



**Rotary**   
Club of Tamworth First Light  
**MEETING 1669, ISSUE 14**  
**WEDNESDAY 20<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

Nil.

## Joke of the week

None (Hurrah!)

## Notices:

This week's meeting was held at Victoria Park where the Community Garden project is underway. Our club member Naomi Blakey gave us an important insight into where the club's support is helping and pointers to its future direction. This is shaping to be a very interesting and community supportive long term project.

The Tamworth City Bowling Club has been advised that the cost of Breakfast will rise by \$2.00 from next week. This was discussed and passed at our September board meeting.

This Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, we will have a social outing at the community garden to help celebrate community week. I will supply some cold selection choices for a luncheon. Please bring a chair, family/friend and good friendly nature.

Hugh Raadgever gave us a heads up on a coffee cup project that may have some merit. This comes from a Rotary club in Gunnedah. Hugh will get back to us on costs/numbers, availability etc.

Our thoughts are with Vicki Cooper and Steve Hawkins as they recover from health issues.

# Announcements:

**THIS SUNDAY!**



- 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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## **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 endeavours, 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.

## **SITE VISIT – TAMWORTH COMMUNITY GARDEN- VICTORIA PARK**

Naomi Blakey and Eliza Weekes addressed our club on behalf of the Tamworth community Garden. This greenfield site is located in Victoria park, and is located on lands of known importance to the Kamilaroi people.

The idea of a community garden began in 2019, with initial plans for a location in Moore Creek. After some time in discussion with local stakeholders, TRC proposed a suitable location within the Victoria park precinct. Funding was gained through a Landcare grant, and the garden beds were assembled with the help of our rotary club. Fencing and water supply was procured by council, and set up in conjunction with the Tamworth Mens shed, who are next door to the garden area.

The 4 garden beds are now ready to plant out – With the support of Joblink Plus and Heemskerks Nursery, who are assisting with the initial seedlings. Carlos IGA is pledging financial assistance to supply a small shed/storage bench for the storage of garden implements.

- McCarthy school have committed seedlings and their student's time on site (from their ag class).
- The Men's Shed is always supportive allowing us to use their tank water and the occasional use of tools as required.
- The TCG crew are also working with the Local Aboriginal Land Council regarding the future and continuing use of the site- in a respectful and collaborative way.
- And as always, we have a wonderful relationship with Council who are extremely supportive in all that we achieve. There is an ongoing discussion about relaxing some restrictions on storage space for the gardens (small sheds).

### **The Future**

Tamworth community garden aims to be an inclusive space open to everyone in the community.

Future initiatives will plan to have more seating, shade, cover, and sheds for the community to use in their gardening endeavours.

Signage will be installed to share the details of gardening etiquette when using the space, as well as show support of all the sponsors who have helped get this project off the ground.

A big thankyou goes out to the committee members who have been working tirelessly in the background for well over a year to get the garden to where it is today- Dimity Betts, Susie Stevenson, Luke Massey, Terry Robinson, Eliza Weekes and Naomi Blakey.

### **Important Dates!**

**Bunnings BBQ** - 3rd of December to raise funds for the garden.

**Victoria Park Open Day** 10am till 2pm. 17th of September

Follow our socials @tamworthcommunitygarden - on Facebook and Instagram.

The group's logo was created through a Community outreach program with 3 designs from local school students combined by Jordan Hearne.





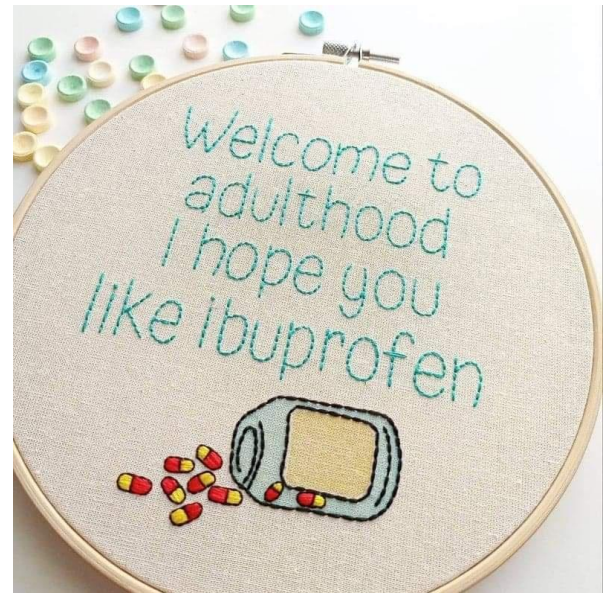
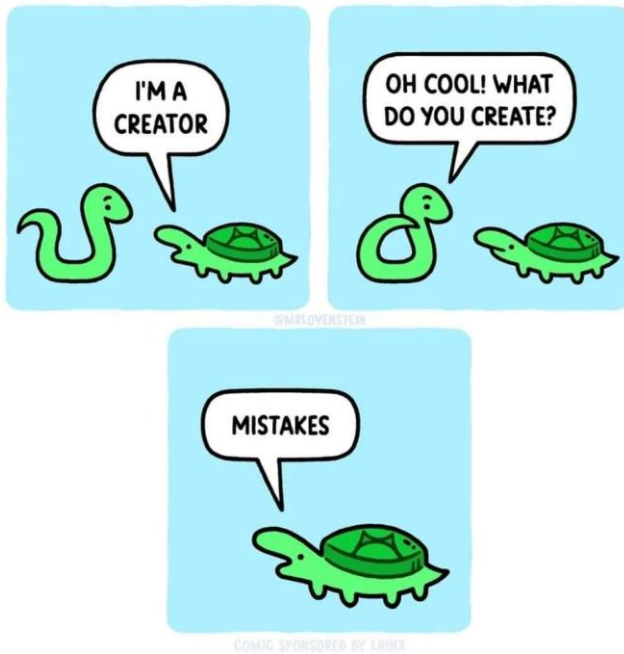
# FUNNY CORNER



