



Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
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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

Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It's the courage to continue that counts. (Winston Churchill)

Joke of the week

The guy whom stole my diary has just died. My thoughts are with his family.

Notices:

Please ensure you pay your Rotary Subs ASAP.

We will sponsor 2 students in this year's National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

Our inbound international student from Poland arrives this Saturday at 10.00am. Thanks to those assisting in this project.

We had the privilege of having our Local Member, Kevin Anderson as guest speaker this morning. Instead of giving a political talk, Kevin gave us a profile of his upbringing and background. I found this very interesting as it gave us an insight into the man that represents us in politics.

I also congratulate James Treloar for his introduction of Kevin. James's effort to complete a little research into the guest speaker revealed some interesting facts. Even Kevin was surprised by James's information.

Meeting End Words of Wisdom:

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

Announcements:

- **Last call! 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.

TREE PLANTING UPDATE-

Keep an eye on our District newsletter- 'Around the waterhole' for an upcoming article on our tree planting project- gaining some interest abroad!



BEV HAS BEEN ON THE GREEN

Golf report from Bev and the usual suspects:

Last week, Tuesday Vets, was good for Peter Bell who scored a very acceptable 18 on " the back 9"at The Longyard. Not only did he know where his putter was put this time, but obviously put it to good use- well done Peter!

Not so good for our Vicki who like most golfers suffered a decline on her golfing score that day but as we all say "That's Golf" and turn up to put ourselves through it again the following week!

I couldn't join those two for last Tuesday Vets so fronted for Thursday Vets, "front 9" - If you're going to have a bad day this 9 holes will be the best opportunity to produce it!

I had the worst start to the game one can have 😞. The claw-back to end the 9 holes was almost a wrist slashing exercise, but yes "That's Golf".

This week's golf saw Peter, Deb Barnes and myself take to the back nine. I shocked all concerned (including myself) by sending the ball on the 10th tee across the green at the speed of light only to hit the pin and drop into the hole 🙌👍 Yep "that's golf"

Mr Bell spent a bit of time lurking around the trees and long grass, and along the edge of dams, but in between that he produced some amazing shots! Deb was very consistent and played a good game, as for myself no more amazing shots and overall, did not disgrace myself at the end of the day.

-Bev





Rotary News:

A WORD FROM PETER JOHNSTON- COMMUNITY SERVICES PROFILE

Peter Johnston is our Club's new Community Services Director.

He is keen, enthusiastic and in awe of how many high-quality projects and services the Club delivers into the community each year. He is also unbelievably grateful to those who lead each of the initiatives the Club is committed to in 2023-2024.

All but one of the community service projects are progressing well under the established leadership of skilled and experienced club members. A much loved and very productive event is returning, and it needs someone to step up to help facilitate its return.

The initiatives currently in the Community Services portfolio include:

1. The Community Garden,
2. The North West Careers Expo,
3. The Science & Engineering Challenge,
4. The Dreamtime Touch Football Teams, and,
5. The Santa Crawl!



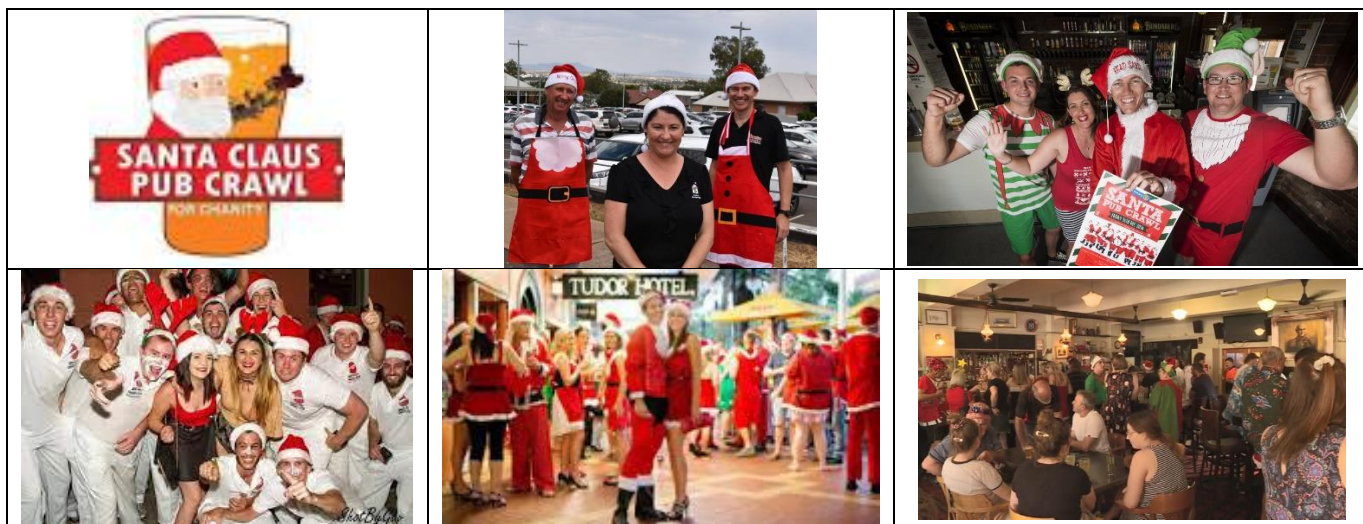
THE SANTA CRAWL RETURNS!

