




Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
MEETING 1661, ISSUE 6
WEDNESDAY 26th July 2023



Rotary Year 2023 - 2024

District Governor	??? (IPDG Neville Parsons)
President:	Brian Logan
Secretary:	Liz Gill
Treasurer:	Dennis Maunder

The Life of Brian

Quote of the week

United wishes and good will cannot overcome brute facts. (Winston Churchill)

Joke of the week

If a snow man throws a tantrum, is it a meltdown.

Notices:

Keep an eye out for the Rotary email update on Regionalisation.

Rotary will be collaborating with Kiwanis International, Lions International and Optimists International to celebrate 'Community Week' on 11-17 September.

Other notices

Today's guest speaker Lynna Palmer gave an inspirational talk on her experience as a 16 year old student coming from the USA to Australia to be part of the Rotary Youth Exchange Programme. Lynna said she built many long term friendships with hosts, members, local and international students. It was also pleasing to hear how her experiences helped her through her personal and working life.

Lynna is a true ambassador for the Youth Exchange Programme.

Meeting End Words of Wisdom:

'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?

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:

A WORD FROM OUR PROGRAM COORDINATORS-

Hello fellow Rotarians,

We'd like to take this opportunity to formally introduce ourselves as your program directors for the 2023/24 Rotary Year!

We'd like to thank Peter Johnston for the outstanding work he did in this role, even booking speakers well into July, allowing us an opportunity to find our feet in the role.

We've been busy arranging speakers for the coming months, and with that in mind, we'd like to welcome any club members to offer suggestions at our below contact details.

Hope to hear from you all soon!

Many thanks

Charlotte and Luke



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TREE PLANTING UPDATE-

The Tamworth First Light Rotary Tree Planting & Maintenance Crew are pleased to announce that the signage has been completed and installed on Gunnedah Road for our 1000 trees for 100 years of Rotary Tree Planting Project.

This marks another location for our greening Tamworth locations, alongside Duri Rd, Tamworth Velodrome/criterion, Electra park, and Kent Rd.

We are now looking to **promote the success of our project** through a photo shoot including our Rotarians, representatives of Tamworth Regional Council and the Regional Australia Bank – sponsors of our project.

We have done the hard work on this project, so now it is time to promote the benefits and deliverables that Rotary has brought to our community- If you are interested in being famous for a minute, and wish to be involved, please contact **Peter Ryan, or Alice Elsley** to be present at the photoshoot.





GUEST SPEAKER- LYNNA MOEN – YEP 1994-95- A RETROSPECTIVE

Guest Speaker Lynna Moen (nee Palmer), was our exchange student from West Virginia USA in 1994-95. Lynna today was accompanied by her son Jackson, in her presentation to our club.

Lynna was very excited to have the opportunity to speak to our Club again after 29 years, she was one of 26 Exchange Students from 21 countries staying with families from all around the Rotary District

She reaffirmed how life changing the experience was for her, and for her host families and the lifelong friendships that have endured the test of time.

