



**Rotary**   
Club of Tamworth First Light  
**MEETING 1670, ISSUE 15**  
**WEDNESDAY 27<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

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." -Babe Ruth

### Joke of the week

Breaking news – a man has discovered how to do origami backwards. I will bring you more of that story as it unfolds.

Stallone, Van Damme and Schwarzenegger are having a drink in a bar...

Stallone: "I'm making a movie about famous composers, I'll be playing Beethoven."

Van Damme: "I'll be Mozart."

Schwarzenegger: " Stop it guys, I'm not saying it!!!!"

Restaurant toilets are really, really, dangerous. So many of my 1st dates have gone to use them and vanished.

### Notices:

Martin Rae from NIAS gave a great personal profile on growing up in Scotland and his passion for football. It is wonderful to see how that passion transfers to a learning experience for our up and coming football (soccer) participants. Now that we have heard from the coach and mentor about his background, I think it only reasonable that we invite him back to see how his skills show through at NIAS and how that will work for the future in developing our kids in the world game.

### Meeting End words of wisdom

If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.' – Dalai Lama

## ROTARY NEWS:

The dust has settled on our community engagement project at the Tamworth Community Garden site in Victoria park, last Sunday 17/9. A big thankyou to everyone who came, supported and sent their well wishes for the Community garden open day on Sunday.

It was great to see a number of Rotarians 'out in the wild' congregating under and around are Rotary marquee engaging with visitors to the gardens. We were overwhelmed by the incredible response from the community. The event had the first plant-out of 4 of the garden beds, with help by the community and our rotarians planting seedlings, mulching, and watering. As mentioned, various species were planted, with supply of seedlings by Joblink Plus and Heemskerks Nursery. Planted species include:

Lettuce, Kale, Red spinach, Silverbeet, Rainbow chard, Heirloom yellow beetroot, Rhubarb, Asparagus, Blueberries, Strawberries, Tomatoes, Capsicum, Basil, Parsley, Coriander, Marigolds, Snow peas, Cucumber, Egg plant, Squash, and Zucchini.









## BEV HAS BEEN ON THE GREEN

Bev has been on it again, and has the following report for all the golf tragics out there:

As all golfers will tell you it can be a "soul destroying game one day and the maker of champions the next". "Thats Golf" they say!

Unfortunately one of our champions Vicki Cooper has been off Golf now for a couple of weeks having spent some time in Hospital. She is home now and champing at the bit to get out on the course.

So the news from "out on the course" is that our "Peter Bell" is blitzing his golf scores most weeks! This doesn't go unnoticed at the club!! As captured here- one member sprung, spying from behind the tree. Anything to improve ones game, it would seem!!

But as Pete would tell you Golf is a fantastic leveller, and he should know from his experience of traipsing the grassy borders of the many water traps along the course.

Now I can't be totally focusing on Pete. As I am keen to improve my golf at any cost. I did take a tour to San Francisco where a quick game of golf was played. However, things at home didn't improve- particularly in aspects of applying concentration on the game at hand, as Pete would agree! Recently he sprung me walking up to tee off – "Where are you going?" was his question. "To tee off" was my reply! With a very confused but smug look, he asked "WELL WHERE IS YOUR TEE, BALL AND CLUB"???



Plenty of Concentration in my game.

Maybe this word got back to the ProShop- where they thought my time might be better used in improving the course as follows:

As I walk my dogs every morning on the course at around 6.00am, I don't go unnoticed by the ground staff especially when my Jack Russell escapes and is returned by one of the grounds men some lengthy time later. This week, they have requested my assistance as a 'super sleuth' of discovering- "who is it that does not pick up the giant sized dog droppings found on the course"



They assured me I was the best one for the job and I have their full support- if I can find them-Thanks boys!

