



**Rotary**   
Club of Tamworth First Light  
**MEETING 1667, ISSUE 12**  
**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023**



### Rotary Year 2023 - 2024

<b>District Governor</b>	<b>VG, PDG Lorraine Coffey</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

When I hear somebody sigh, 'Life is hard,' I am always tempted to ask, 'Compared to what?'

## Joke of the week

I bought some shoes from a drug dealer. I don't know what he laced them with, but I've been tripping all day. My wife says I'm getting fatter, but in my defence, I've had a lot on my plate recently.

## Notices:

RAWCS. ( Rotary Australia World Community Service) (Humanitarian Aid) Supporter stickers now available. \$10.00ea. Club Secretary to organise.

Legacy event to celebrate 'Centenary of Legacy' Thursday evening 31 August at 6pm. The talk will be on the 'Lost Diggers of Fromelle'.

Board Meeting Tuesday 12 Sept at 5.30pm changed location to Ken Chillingworth Room

Sue O'Connor gave us a rundown /request to support the Dolly Parton library in assisting with adult literacy programmes. For those interested, please see Sue.

Leigh Foord and Mal McPherson gave a thought provoking talk on 'Youth in Search' and the judicial system. Many questions came from the floor leading me to think we need to invite Leigh back for more discussions on this very topical issue.

# Announcements:

A word from Naomi on the Tamworth Community Garden project



# Victoria Park OPEN DAY

**Sunday 17 September 2023  
at Victoria Park from 10am to 2pm**

- Astronomy Club displays
- Tamworth Regional Botanic Garden
- Australian Plant Society native plant sale
- Tamworth Community Garden Group
- Family picnic facilities
- Adventure Playground - Marsupial Park
- Men's Shed guided tours
- Long Gully Keeping Place - Aboriginal Artifacts
- Miniature railway rides and Locomotive Cafe

For further information please contact:  
Tamworth Regional Council on 02 6767 5555

Fun for  
the whole  
family. Don't  
miss it!



Victoria Park is situated at the top end of Piper Street and is the home of the Tamworth Regional Botanic Garden, Miniature Railway, Men's Shed, Tamworth Regional Astronomy Club, Threatened Species Group, Tamworth Community Garden Group and the Marsupial Park

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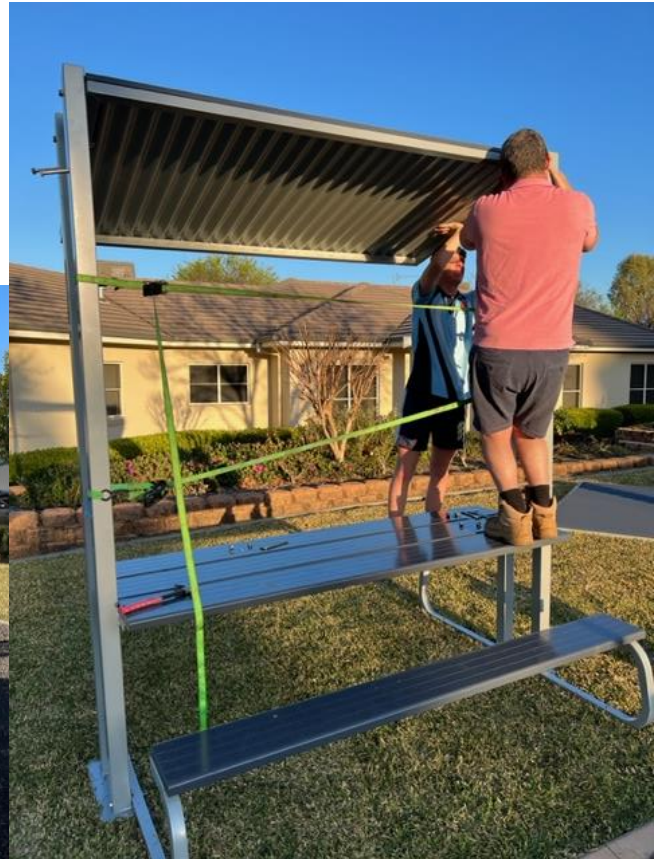


## PARK BENCH PROJECT:

The Bench at Electra Park has been installed. This project was supported by our club, Joblink Plus, and Tamworth Regional Council, under the leadership of Peter Ryan.