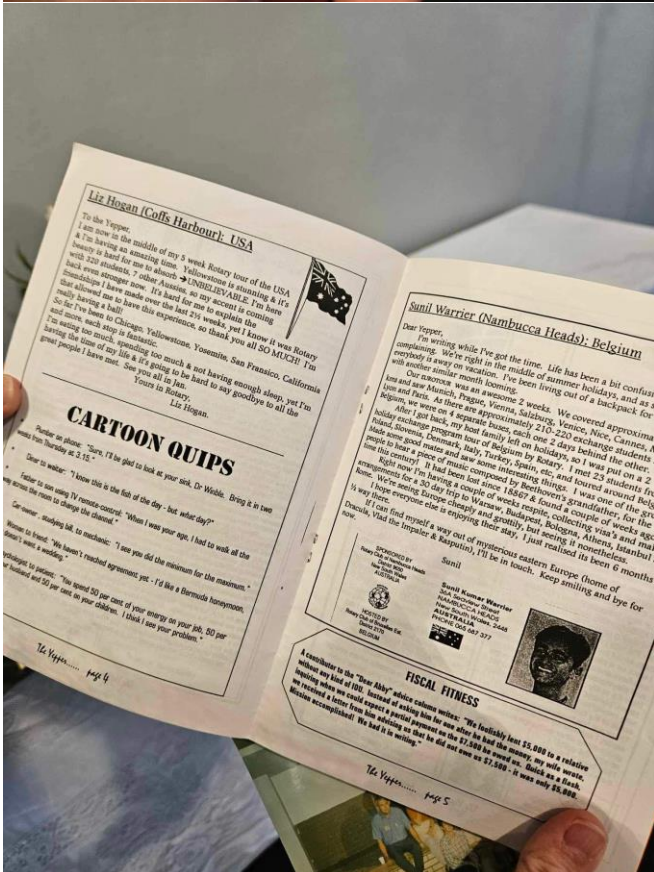
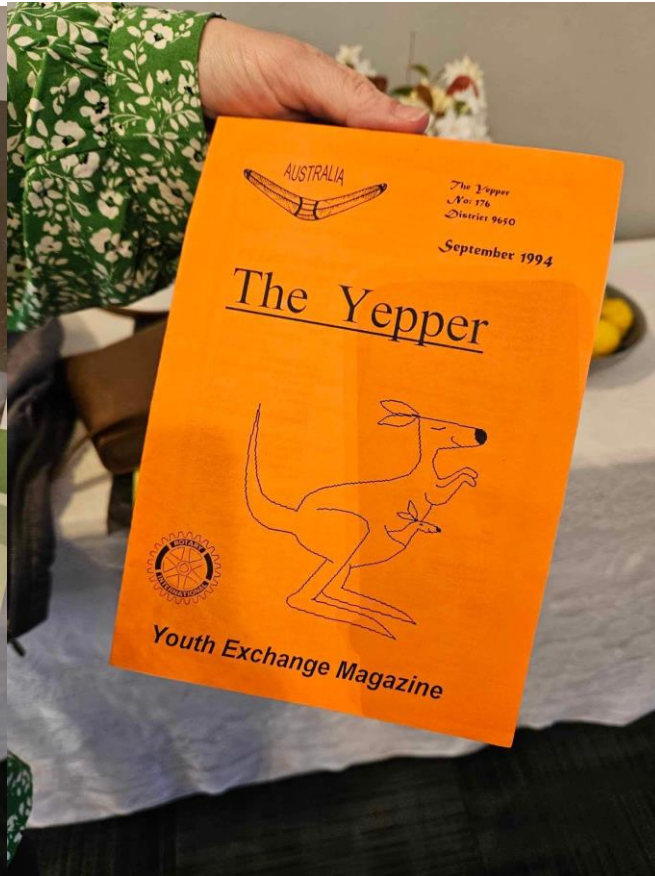
Lynna reminded us that when she arrived, there was no internet, no mobile phones and the only communication with her family was the weekly “aerogram” letter she sent and the very expensive monthly phone call she made using a preloaded phone card.

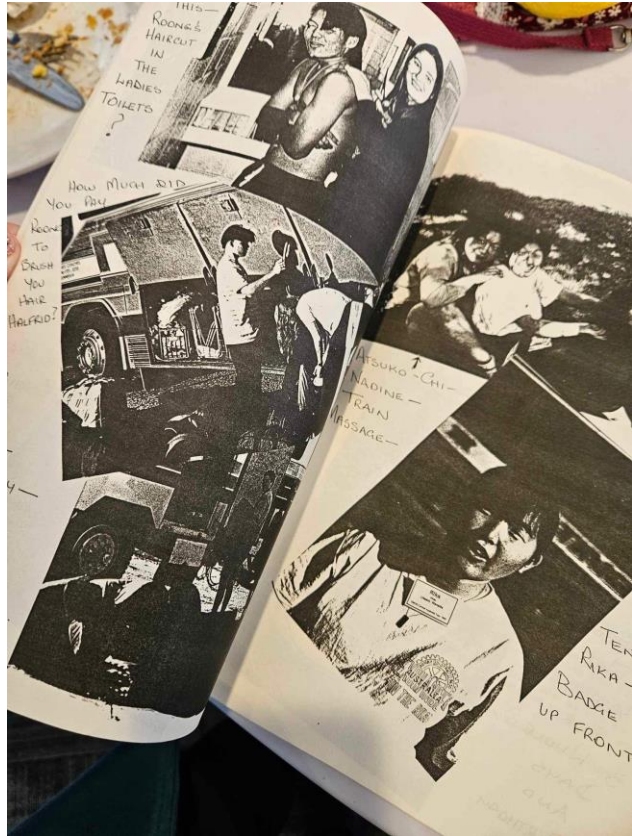
She remembered that during her time here, our Club agreed to allow women to become members, and then many years later, after becoming an attorney, Lynna joined her local Rotary Club in Charlotte, North Carolina.

She mentioned that she attended every Rotary meeting of our Club (when she was in town) with her host father, she made 3 presentations to the Club, her public speaking improved out of sight, she went on 3 excursions with the other exchange students, Canberra, District Conference and a month tour taking in Queensland, the Great Barrier Reef, Darwin, Alice Springs & Uluru, she attended Calrossy and even had to wear a uniform!!

On learning that our Club will hosting an exchange student for 12 months, she encourages our members to be involved, as the experience is very rewarding.







Funny Corner

You know you're old when you use these emojis:

Cycled to the shop to buy a bottle of gin, but then I thought, what if I fall off my bike and the bottle gets broken? So cleverly, I drank it all outside the shop. Good thing I did too, I fell off my bike seven times on my way home

Doctor, I've been bitten by a wolf.

Where?

No, just a normal one.

I'd like to buy a muffin with chocolate chips.

Sorry, we only take cash.

Employer: Ok sir, next can you tell me a little about your background.

Candidate:

Candidate: Sure, it's Mount Everest.