### QUICK OVERVIEW OF RECENT SCORES

<b>9 HOLE VETS COMP</b>					
	<b>PETER</b>	<b>BEV</b>	<b>VICKI</b>	<b>DEB</b>	<b>BRIAN T</b>
12/09	18	19	-	16	-
14/9	24	-	-	-	-
19/9	-	200		-	-
<b>18 HOLE OPEN COMP</b>					
	<b>PETER</b>	<b>BEV</b>			
01/9	36	35			
08/9	36	27			
15/9	39	-			

Signing Off

*The Swingers!*







## GUEST SPEAKER- MARTIN RAE - NORTHERN INLAND ACADEMY OF SPORT (NIAS)

Our guest speaker this week was Martin Rae from Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS) giving us background of his interest in soccer and of the NIAS Soccer Program.

Martin is from Scotland and is married with two children. They came to Australia 20 weeks ago for a change of life after Martin was successful in applying for a position with NIAS in Tamworth. He is here under a Sports visa which incidentally took 2 1/2 years for approval.

Martin played soccer in Scotland from a very early age with his parents, grandparents and brother all having an interest and involvement in soccer.

He has spent his life involved in soccer including playing, working in various clubs, coaching, and working as a Development Officer.

Martin exhibits a true passion for soccer and his goal is to provide the development and opportunity for local youth to be successful in their sporting endeavor.

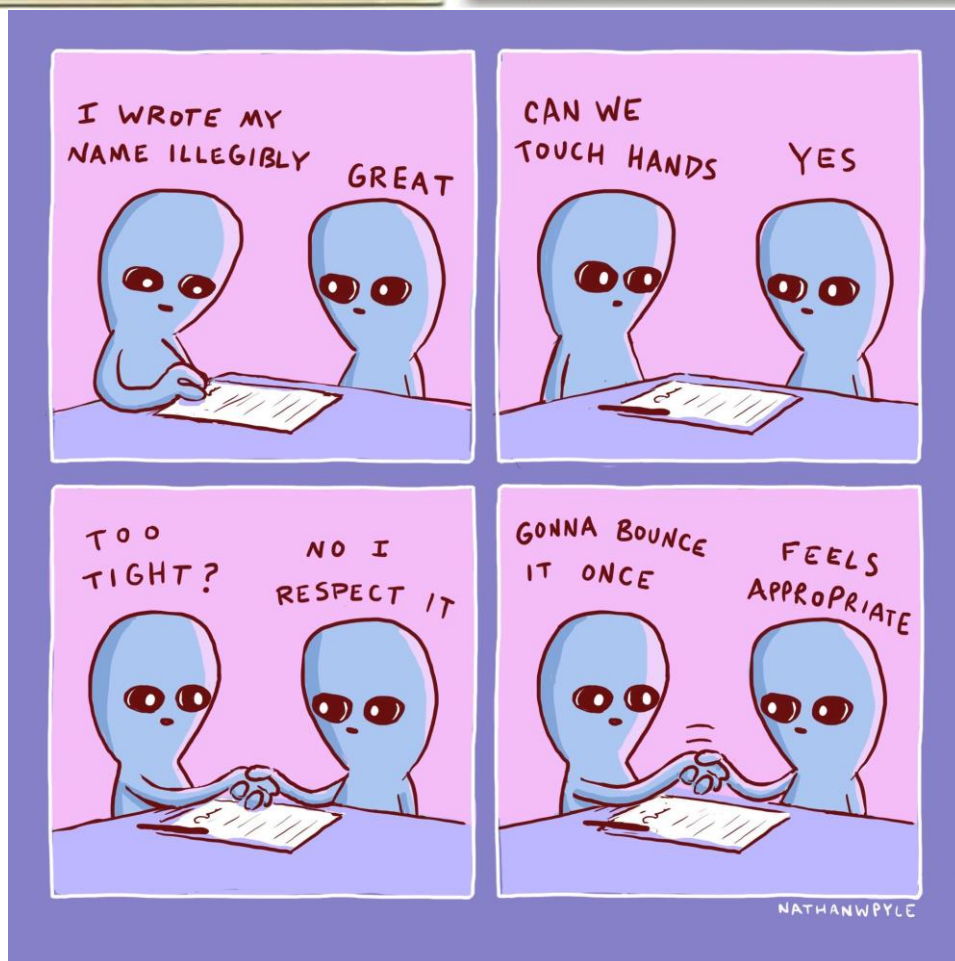
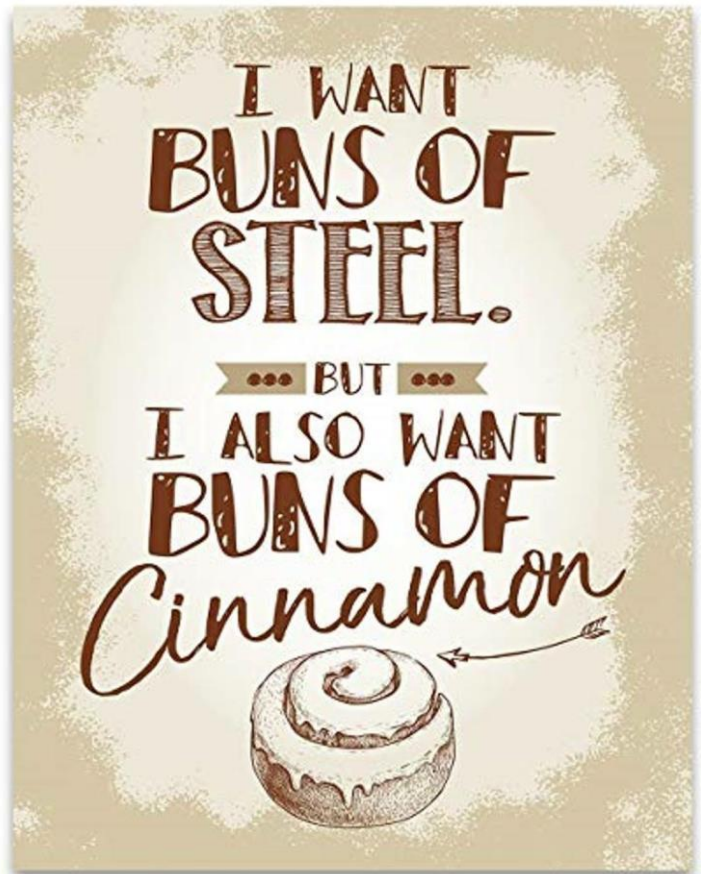
President Brian invited Martin to join us for another meeting to tell us more of the NIAS program. Martin was thanked by Courtney Priestley.



