as time and time again, I was forced into situations I didn't want to be in. Only by leaning on those around me did I keep afloat, and it forced me to develop trust, both for myself and those around me.

At RYPEN, we were placed in teams for the majority of the activities. These activities (crafted by a sadistic and gleeful mastermind), were both diverse and complex, each taking unique approaches to solve them. We soon found out that one person alone could not solve them all, and had to let ourselves be led by other members of the team. At first this was difficult, no doubt arising from a lack of familiarity with each other. But as the camp progressed, me and my teammates began to "click". Individuals who started the camp quiet and reserved began to speak up, proposing solutions and asking to lead. People who might rush in instead chose to stop and listen to what others thought. Above all else, these activities forced us to communicate, listen to one another and let the most qualified person lead the job.

These ideals of stopping, listening, and thinking, extended beyond solving the activities. Often, we would be asked to reflect on our actions and choices, considering what we did well, and what could be improved on. These discussions culminated in two activities: self-reflection and warm and fuzzies. We were given booklets which asked us to reflect on ourselves and our actions at the camp. These booklets were not shared with others, allowing for a deeper level of intimacy and depth than with other reflections. The camp managers also encouraged writing warm and fuzzies- positive messages to other camp members that we got to take home. These heartfelt reflections were akin to a cherry on top of an already excellent weekend, reinforcing the memories, messages, and experiences of RYPEN.

I would once again like to thank you and all of the fantastic individuals involved with RYPEN this year. It was a fantastic opportunity, helping me develop my skills in a myriad of areas, and the individuals behind the scenes improved it at every step. Thank you for this gift of learning you have given me.

Thank you,

Thomas Melville

Guest Speaker:

## MEMBER'S PERSONAL PROFILE- AURELIE QUADE

Our club heard from Aurelie Quade, talking to us about her life leading up to Rotary in Tamworth NSW. Read on below!

Aurelie was born in 1981 in north-east France to parents Sylvie and Philippe. An inquisitive child with an interest in the living world, particularly insects. Aurelie to this day will show insects to her three children- Automne, Leo and Cevennes, (16y, 14y, and 10y respectively).

Aurelie studied in France, with a degree in Anthropology, covering subjects such as culture, history, psychology. Employment was challenging due to the area, and requirements for multi-lingual applicants – preferring French, English, German and sometimes Dutch!

Aurelie pursued learning the English language inspired by her father was posted in England for his work- a 1h10min commute across the English Channel. Aurelie packed her bags and commenced work on the Eurostar high speed rail project, working with the French crew on the track- a great way to be immersed in the English language on a multinational project.

Aurelie met an Australian man, Mathew during her time working on the project, and in years to come, they were married. When the Eurostar project ceased, career options opened up, and again, she found herself interested in natural science field. This progressed into a degree at Greenwich University and a horticultural course, Diploma of commercial horticulture, alongside some part time work. One role included working for the Eurostar company again, in a booking role. This unfortunately coincided with the London Terror attacks of 2005, which resulted in a number of chaotic days as that tragedy played out.

Aurelie and Mat married in 2006 following a proposal during a trip to the Vatican and Italy. Later in 2006 Mat was working in Iraq, Aurelie moved to Australia and was closer to her Australian side of the family. In 2009 Aurelie got her permanent residency, and commenced even more study, converting a diploma to a degree in environmental horticulture, studying part time and graduating in 2011.

2012 saw employment with the Department of Primary Industries, working for 3 years before getting itchy feet again, and going back into academia for an honours degree, finishing in 2016 first class honours, with an area of study focusing on white mould in canola.

In 2018, you guessed it, study AGAIN, with a PHD in wheat rust this time, which carried thru for the years to come.

Unfortunately, in 2020 Aurelie and Mat parted ways and life in Wagga moved to Tamworth for a fresh start. Luckily for us, Aurelie found employment in the Tamworth region, and was greatly supported by Rotarian Richard Walker and Kerry, in this time.

We trust Aurelie has a very full calendar between children, her current work with Australian Soil Management, her partner Justin, and her Rotary involvement, so we collectively thank Aurelie for her time talking to our club, and welcome her to our Rotary family.

-Words by Bev Fletcher and Mitchell Soree.



