



**Rotary**   
Club of Tamworth First Light  
**MEETING 1658, ISSUE 3**  
**WEDNESDAY 5th July 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

Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.

-George Bernard Shaw

## Joke of the week

I took the shell of my racing snail but only made him more sluggish.

It was a wonderful turnout for our breakfast at the NSW Fire and Rescue Station Sth Tamworth. The talk given by Tom Cooper was very informative in highlighting some of the 'Firsts' for Tamworth that spread across the state. From the base planning and design of the station through to the cultural artwork and community involvement, you can see what great input the Tamworth crew have achieved.

Thanks to Steve Hawkins, Liz Gill and Peter Johnston for assisting with the breakfast preparations.

As a heads up, the Board has discussed the Rotary Subsidies for the next year and it is expected those costs will be at \$300.00. The Club Treasurer will send out payment options in due course.

Welcome back from Holidays to Marina Lawrence. I hope we all get to hear of the holiday exploits over the coming weeks.

A reminder that the Rotary Clubs speaking completion needs to be completed by 28<sup>th</sup> July. This is a good opportunity for our community/ youth involvement.

We will be staying at the city Bowling club for our breakfast meetings for the foreseeable future. If there are to be any changes, I will let you know.

Our Board meeting is set for Tuesday 11 July at 5.30pm. This will be held in the normal room at Wests.

## Meeting End Words of Wisdom:

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?

No one ever says 'it's only a game' when their team is winning.

# 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.

## BEV HAS BEEN ON THE GREEN



I have a photograph taken yesterday (Tuesday 27.06.2023 )at The Longyard Golf club of Vicki and myself with a long time supporter of our golfing trips away that being Paula Furlong.

As both Vicki and I are on the golf Committee we thought that it would be nice to share the photo with other golfing members who would know Paula and be pleased to see she is recovering well after a much debilitating bout with Covid.

Cheers Bev Fletcher

# Rotary News:

**THIS WEEKEND!**



## **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.

## VOCATIONAL VISIT- TAMWORTH SOUTH FIRE STATION:

The Club was invited to see the recently built Tamworth South fire station. We were shown around by Tom Cooper. The station was custom built to the spec of the local Brigade, on a greenfield site. The station was designed to meet a 50 year life, and has been 'future proofed' to meet the needs of our growing city.

The site, and fire fighting appliances (equipment, trucks etc- in layman's terms) includes a range of art pieces that acknowledges local indigenous peoples, and has been recognised as a motif that will be carried across to other stations within NSW Fire and Rescue.

The station operates around the clock, with 2 shifts of retained 'career' fire fighters on site. Backup crew is provided by the on call fireies, who will be paged to attend the station if the retained crew are called out.

Tom discussed some key points of their role, and some factors which increases the risk of being visited by NSWFR in a 'professional capacity' namely-

- Higher risk of fires in areas of lower socioeconomic status
- Common cause of house fire is unattended cooking
- Risk of furniture and bedding fires from smoking
- Highest risk of dying from a fire is males in their 30-40year age bracket.
- Modern homes contain many flammable items- synthetics, plastics etc- all increasing the speed at which a fire can start, and spread- despite modern building materials being more fire resistant.

Thanks to Tom and the Crew at NSWFR for their hospitality, and community engagement to help us better understand their critical role in our community.





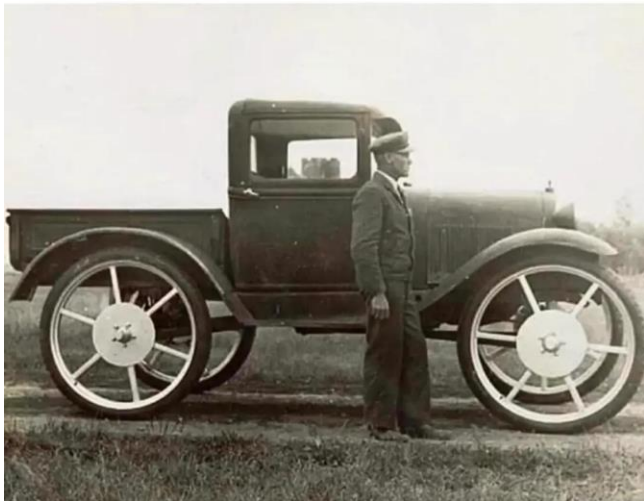
The Club was rather amused when Brian and Tom started doing the Monster Mash.



# Funny Corner

## EOFY / TAX SEASON

On this day in history: In 1927, Ricky Dale Everclear becomes the first man to put oversized rims on his truck with his girlfriend's tax return.