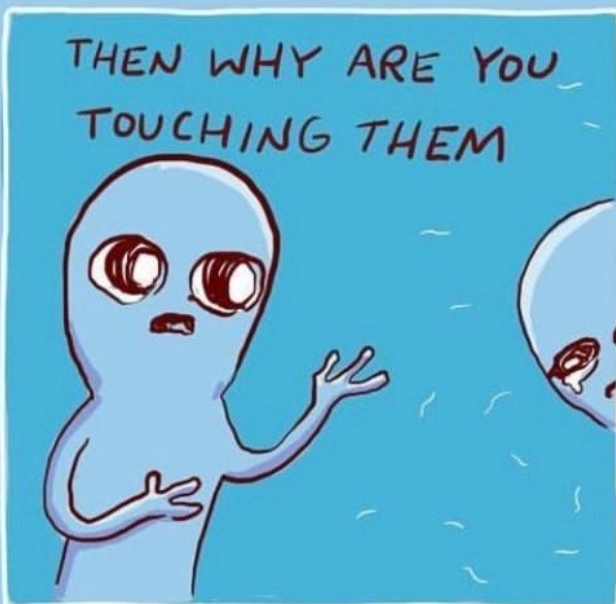
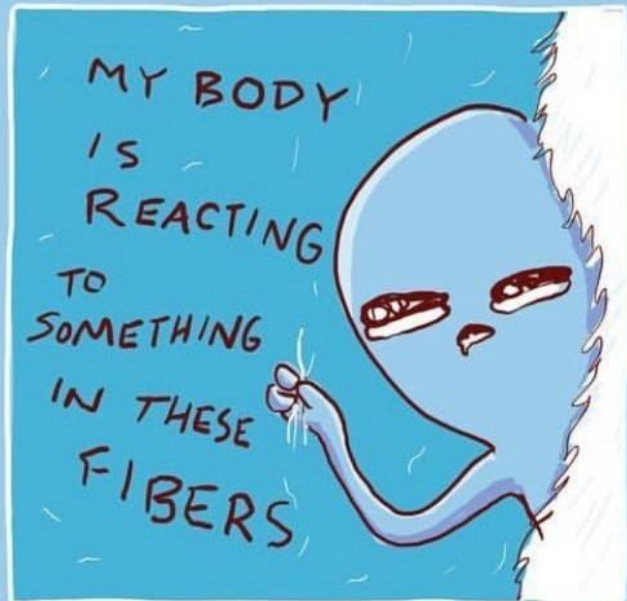
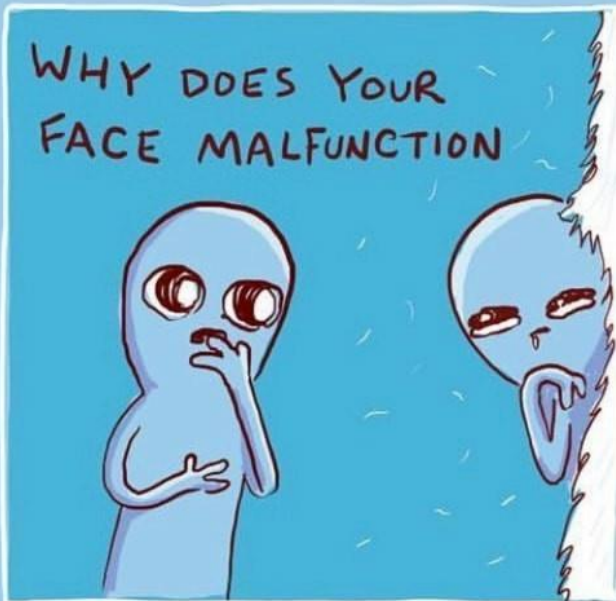
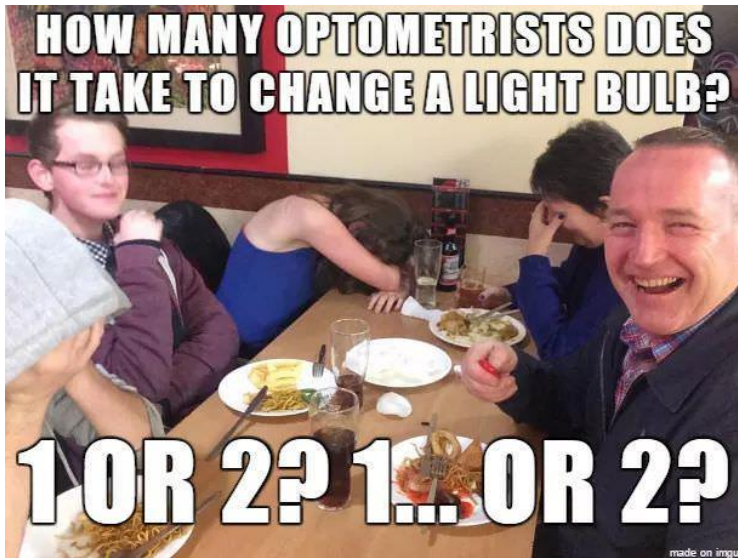




