



Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
MEETING 1668, ISSUE 13
WEDNESDAY 13th September 2023



Rotary Year 2023 - 2024

District Governor	VG, PDG Lorraine Coffey
President:	Brian Logan
Secretary:	Liz Gill
Treasurer:	Dennis Maunder

The Life of Brian

Quote of the week

Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." - Martin Luther King Jr.

Joke of the week

I was having a meal in an Indian restaurant. Just as I was finishing up and thinking about getting the bill, this sweet little old grandmother came up to my table and said.

"You are such a lovely boy, with such wonderful manners. You are a credit to your mum and dad." Then off she toddled. I said to the waiter: "Excuse me, who was that?"

He said: Ah yes sir, that's your complimentary Nan".

Notices:

A RAWCS sticker update was given with a decision to be made at the next board meeting.

Regionalisation Rotary Community Groups (RCG) discussed with a decision to be made at the next board meeting.

Selection for the 9 regional council roles still in progress. Members can seek more information through DACdb

Brett White gave an update on the health of Vicki Cooper. We wish Vicki a speedy recovery.

John Rouvray gave us an update on his own health scare. We are glad to see John back to his normal self again.

Ninna Douglas and Wayne Chaffey from Landcare gave us some insight into how the Landcare service works in the Tamworth area. With so much importance on our environment now needed to correct past misunderstandings of nature and our ways we work the lands around us, we should consider working partnerships to help achieve our goals. Perhaps we should look at a trip to their establishment to see how the nurturing and grafting processes of plants work.

Announcements:

Next Wednesday the 13th of September's meeting - site visit to the Tamworth Community Garden

The garden is located at the Victoria Park precinct between the Men's Shed and the water tank. On arrival please use the car park near the Astronomy centre and Botanic Gardens and walk down to the garden.

Please BYO chair and dress for the outdoors.

The Community Garden team can't wait to welcome you to our garden space to enjoy being outside and in nature :)

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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REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROTARY NEWS:

RCTFL – COMMUNITY WEEK EVENT – HELP NEEDED.

Our club will be helping Tamworth celebrate 'community week' on Sunday 17th September 2023 at Victoria Park. Participating in this project is our own club members lead by Naomi Blakey. The team will be completing some seed planting with community members to get the community garden to the next stage in the project.

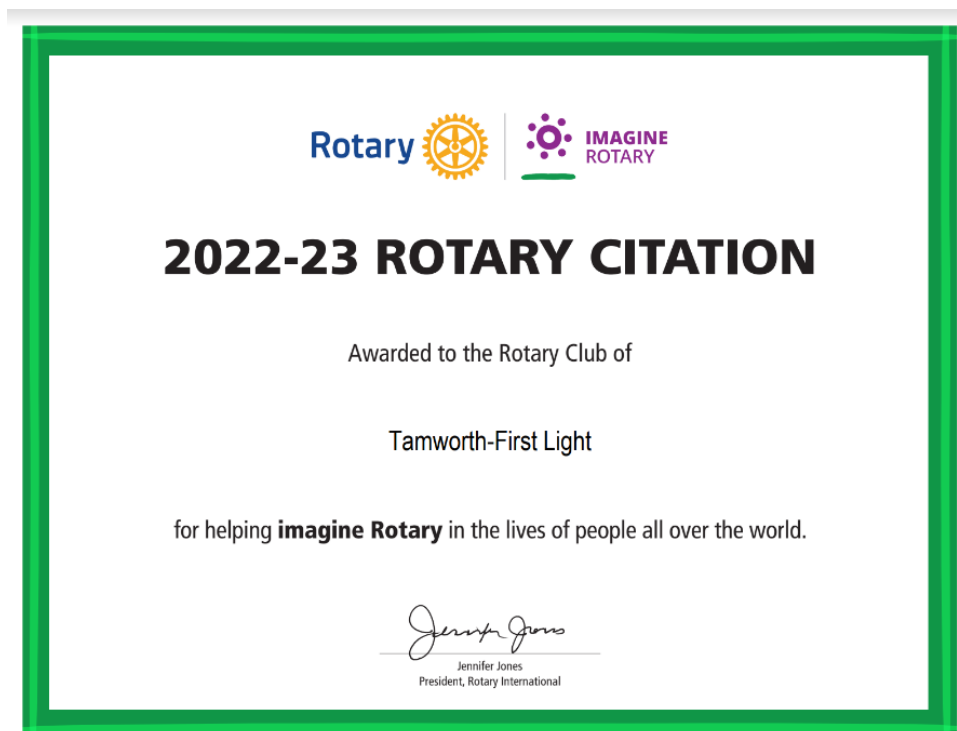
To assist Naomi in her endeavors, I would like to support Naomi by making this a club social outing by way of a club BBQ over the lunch period. This should be a great way to help celebrate community week and fly the flag for Rotary.

