



Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
MEETING 1664, ISSUE 9
WEDNESDAY 16th August 2023



Rotary Year 2023 - 2024

District Governor	VG, PDG Lorraine Coffey
President:	Brian Logan
Secretary:	Liz Gill
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The Life of Brian

Quote of the week

We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails.

Joke of the week

Talk about enlightenment. Last week I discovered my inner self and from that, I decided I won't be buying single ply toilet paper again.

Notices:

The board approved the appointment of Bruce Hemmett as club director for Child Protection. Bruce will chair that position as well as Rotary Foundation.

Today, Hannah Woods surprised us with a new format for the club in a one on one interview. The lucky interviewee being our International Exchange Student, Maciej Wolanski. I thought this was a great way to hear how Maciej became involved in applying to be a Rotary International Student.

Hannah Woods showed her expertise and interviewing technique while making Maciej comfortable in the interview chair. Her questions kept a good flow in the interview process while allowing Maciej to give us some interesting thoughts on his experiences encountered as an exchange student in Australia.

Meeting End Words of Wisdom:

Not everything that counts can be counted and not everything that can be counted counts.

Announcements:



A word from Naomi on the Tamworth Community Garden

Calling all gardeners, with the warmer weather the garden is after some seedlings to plants.

If your preparing any seedlings for your own garden please also prepare a few extra for the community garden.

We are after anything coming into season :)

The garden now has a fence and we are ready to plant in the near future.

Save the date!

Victoria Park Open Day - Sunday the 17th of September.

Come and join the Community Garden in a few fun activities. More details to come.

Thanks,

Naomi

Rotary News:

Liz has communicated an event that may be of interest-



Rotary
Club of Raymond Terrace

YOU'RE INVITED TO
70
ANNIVERSARY

Celebration
Reflection, Recognition and Resolving to service the
Raymond Terrace Community

• **FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2023** •
6pm for 6:30pm
Raymond Terrace Bowling Club
2 Jacaranda Ave, Raymond Terrace NSW 2324
Tickets \$50 pp
<https://www.trybooking.com/cjqmf>



Click or Scan
IF you need help booking please call
Adam Nicholas 0432 187 010
RSVP by 25th August 2023

New RDU magazine is out- click picture to read, or check your emails from 1/8/23!



Rotary Your guide to doing good.
DOWN UNDER Australia | New Zealand | Oceania

AUG 2023

Rotary Adelaide celebrates centenary milestone
THIS MONTH MARKS 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY IMPACT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

+ SPECIAL EDITION: FLIP OVER FOR YOUR GUIDE TO EVERYTHING MEMBERSHIP

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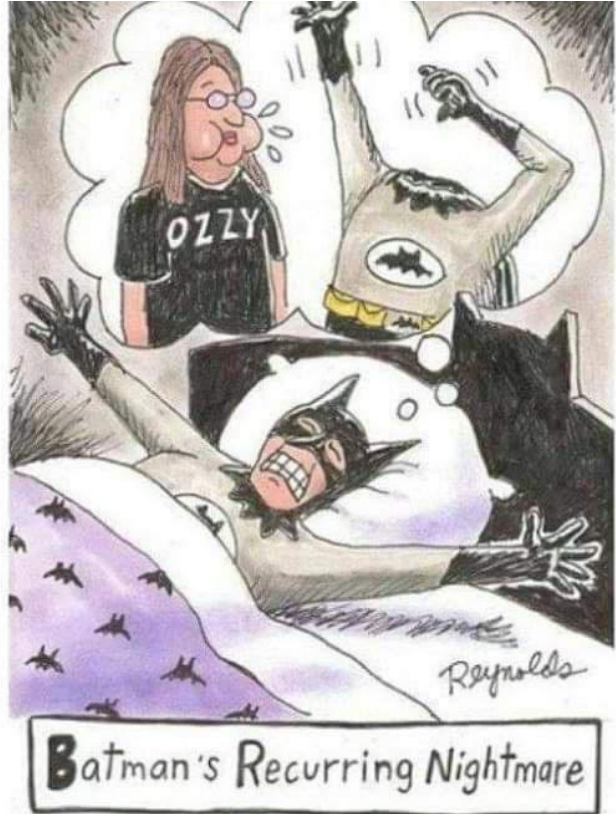