Last Friday, the bench was collected, and Peter and his diligent helpers assembled the unit. It was then transported to Electra park, (adhering to all load restraint and dimensional road rules), before being placed on the prepared slab for anchoring.

The bench is now stable and secured and will feature a sign in the future identifying it as a Rotary Project, and identifying our sponsors.





## OUT AND ABOUT- MITCH VISITS THE ROTARY CLUB OF MURRUMBIDGEE CANBERRA'S VOCATIONAL VISIT- ENDANGERED HERITAGE ART CONSERVATORS

Editor Mitch is writing this week's bulletin from a lonely hotel room in our bleak nation's capital Canberra. To break the boredom, he dropped in to see a local club during his work related travels- and even got talking to the aunty of a Rotarian from Manilla- it truly is a Small world in Rotary!

The Rotary Club of Murrumbidgee Canberra is a new club, formed approx. 2 years ago from the amalgamation of two other clubs in the area as their numbers declined. Nevertheless, these days their club is thriving, with approx. 30 members, and some interesting projects (including antiques fairs, and bespoke, handcrafted garden gnome sales). It is always interesting to see how other clubs operate, and how they serve their communities.

I managed to join them during a vocational visit, where they met at a local business named "[Endangered Heritage](#)" – a husband and wife team who work as art conservators- a little known but essential vocation which helps to conserve art, heirlooms and sentimental items within museums, private collections, government collections, and family pieces with high sentimental value. Their work aims to conserve (not renew) our history through items.

The business owner, Victoria Pearce, holds multiple degrees in arts and science, and has many years of using evidence based, scientific approaches to conserve pieces- to prolong their life, repair damage, and conserve items (as opposed to restoring them – which often changes their overall appearance or value). Their conservation work is seen in items across most major Australian museums, from everything from rare books in the national library, WW1 tanks in QLD, film and sound archive work, and even work on one of 4 copies of the 1297CE magna carta which is held in an inert storage environment at Australian parliament house. She has worked abroad for collections including the British royal family and the Vatican collections. They are also happy to take on the conservation of private items.

Under conservation at the time of the visit was an 1860's oil painting from the Austrian Embassy, a family heirloom teddy bear, and a plate glass artwork which was shattered and in need of stabilising and repair.

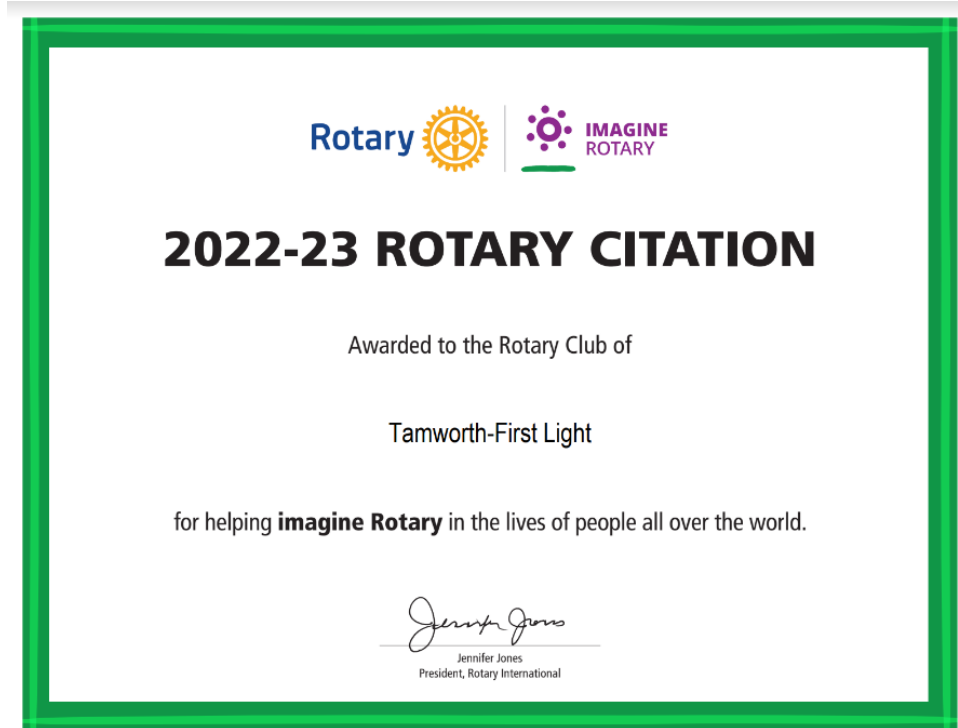




# Rotary News:

## RCTFL IS RECOGNISED FOR THE 2022-23 YEAR

Our club has earned a Rotary Citation for membership development- the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve, for 2022-23. Last Rotary year, our club demonstrated a commitment to achieve its goals, which ultimately helped to strengthen Rotary and shape our future.