When the guests finally leave and you can become a legal citizen of your own house again



Accidentally washed a piece of Halloween confetti down the sink and I'm afraid to say the plughole is now very haunted



Everyone talks about an inner child. I have an inner older lady who says inappropriate things, judges everyone and wants to be in bed by 8pm



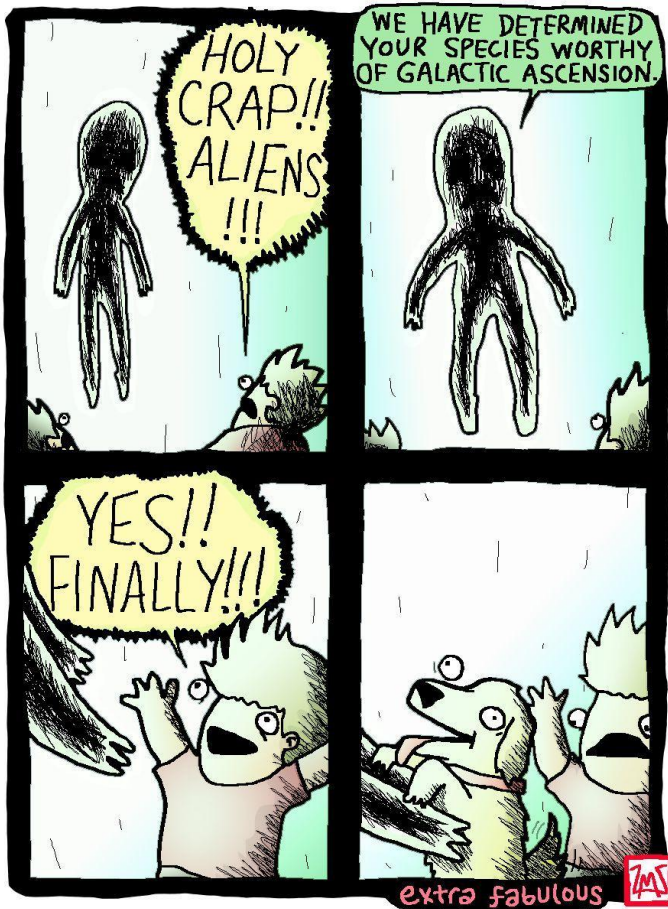




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@Chewnano

"different times in the same place"

taken by Alex Hyner 📸



I'd get a lot more sleep if I didn't insist on reading the entire internet every night before bed.





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
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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 10.10.2023, 5.30pm, Wests.	

	20 <sup>th</sup> September	27 <sup>th</sup> September	4 <sup>th</sup> October	11 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Topic</b>	NIAS soccer program	TBA	Tamworth Dramatic Society	Westpac Rescue Helicopter
<b>Location</b>	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Martin Rae	TBA	Ellie Sampson	Dan Gillett
<b>Sergeant</b>	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
<b>Corporals</b>	Vicki Cooper Bev Fletcher	Courtney Priestley Terry Robinson	Hannah Woods James Treloar	Naomi Blakey Bruce Hemmett
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Louise Matthews	Laurence Heame	Deb Barnes	Aurelie Quade
<b>Door Team</b>	Malcolm Turnbull Richard Hardwick	Vicki Cooper Hannah Woods	Glenn McIntosh Barry Biffin	Peter Leonard Steve Martin
<b>President Assist</b>	Laurence Heame	Dimity Betts	Mal Turnbull	Hannah Woods
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Brodie Shields	Steve Martin	Helen Tickle	Peter Johnston
<b>Welcome</b>	James Treloar	Brian Thompson	Peter Johnston	Peter Ryan
<b>Bulletin Notes &amp; Introduction</b>	Peter Bell	Aurelie Quade	John Rouvray	James Treloar
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Courtney Priestley	Barry Biffin	Bev Fletcher	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				
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	29 <sup>th</sup> September	6 <sup>th</sup> October	13 <sup>th</sup> October	20 <sup>th</sup> October
Terry Robinson Louise Matthews	Louise Matthews *Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson Naomi Blakey	Naomi Blakey Brian Thompson	Brian Thompson Alice Elsley

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS	
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Hugh Raadgever 24/9, Mal Turnbull 23/9
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Justin Sutherland (Aurelie) 20/9
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil
<b>Club Induction</b>	Nil

<b>Attendance</b>	55%	<b>Lolly Jar Raffle</b>	NA
<b>Make-Ups</b>	Nil	<b>Heads and Tails</b>	NA
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Nil		
<b>Visitors</b>	Maciej "Magic Mike" Wolanski (Youth Exchange Student), Jordan Hearne		