The Club is committed to returning to run the Santa Crawl in December 2023.

Historically, the Santa Crawl has been in support of Ronald McDonald House and involved the Rotaract club. It was last run in 2020 when the Northern Daily Leader's headline called it the **Infamous Santa Crawl**. We're hoping for better informed media coverage in 2023.

At its peak 700-800 local youth dressed colourfully as Santa, elves, Jesus, angels, wizards and nymphs (best not to ask, it only encourages them) roamed our streets and pubs in good humour in a big-bang event lasting but a single evening.

We're looking for those who have been involved in running it previously and to those who are interested in assisting to make themselves know with a hand-up / stand-up approach being encouraged. Give Peter a call or send him a text saying "I love Santa", or end some emojis of a big thumbs-up for Santa to 0409 750 002, send him an email to peterj2340@gmail.com, or just grab (his elbow) at breakfast and whisper sweet Santa sentences in his ear. He will be startled but grateful to know just how many club members are prepared to get right behind the big-Santa push!



GUEST SPEAKER- KEVIN ANDERSON MP

Our Guest Speaker this week was Kevin Anderson MP, discussing his career to date, and the path that got him there. Growing up as a child, he worked with his father on a fishing vessel, until 16 when work permit requirements changed, and a move back to Australia was required. After school, there was a time spent in the defence force (Navy), before a range of postings in the media industry, finally landing him in Tamworth. As we know, a career in politics progressed from there.

Kevin shared with us his passion for community engagement, and believes that a life in media and politics are benefited when one is involved in community organisations. Being engaged, and a part of a community mean that he is engaged, as opposed to having a tunnel vision towards a single interest driving policy.

Kevin is a member of the Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise, which helps him remain engaged with our community. Kevin was introduced by James Treloar. Kevin was thanked by Laurence Hearne.





Funny Corner



I just saw on the news that they're suggesting that people check on the elderly. I'm usually up by 6 or 6:30. Bring donuts.



I WANT SOMEONE WHO WILL
PAY ATTENTION TO ME. IS
THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK?



RETIRED CROCODILES.



"You put a round thing on a spinning plate with
a needle and then you play with buttons and
knobs ... only old people know how to do it!"

Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Photo shoot with our Tree planting project	▪ TBA – See Alice or Peter R
▪	▪
▪	▪

Social Calendar	Date
• Post Office Raffles Social Night	• 3 rd 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.	

	2 nd August	9 th August	16 th August	23 rd August
Topic	Club Assembly	Public Speaking Competition	TOIM – Cybersecurity, Data and Privacy	TBA
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker		Dimity Betts	Mark Booth, Tom Gayford	TBA
Sergeant	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
Corporals	Graham Dooley Bruce Hemmett	Marina Hearne Stephen Hawkins	Glenn McIntosh Hannah Woods	Courtney Priestley Hugh Raadgever
Meeter & Greeter	Dimity Betts	Richard Walker	Paul Stevenson	Sue O'Connor
Door Team	Deb Barnes Paul Stevenson	Hannah Woods Charlotte Moore	Dimity Betts Barry Biffin	Peter Bell Hannah Woods
President Assist	Brett White	Paul Stevenson	Laurence Hearne	Charlotte Moore
Visitor Assist	Marina Hearne	James Treloar	Courtney Priestley	Richard Walker
Welcome	Michael smith	Laurence Hearne	Hugh Raadgever	Paul Stevenson
Bulletin Notes & Introduction		Steve Martin	Aurelie Quade	Stephen Hawkins
Vote of Thanks		Alice Elsley	Steve Martin	Naomi Blakey
*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				
4 th August	11 th August	18 th August	25 th August	1 st September
Hannah Woods *Sue O'Connor	Bruce Hemmett Brodie Shields	Brodie Shields *Helen Tickle	Helen Tickle Peter Johnston	Peter Johnston Steve Martin

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	Nil
Partners Birthdays	Nil
Anniversaries	Nil
Club Induction	Nil

Attendance	74%	Lolly Jar Raffle	James Treloar
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails	Paul Stevenson
Visiting Rotarians	Kevin Anderson, RC Tamworth Sunrise, Jane Bradford (Honorary)		
Visitors	Kevin Anderson MP		