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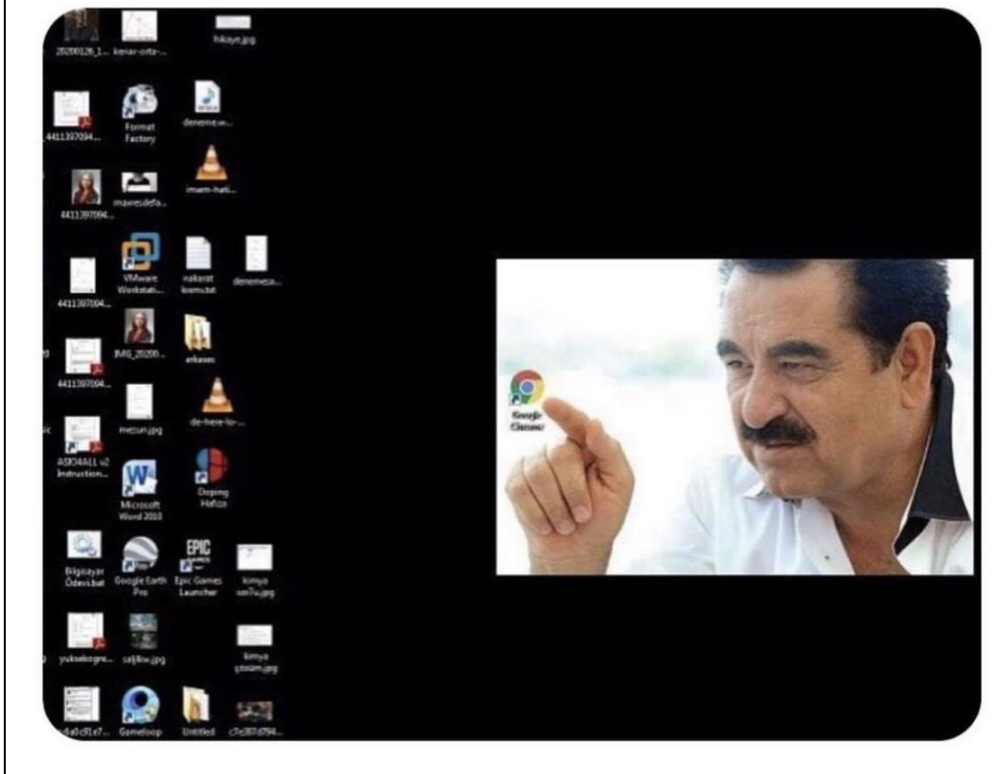