## GUEST SPEAKER-

Leigh Foord and Mal McPherson spoke to the club, representing Youth Insearch (YI)

Mal is the local magistrate and long time advocate and supporter of Youth Insearch, and long-time member of Rotary club of Tamworth West.

Leigh is a Team Leader with Youth Insearch and is located at Tamworth, and has been with YI for 12 months

Leigh is a mum of two and has a background in social work

YI has social workers based in four locations in the North West based out of Tamworth, Armidale, Inverell and Gunnedah. Youth Insearch has moved from a “volunteer” model to a permanent social worker model in the last few years, having four main parts to their program:

- Case management
- Weekend workshops, where young people are assisted by peer youth workers rather than adults
- Support groups
- Leadership support

Pier workers are people who have been through the program themselves- Pier workers can do a 12 month course to be qualified leaders, and upon completion of the course they attend Admiralty House in Sydney to be presented with their certificate by the Governor.

YI conducts 6 camps per year which RCTFL supports- three at Lake Keepit, and three at Lake Macquarie.

YI has a 78% success rate with youth if they attend 2 workshops.

A 90% success rate of youth reengaging with an education program such as TAFE or school

And an 83% reduction in self-harm and suicidal ideation

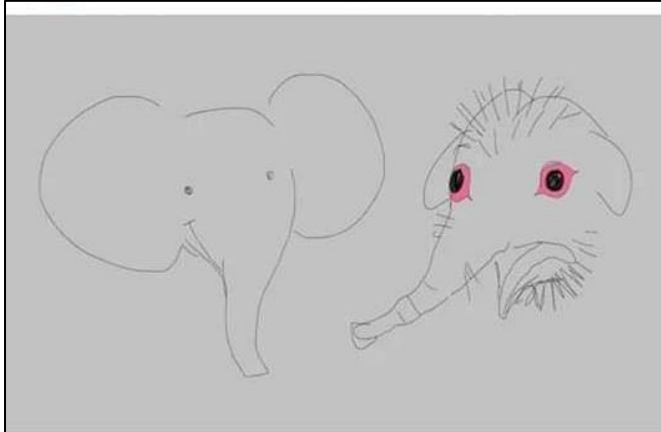
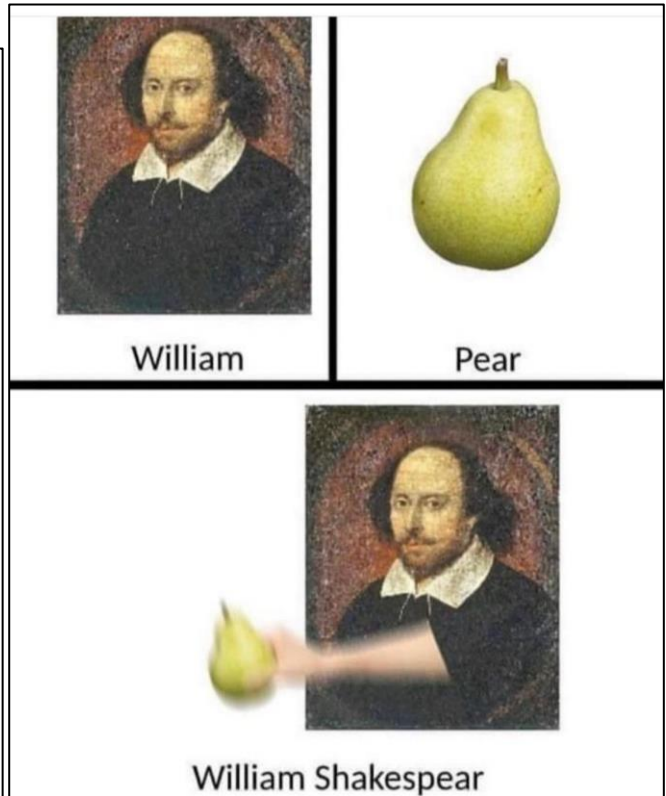
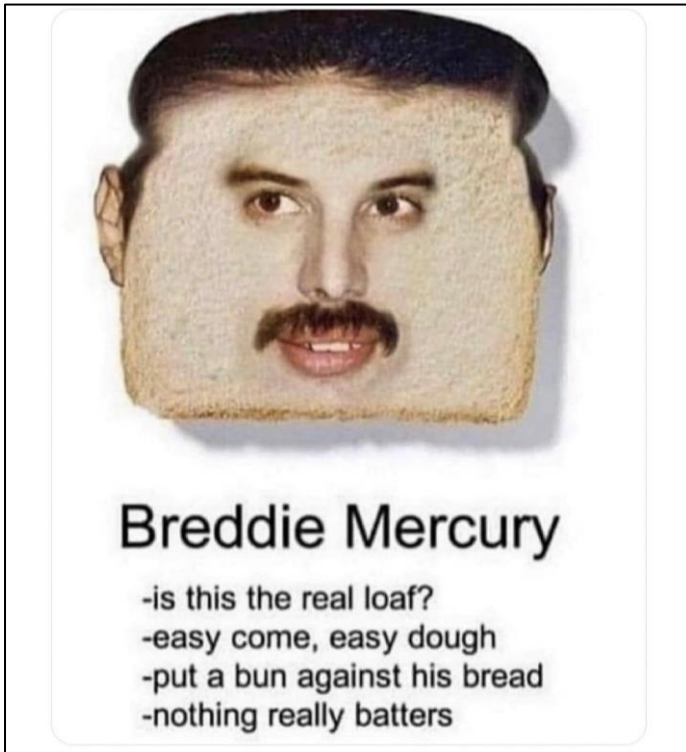
YI aims to find solutions to “the problem” rather than a band aid approach and it has great success, and with hope, continues to do so.