To gage numbers, I have requested an invite via 'survey monkey' be sent out.

I will send out more info shortly regarding costs (if any) etc.

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- TAMWORTH LANDCARE – NINA DOUGLAS AND WAYNE CHAFFEY

Nina Douglas and Wayne Chaffey talked to our club about the local Landcare group.

Landcare is a community organisation passionate about promoting sustainable land management and conservation practices in the Tamworth region, engaging with local community groups, landholders, and residents. Their goal is to promote environmental responsibility.

Tamworth Regional Landcare Association has a nursery on Wallamore rd, open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, where they propagate and sell a range of local native species which are grown from locally sourced seeds- best reflecting our local ecology and climate. It also acts as a training opportunity for the community volunteers and students.

Through the small grants program, TRLA has distributed more than \$42,000 to the community.

TRLA can be contacted via www.TRLA.org.au

Our guests were thanked by Brian Thompson





They say iPhone is better than Android but I've never seen an iPhone save Captain Picard, the Enterprise and the Federation.



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

Useful links (click to open!)	
 • Tamworth First Light Website	 • RCTFL Facebook page
 • District 9660 Website	 • Rotary District 9660 Members Page
 • Rotary International Website	 • Rotary District 9660 Public Facebook
 • DACDB Member and Club Portal	

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 – Bruce Hemmett	President Elect – Sue O’Connor
Board Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the Month - Tuesday 12.09.2023, 5.30pm, Wests.	

	13 th September	20 th September	27 th September	4 th October
Topic	Site Visit-Community Gardens	NIAS soccer program	TBA	Tamworth Dramatic Society
Location	Victoria St	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker	Naomi Blakey	Martin Rae	TBA	Ellie Sampson
Sergeant		Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
Corporals		Vicki Cooper Bev Fletcher	Courtney Priestley Terry Robinson	Hannah Woods James Treloar
Meeter & Greeter		Louise Matthews	Laurence Hearne	Deb Barnes
Door Team	Richard Hardwick Bev Fletcher	Malcolm Turnbull Richard Hardwick	Vicki Cooper Hannah Woods	Glenn McIntosh Barry Biffin
President Assist	Malcolm Turnbull	Laurence Hearne	Dimity Betts	Mal Turnbull
Visitor Assist		Brodie Shields	Steve Martin	Helen Tickle
Welcome		James Treloar	Brian Thompson	Peter Johnston
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Hannah Woods	Peter Bell	Aurelie Quade	John Rouvray
Vote of Thanks	Helen Tickle	Courtney Priestley	Barry Biffin	Bev Fletcher

*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				
15 th September	22 nd September	29 th September	6 th October	13 th October
Peter Bell Terry Robinson	Terry Robinson Louise Matthews	Louise Matthews *Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson Naomi Blakey	Naomi Blakey Brian Thompson

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	Jane Bradford 14/9, Richard Hardwick 14/9
Partners Birthdays	Marion Dooley 13/9
Anniversaries	Peter Ryan 27yrs
Club Induction	Mal Turnbull 2yrs

Attendance	72%	Lolly Jar Raffle	Skinner- Charlotte Moore
Make-Ups	NIL	Heads and Tails	Hugh Raadgever
Visiting Rotarians	Sam Peacocke (Dubbo Sth)		
Visitors	Maciej "Magic Mike" Wolanski (Youth Exchange Student), Jane Bradford (Honorary)		