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My dad could not find the Google so I did this:



Rotarian Tech support ;-)



Our next fundraising idea?





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 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month (20.10.2023)

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.	

	27 <sup>th</sup> September	4 <sup>th</sup> October	11 <sup>th</sup> October	18 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Topic</b>	TBA	Tamworth Dramatic Society	Westpac Rescue Helicopter	TBA
<b>Location</b>	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Maybe Martin?	Ellie Sampson	Dan Gillett	TBA
<b>Sergeant</b>	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
<b>Corporals</b>	Courtney Priestley Terry Robinson	Hannah Woods James Treloar	Naomi Blakey Bruce Hemmett	Peter Ryan Marina Hearne
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Laurence Heame	Deb Barnes	Aurelie Quade	Richard Walker
<b>Door Team</b>	Vicki Cooper Hannah Woods	Glenn McIntosh Barry Biffin	Peter Leonard Steve Martin	Peter Bell Paul Stevenson
<b>President Assist</b>	Dimity Betts	Mal Turnbull	Hannah Woods	Barry Biffin
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Steve Martin	Helen Tickle	Peter Johnston	Sue O'Connor
<b>Welcome</b>	Brian Thompson	Peter Johnston	Peter Ryan	Bev Fletcher
<b>Bulletin Notes &amp; Introduction</b>	Aurelie Quade	John Rouvray	James Treloar	Michael Smith
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Barry Biffin	Bev Fletcher	Bev Fletcher	Vicki Cooper

\*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				
29 <sup>th</sup> September	6 <sup>th</sup> October	13 <sup>th</sup> October	20 <sup>th</sup> October	27 <sup>th</sup> October
Louise Matthews *Paul Stevenson	Paul Stevenson Naomi Blakey	Naomi Blakey Brian Thompson	Brian Thompson Alice Elsley	Alice Elsley Brett White

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS	
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Vicki Cooper 30/9, Charlotte Moore 27/9, Richard Walker 2/10
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Pam Shields 29/9
<b>Anniversaries</b>	James Treloar 15yrs
<b>Club Induction</b>	Peter Leonard 6yrs, Mitchell Soree 6yrs

<b>Attendance</b>	81%	<b>Lolly Jar Raffle</b>	Mitch Soree
<b>Make-Ups</b>	Nil	<b>Heads and Tails</b>	Magic
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Jane Bradford		
<b>Visitors</b>	Maciej "Magic Mike" Wolanski (Youth Exchange Student), Marcus and James Ryan, Diane Peterson		