## Me doing my taxes:

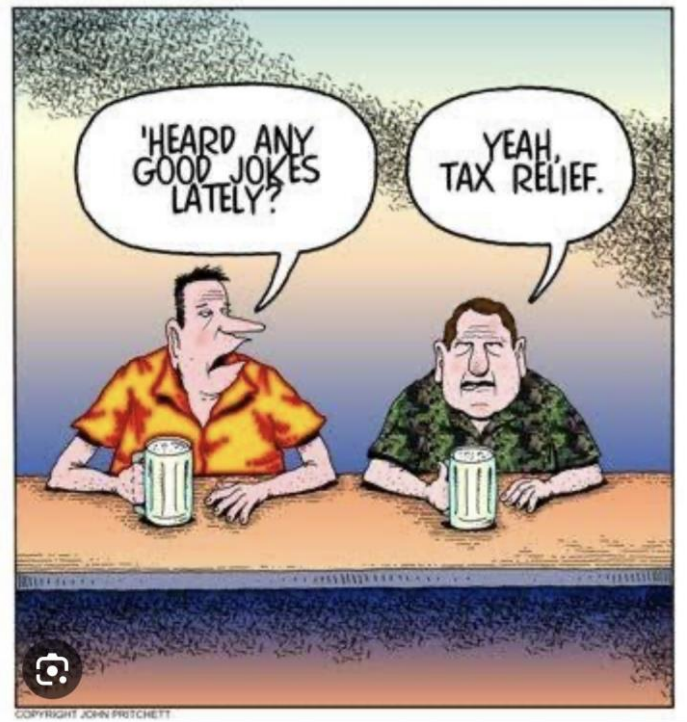


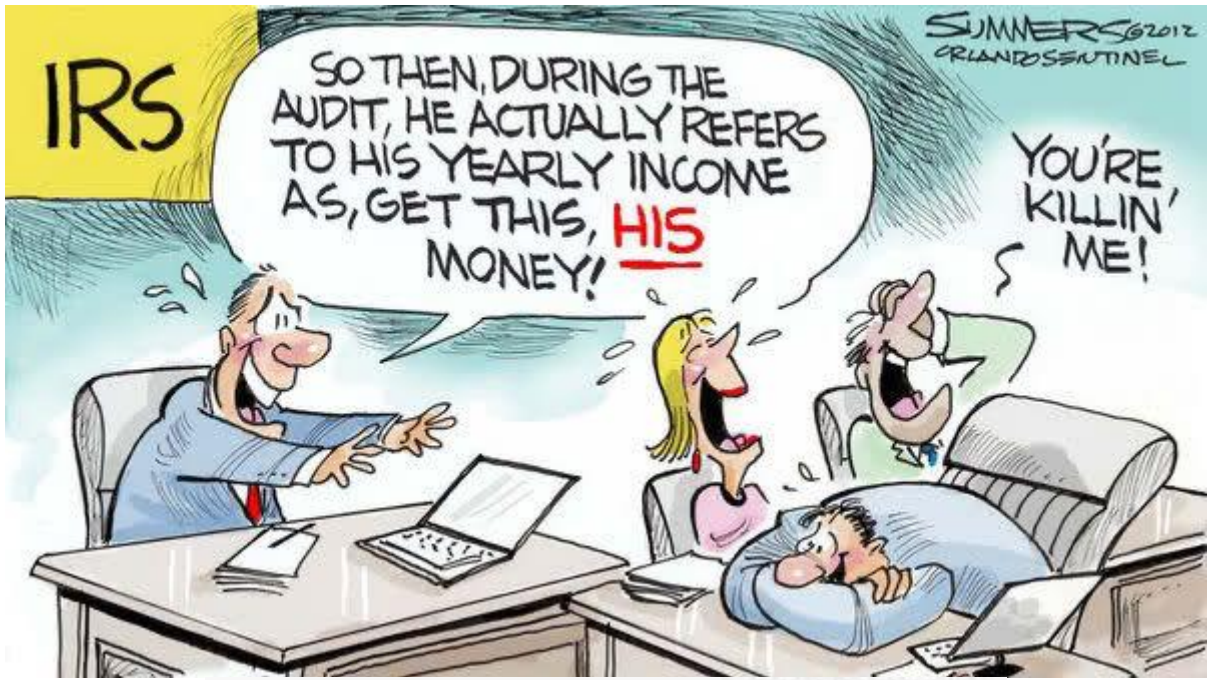
I'm glad I learned about parallelograms instead of how to do my taxes.

It's really come in handy this parallelogram season.

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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
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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	
<b>Next Board Meeting-</b> Tuesday 11.07.2023, 5.30pm, Wests.	

	5 <sup>th</sup> July	12 <sup>th</sup> July	19 <sup>th</sup> July	26 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Topic</b>	Healthy Wealthy and Wise	Amended Speaker! 360 Health Clinic	Rotary Exchange 1994-95 West Virginia	State Member
<b>Location</b>	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Peter Johnston	Lucy Day	Lynna Palmer	Kevin Anderson MP
<b>Sergeant</b>	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
<b>Corporals</b>	*Aurelie Quade Terry Robinson	*Louise Matthews *Mitchell Soree	Peter Leonard Peter Ryan	Louise Matthews Bev Fletcher
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Marina Heame	*Bruce Hemmett	Louise Matthews	Nina Wrathall
<b>Door Team</b>	Peter Bell Vicki Cooper	Graham Dooley Steve Martin	Marina Heame Paul Stevenson	Elizabeth Gill Glenn McIntosh
<b>President Assist</b>	Naomi Blakey	*Nina Wrathall	Richard Walker	Brodie Shields
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Graham Dooley	*Liz Gill	Malcolm Turnbull	Terry Robinson
<b>Welcome</b>	Brodie Shields	*Courtney Priestley	James Treloar	Paul Stevenson
<b>Bulletin Notes &amp; Introduction</b>	Louise Matthews	*Stephen Hawkins	John Treloar	James Treloar
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Val Hellmann	Charlotte Moore	Vicki Cooper	Laurence Heame

\*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				
7 <sup>th</sup> July	14 <sup>th</sup> July	21 <sup>st</sup> July	28 <sup>th</sup> July	4 <sup>th</sup> August
Glenn McIntosh *Mal Turnbull	*Mal Turnbull Peter Ryan	Peter Ryan *Sue O'Connor	*Sue O'Connor Hannah Woods	Hannah Woods Bruce Hemmett

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS	
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Nil
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Chris Dallas (Ashleigh)
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil
<b>Club Induction</b>	Nil

<b>Attendance</b>	62%	<b>Lolly Jar Raffle</b>	
<b>Make-Ups</b>	Nil	<b>Heads and Tails</b>	
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Nil		
<b>Visitors</b>	Nil		