Funny Corner



lincoln bio (leon)
@witchdaddio

look at this angry martini



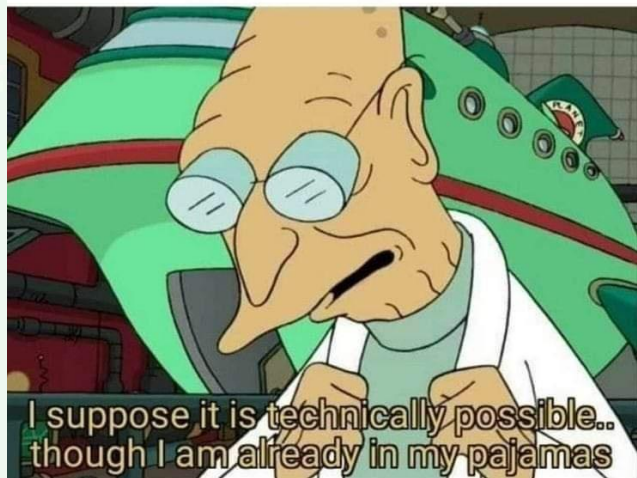
Whenever anyone asks me to go out after 9pm

It's funny how all the trust goes away when you're looking for the remote

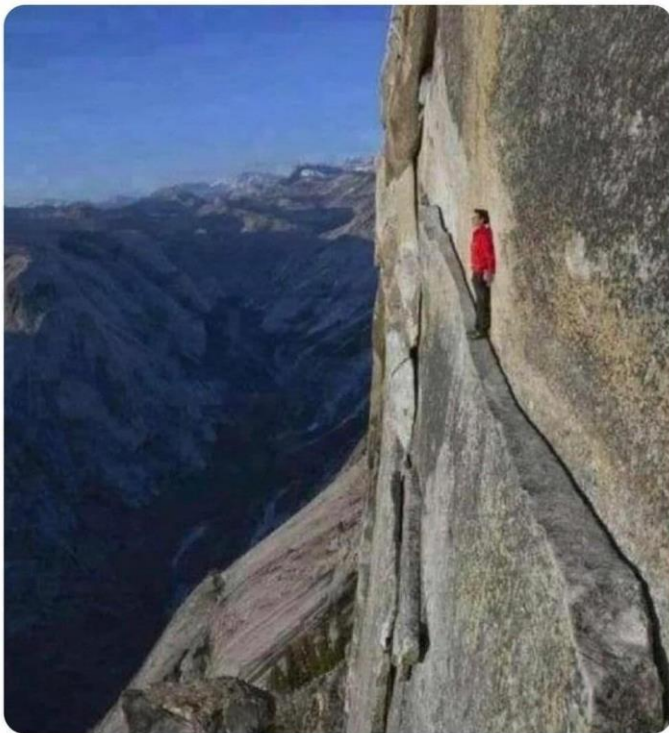
"Are you sitting on the remote?"

-"No"

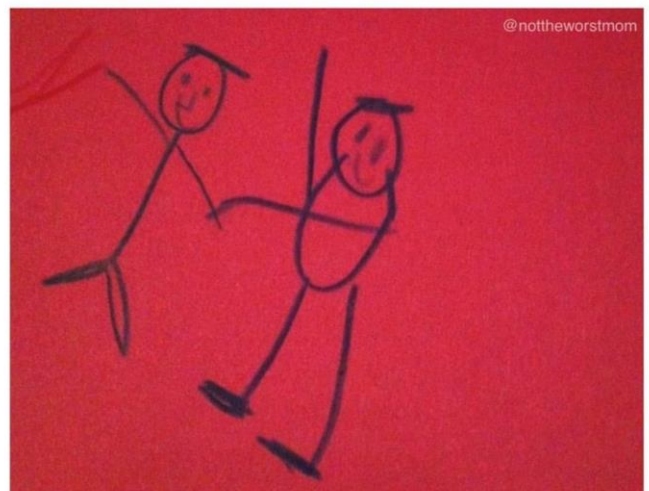
"Stand up"



Me waiting for the hot water to come out in the shower



You don't know pain until a little kid draws stick figures of the whole family, and you're the only round one...



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Photo shoot with our Tree planting project	▪ TBA – See Alice or Peter R
▪ Victoria park / Community Garden open day	▪ 17 th September
▪	▪

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



	16 th August	23 rd August	30 th August	6 th September
Topic	TOIM – Cybersecurity, Data and Privacy	*Australian Women's Youth Futsal Team	Youth Insearch	National Landcare Week
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker	Mark Booth, Tom Gayford	*Lily Parsons	Leigh Foord	Ninna Douglas
Sergeant	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
Corporals	Glenn McIntosh Hannah Woods	Courtney Priestley Hugh Raadgever	Peter Ryan Dimity Betts	Malcolm Turnbull Glenn McIntosh
Meeter & Greeter	Paul Stevenson	Sue O'Connor	Hugh Raadgever	Aurelie Quade
Door Team	Dimity Betts Barry Biffin	Peter Bell Hannah Woods	Alice Elsley Aurelie Quade	Courtney Priestley Peter Ryan
President Assist	Laurence Hearne	Charlotte Moore	Hannah Woods	Hugh Raadgever
Visitor Assist	Courtney Priestley	Richard Walker	Brian Thompson	Michael Smith
Welcome	Hugh Raadgever	Paul Stevenson	Courtney Priestley	Marina Heame
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Aurelie Quade	Stephen Hawkins	Peter Leonard	Peter Bell
Vote of Thanks	Steve Martin	Naomi Blakey	Sue O'Connor	Brian Thompson
*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				
18 th August	25 th August	1 st September	8 th September	15 th September
Brodie Shields *Helen Tickle	Helen Tickle Peter Johnston	Peter Johnston Steve Martin	Steve Martin Peter Bell	Peter Bell Terry Roinson
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS				
Members Birthdays	Nil			
Partners Birthdays	Nil			
Anniversaries	Richard Walker 21/8			
Club Induction	James Treloar 12yrs			
Attendance	65%	Lolly Jar Raffle		Peter Johnston
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails		Brett White
Visiting Rotarians	Nil			
Visitors	Maciej Wolanski (Youth Exchange Student), Keta Sommerville, Anne Mitchie			