Waiter, will my pizza be long?

No sir, it will be round.

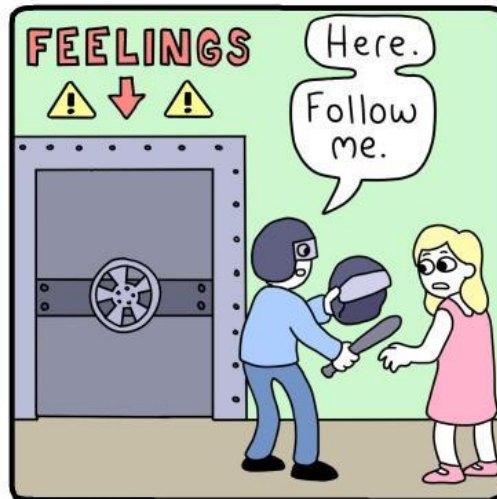


Hey, isn't it weird how we live longer than Man?

Huh, weird

Men:

Shooting A Potato At A Tennis Racket To Make French Fries

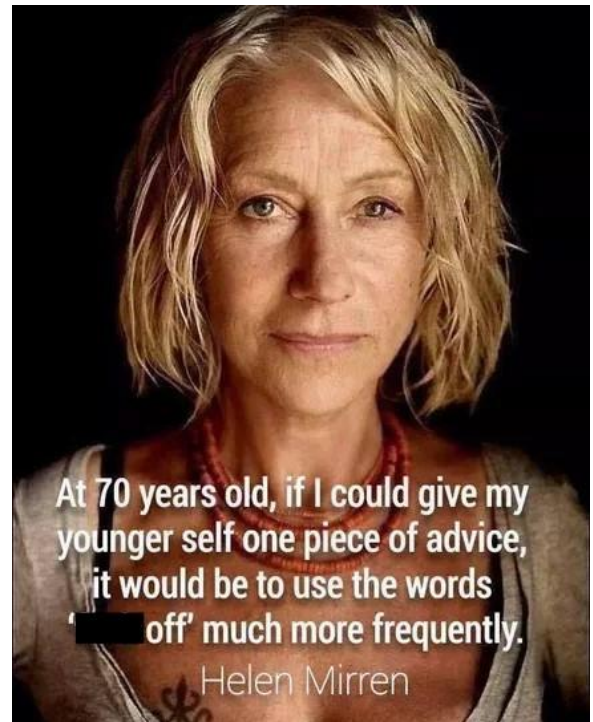



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 **Amanda Duberman** ✓
@AmandaDuberman

Me during the workday: That's beyond the scope of my responsibilities

Me trying to fall asleep at night: I alone must find a solution to climate change, tension between loose acquaintances, the health care crisis, inflation, and tomorrow's lunch before I can lose consciousness

Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Photo shoot with our Tree planting project	▪ TBA
▪	▪
▪	▪

Social Calendar	Date
• Post Office Raffles Social Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Friday of the Month (21.07.2023) • 3rd Friday of the Month (18.08.2023)

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	
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
President Elect – Sue O’Connor	
Board Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the Month - Tuesday 09.08.2023, 5.30pm, Wests.	

	26 th July	2 nd August	9 th August	16 th August
Topic	State Member	Club Assembly	Public Speaking Competition	TOIM – Cybersecurity, Data and Privacy
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker	Kevin Anderson MP		Dimity Betts	Mark Booth, Tom Gayford
Sergeant	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
Corporals	Louise Matthews Bev Fletcher	Graham Dooley Bruce Hemmett	Marina Heame Stephen Hawkins	Glenn McIntosh Hannah Woods
Meeter & Greeter	*Michael Smith	Dimity Betts	Richard Walker	Paul Stevenson
Door Team	Elizabeth Gill Glenn McIntosh	Deb Barnes Paul Stevenson	Hannah Woods Charlotte Moore	Dimity Betts Barry Biffin
President Assist	Brodie Shields	Brett White	Paul Stevenson	Laurence Heame
Visitor Assist	Terry Robinson	Marina Heame	James Treloar	Courtney Priestley
Welcome	Paul Stevenson	Michael smith	Laurence Heame	Hugh Raadgever
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	James Treloar		Steve Martin	Aurelie Quade
Vote of Thanks	Laurence Heame		Alice Elsley	Steve Martin

*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

28 th July	4 th August	11 th August	18 th August	25 th August
*Sue O'Connor Hannah Woods	Hannah Woods *Sue O'Connor	Bruce Hemmett Brodie Shields	Brodie Shields *Helen Tickle	Helen Tickle Peter Johnston

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	Michael Smith 15/7
Partners Birthdays	Nil
Anniversaries	Nil
Club Induction	Graeme Dooley 27yrs, Hannah Woods 1yr

Attendance	67%	Lolly Jar Raffle	Liz Gill
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails	
Visiting Rotarians	Sam Peacocke Dubbo South		
Visitors	Janet Treloar, Jackson Moen, Lynna Palmer		