-Words by Michael Smith





FUNNY CORNER



African elephant calves vs Asian elephant calves

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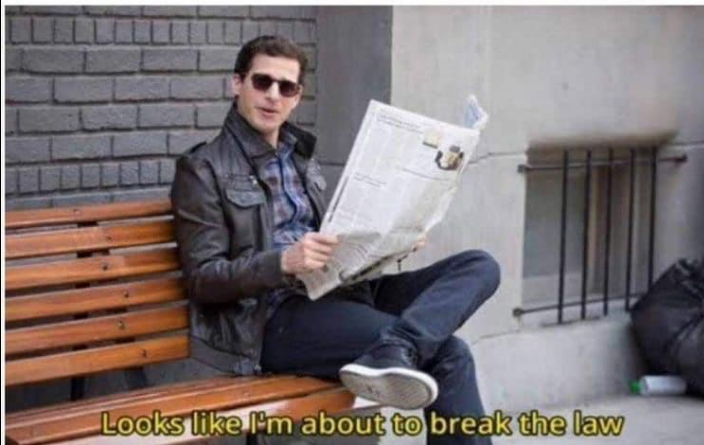
Very Accurate



\*pets him very carefully\*



8 year old me when i see my mom adding wine in the pasta sauce for dinner



Son: can we go to a haunted house this year?


Dad: what's wrong with the one we live in?

Son: WHAT?!