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BONUS CONTENT-

AN INTERVIEW WITH OUR YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT MACIEJ WOLANSKI

After a late change to our guest speaker roster, we thought we'd have a quick chat with Maciej as a 'getting to know you'. Despite it potentially being a daunting task – talking in a new country, in a different language, and to a room full of Rotarians- Maciej really shone as a gifted public speaker and performer. The interview below was hosted by Hannah Woods and paraphrased by your editor.

Where are you from?

Maciej lives in Poland, a European country located to the East of Germany, to the west of Ukraine, and south of Sweden, with the Baltic Sea in between. To the south of Poland, is Czechia, and Slovakia.

Home life

Maciej has a big family of 6. His parents, plus three siblings. Two sisters- 1 is older and is a lawyer. The other sister attends high school. His brother is older and is studying at university. They also have a dog, a big white dog of which the breed is not easy to translate.

Why did you consider the Youth Exchange Program (YEP)?

Maciej was exposed to the YEP through a discussion with his brother in law's sister- who did an exchange in the pre-covid times. Unfortunately, her exchange was cut short due to the pandemic, but nevertheless, the experience she had was favourable.

Why Australia?

Despite the unfortunate fact (for us) that Australia is not the hot topic of daily Polish conversations (except for when we compete in the Eurovision contest), our country was recommended to Maciej by his sister. His sister was involved in a shorter exchange program via her university during her law degree and came highly recommended. It was described as having "good people, and a good country".

Interests etc

Maciej is studying in year 11 at Calrossy school. His favourite subject is Music, which is a passion of his, as we will further explore later in the interview.

His other favourite subjects are Chemistry and Biology- which he feels he is very competent in back at home, but the language barrier for technical aspects of the course does make study in the English language a bit more difficult.

Academically, Maciej aspires to study medicine. He feels that line of work would be a valuable career, and a good way to help people.

Sports and Hobbies

Our newest member is a bit of an extreme sports daredevil! He enjoys a range of sports such as climbing/bouldering, Handball, Soccer, and snowboarding. But his favourite two sports are tennis and Windsurfing.

Windsurfing is not a very common sport in Poland, but there is a dedicated few who windsurf in the Baltic Sea, but most enjoy this sport on a nearby lake, on the Shores of Hel. Maciej told us of a local bus route which goes from Dansk to Hel, with the route 666- a strange coincidence which has since been changed. We were assured that Hel is a nice place to visit, although your editor does wonder if it does in fact ever freeze over (if it does, I have a few promises made to me that I'd be able to collect on!)

Maciej has been able to see a little bit of Australia in his first few weeks of being here. A recent trip to 'the bush' saw him visit a lake, which by Australian standards was cold... but for a Pole, it was almost perfect swimming conditions!

Interest in Music

We are fortunate to have a competent musician visiting us on YEP. While performing at our country music festival is still 'under consideration', Maciej has a solid history of playing multiple instruments and performing at various events back home.

He is a pianist, having had many lessons, and progressed to a level where he has played in a band back home. More recently he started playing guitar, and is so far, self-taught. Interestingly, this coming week will mark his first ever guitar lesson, and to gear up for this, he has purchased a guitar locally to help him on his journey. Maciej enjoys playing and composing music, particularly as a method of relaxing when needed.

Prior Expectations of Australia

As discussed, Maciej was told lots about Australia following his sister's short university exchange. As is the trend, Australia was expected to have a plethora of spiders, snakes, and other creatures just waiting to eat unsuspecting visitors. Thankfully, an encounter with a drop-bear has not yet been experienced.

On a more serious note, Maciej has an open mind to his exchange in Australia, and looks forward to improving his English, forging some new friendships, and making some unforgettable memories (they must train them on these PR skills before they send them over – ed).

Maciej really wants to get an Australian accent while here- and I'm sure his school mates will really enjoy telling him all the slang and lingo of the contemporary Australian teenager.

Welcome to Australia, Maciej!