# Funny Corner



Will San+No

*"Look, it's fine—just pay more attention to your strings next time."*



@YOYOH-A

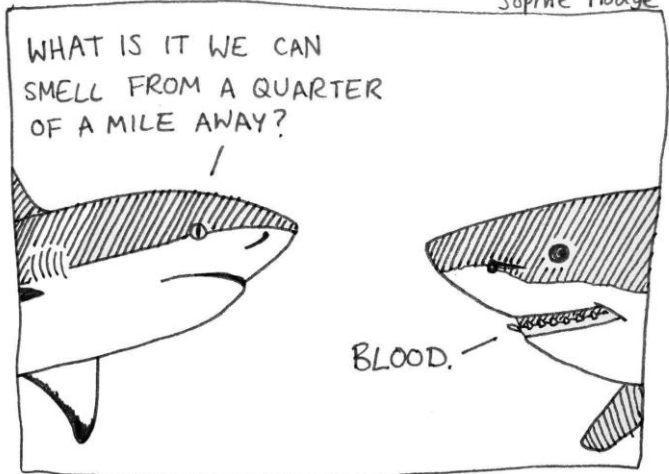


**Mom:** Leave the damn sign in the kitchen where it belongs!

**Dad:**



SHARKS! By Christian Talbot. Illustrated by Sophie Hodge

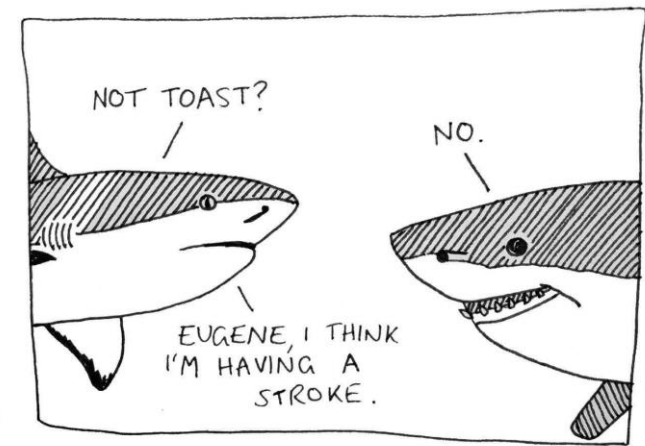


"Dad, why is my sister named Rose?"

"Because your mother loves roses."

"Oh okay, thank you"

"No problem, beer"



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ District 9660 Changeover (Newcastle)	▪ Saturday 1 July 2023 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM
▪ Tamworth Community garden help	▪ Saturday July 1, 9AM
▪	▪

Social Calendar	Date
• Post Office Raffles Social Night	• 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month (21.07.2023)

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 2023-24	
<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
<b>President Elect</b> – Sue O'Connor	



	28 <sup>th</sup> June	5 <sup>th</sup> July	12 <sup>th</sup> July	19 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Topic</b>	Sth Tamworth Fire station Visit	Healthy Wealthy and Wise	Tamworth Community Garden	Rotary Exchange 1994-95 West Virginia
<b>Location</b>	16 The Ringers Rd Sth Tamworth	TBA	TCG- Near Botanic Garden	TBA
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Tom Cooper- NSW Fire and Rescue	Peter Johnston	Naomi Blakey	Lynna Palmer
<b>Sergeant</b>		Mitch Soree		Mitch Soree
<b>Corporals</b>		Deb Barnes Terry Robinson		Peter Leonard Peter Ryan
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>		Marina Heame		Louise Matthews
<b>Door Team</b>	Charlotte Moore Hugh Raadgever	Peter Bell Vicki Cooper	Graham Dooley Steve Martin	Marina Heame Paul Stevenson
<b>President Assist</b>	Luke Massey	Naomi Blakey		Richard Walker
<b>Visitor Assist</b>		Graham Dooley		Malcolm Turnbull
<b>Welcome</b>	Aurelie Quade	Brodie Shields		James Treloar
<b>Bulletin Notes &amp; Introduction</b>	Naomi Blakey	Louise Matthews		John Treloar
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Glenn McIntosh	Val Hellmann	Charlotte Moore	Vicki Cooper

\*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**

30 <sup>th</sup> June	7 <sup>th</sup> July	14 <sup>th</sup> July	21 <sup>st</sup> July	28 <sup>th</sup> July
Bev Fletcher *Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh *Mal Turnbull	*Mal Turnbull Peter Ryan	Peter Ryan *Sue O'Connor	*Sue O'Connor Hannah Woods

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS**

<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Helen Tickle 1/7
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Nil
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil
<b>Club Induction</b>	Jane Bradford (2yrs Honorary), Luke Massey, 1yr, Terry Robinson, 18yrs

<b>Attendance</b>	73%	<b>Lolly Jar Raffle</b>	Barry Biffin
<b>Make-Ups</b>	Nil	<b>Heads and Tails</b>	Steve Martin
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Jane Bradford (Honorary)		
<b>Visitors</b>	Nil		