Dad: goodnight son





 **ruby**  
@roobeekeane

**Tea:**

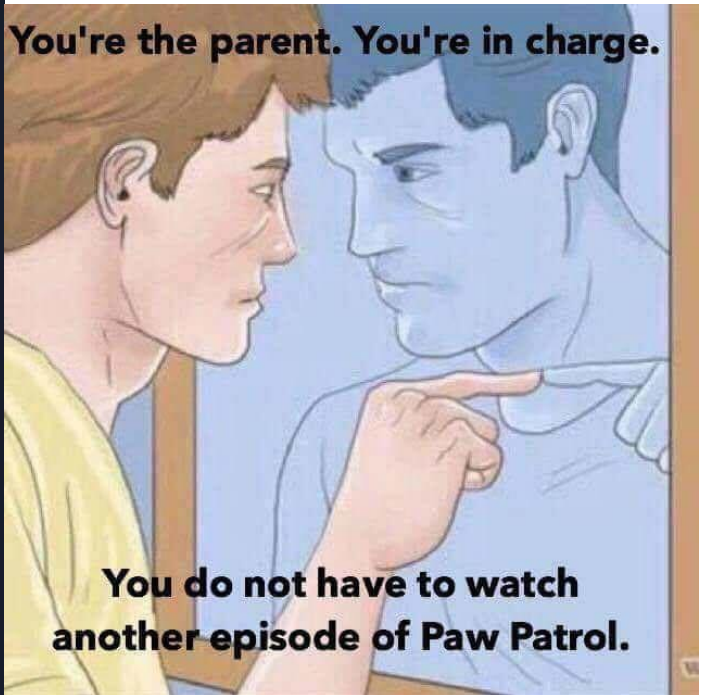
- calming
- many flavours
- the answer to all problems

**Coffee:**

- Anxiety Juice™
- 3 heartbeats for the price of 1
- more than 4 cups and you can talk to electricity

 **Erik** 🐾 @cl0ckw0rk951 · 16h

What they won't tell you in any cooking class is that to make the meal really tasty, you have to offer a sacrifice to The Gap

Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Photo shoot with our Tree planting project	▪ TBA – See Alice or Peter R
▪ Victoria park / Community Garden open day	▪ 17 <sup>th</sup> September
▪ Public Speaking – Area 6 Final at Quirindi	▪ 27th August 2023

Social Calendar	Date
• Post Office Raffles Social Night	• 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month (15.09.2023)

Useful links (click to open!)	
 • <a href="#">Tamworth First Light Website</a>	 • <a href="#">RCTFL Facebook page</a>
 • <a href="#">District 9660 Website</a>	 • <a href="#">Rotary District 9660 Members Page</a>
 • <a href="#">Rotary International Website</a>	 • <a href="#">Rotary District 9660 Public Facebook</a>
 • <a href="#">DACDB Member and Club Portal</a>	

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>Youth Protection</b> – Bruce Hemmett	<b>President Elect</b> – Sue O’Connor
<b>Board Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month</b> - Tuesday 12.09.2023, 5.30pm, Wests.	

	6 <sup>th</sup> September	13 <sup>th</sup> September	20 <sup>th</sup> September	27 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Topic</b>	National Landcare Week	Site Visit-Community Gardens	NIAS soccer program	TBA
<b>Location</b>	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Victoria St	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Ninna Douglas	Naomi Blakey	Martin Rae	TBA
<b>Sergeant</b>	Mitch Soree		Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
<b>Corporals</b>	Malcolm Turnbull Glenn McIntosh		Vicki Cooper Bev Fletcher	Courtney priestley Terry Robinson
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Aurelie Quade		Louise Matthews	Laurence Heame
<b>Door Team</b>	Courtney Priestley Peter Ryan	Richard Hardwick Bev Fletcher	Malcolm Turnbull Richard Hardwick	Vicki Cooper Hannah Woods
<b>President Assist</b>	Hugh Raadgever	Malcolm Turnbull	Laurence Heame	Dimity Betts
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Michael Smith		Brodie Shields	Steve Martin
<b>Welcome</b>	Marina Heame		James Treloar	Brian Thompson
<b>Bulletin Notes &amp; Introduction</b>	Peter Bell	Hannah Woods	Peter Bell	Aurelie Quade
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Brian Thompson	Helen Tickle	Courtney Priestley	Barry Biffin

\*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				
8 <sup>th</sup> September	15 <sup>th</sup> September	22 <sup>nd</sup> September	29 <sup>th</sup> September	6 <sup>th</sup> October
Steve Martin Peter Bell	Peter Bell Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson Louise Matthews	Louise Matthews *Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson Naomi Blakey

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS	
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Bev Fletcher 7/9
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Sue Thompson 8/9
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil
<b>Club Induction</b>	Nil

<b>Attendance</b>	78%	<b>Lolly Jar Raffle</b>	Bev Fletcher
<b>Make-Ups</b>	M. Soree Murrumbidgee Canberra RC 30/8	<b>Heads and Tails</b>	Graham Dooley
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Mal McPherson (West)		
<b>Visitors</b>	Maciej Wolanski (Youth Exchange Student), Chelsea Barnes		