




**Rotary**   
Club of Tamworth First Light  
**MEETING 1672, ISSUE 17**  
**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> October 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**

"If you want to make your dreams come true, the first thing you need to do is wake up."

### **Joke of the week**

I went on-line to conjunctivitis.com – now *that's* a site for sore eyes!

We were delighted to have had three members of the Tamworth Dramatic Society attend our breakfast and give us some wonderful background on theatre in Tamworth. Ellie Sampson gave a rundown on the shows/plays etc that the TDS have performed and a glimpse of what to expect in the future.

Perhaps we can put together a club social evening and have a night at the theatre. Food for thought!

### **Notices:**

Please 'keep an eye' on Rotary information in regard to the Regionalisation Pilot Programs coming through, as well as Rotary Council voting.

### **CONTACT DETAILS NEEDED!**

The sergeant's dinner is being planned.

If you have contact info for any of the following past sergeants- please contact Mitch Soree:

Dick Davison (1991), Bruce McLean (1994), Chris Sheppeard (2011), Simon Chamberlain (2015)

## ROTARY NEWS

Richard Hardwick has been watching birds, and suggested we also watch birds - for a good cause!

The Aussie Bird Count is an activity for all-ages that involves observing and counting the birds that live near you – whether that’s in your garden, the local park, a beach or even your town centre. By telling us about the birds you’ve seen within a 20 minute period, you will help BirdLife Australia develop an understanding of local birds whilst getting to know the wildlife on your doorstep!

BirdLife Australia is the nation’s largest bird conservation organisation. As an independent charity, our purpose is to stop extinctions.

The Aussie Bird Count only takes place once per year in National Bird Week. What a great activity for the conservation of our fauna, as well as a great opportunity to reset and get out in nature. Interested people can register at <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>



The banner features the BirdLife Australia logo and navigation links: REGISTER, MERCH, BIRD QUIZZES & FUN, TEACHERS & SCHOOLS, FAQs, RESOURCES, DONATE. It displays various Australian birds and a smartphone icon with a bird silhouette. The text reads: '10 YEARS AUSSIE BIRD COUNT 16-22 October 2023 REGISTER'. Below this is a registration note: 'To register, you will need to login to your BirdLife Australia global user account or create a new global user account on the next page before completing your registration. For more information or troubleshooting, please visit our Registration Help page.' At the bottom, a countdown timer shows 'Start counting in... 011 09 56 14' with labels for Days, Hours, Minutes, and Seconds.

## LOUISE MEETS WITH A PAST YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT

Louise Matthews recently caught up with a former RCTFL exchange student, Felix Frankenberg.

Felix stayed in Tamworth, and with Louise as the host mum in 2010.

Felix met his current wife while on exchange, while at Tamworth High. They have recently bought a house in Boolaroo (Newcastle, Lake Macquarie area), and they are (he is) going through the process of permanent residency in AU.



## BEV HAS BEEN ON THE GREEN

The Swinger's Club had a couple of good weeks out there on the greens!

Peter and I put on our big golfers pants last Monday week 25/09, and left the comfort of The Long Yard Golf course to play in the Vets Tournament at Gunnedah Golf Club. We had a really good day out playing, along with some very friendly people. Pete rolled in with a score of 37 and I wasn't to be disgraced with a score of 35. Big Congratulations go to our Mr Bell who came second place in the mens' division 2.

Bring on Thursday Vets at the Long Yard that week. Massive shock when I discovered that I won with an overall score of 25!! Bigger shock when the Pro shop forgot to share results!! My only moment of glory gone in the wind!

Our team this week was Mr Bell, myself, Wyne Turner (previous member of Rotary Sunrise) and Dianne Petterson who has been my guest at Rotary for the past few weeks and another golf tragic! Now that our Vicki Cooper is up and about we look forward to having her back on the team at some stage.

Di had a couple of excited outbursts when sinking her putts on the first go, Peter can be seen very close to the waters edge but not swimming this week!

Brian Thompson, I am not having a lot of luck getting you on camera! I must say I'm glad you didn't wipe me out in the cart coming through the tunnel, I will be keeping a closer watch with camera in hand on your future antics on course. Lucky for you I was distracted at our fine session.



## GUEST SPEAKER- TAMWORTH DRAMATIC SOCIETY

This morning we enjoyed a presentation from the Tamworth Dramatic Society [TBS], a local volunteer arts performance group. In 2022 they celebrated 75 years of quality theatre entertainment to our region.

Their president Ellie, joined by fellow committee members Ben and Karen, gave us brief history of the Society supported by a visual presentation of many successful shows.

TBS currently has 63 volunteer members who together present around 2 shows a year. Their first production in 1947, 'The importance of being Ernest', held in the Town Hall where they performed for the next 20 years.

They then moved to the more intimate, 50 seat 'The Retreat Theatre' and won plaudits for being the best atmospheric theatre in NSW and stayed for some 40 years. When TBS outgrew those premises, they made their current home in the Capitol Theatre where facilities are somewhat limited and not built for purpose. Their long-term aim is to occupy the purpose built 'Cultural and Performing Arts Centre' which has been in planning since 2017. This will create an intimate 100/200 seat purpose-built theatre, sorely lacking in our community with Tamworth being the only large Regional Centre without such a facility.

Historical folders containing a complete collection of every programme produced over the years were passed around containing production programme with names of locals who contributed time and effort into producing successful shows. Bill Gleeson, a long-term thespian is the Club's patron.

TBS members volunteer their time to produce and manage every aspect of popular, award-winning shows. A show can have up to 12 months lead time with rehearsals alone taking 3 to 4 months. Members write screenplays, attend to marketing and legal matters, prepare costumes, create sets and props, arrange lighting, identify and nurture local talent using own directors and producers that inevitably ensures a quality outcome and well-earned public acclaim.

As a not-for-profit organisation, any small profit generated after paying around \$30,000 in production costs, is distributed to local schools to further promote arts.

TBS are currently finalising their 2024 Programme when they will perform "Kitchen Witches" and the ever popular "Treasure Island"

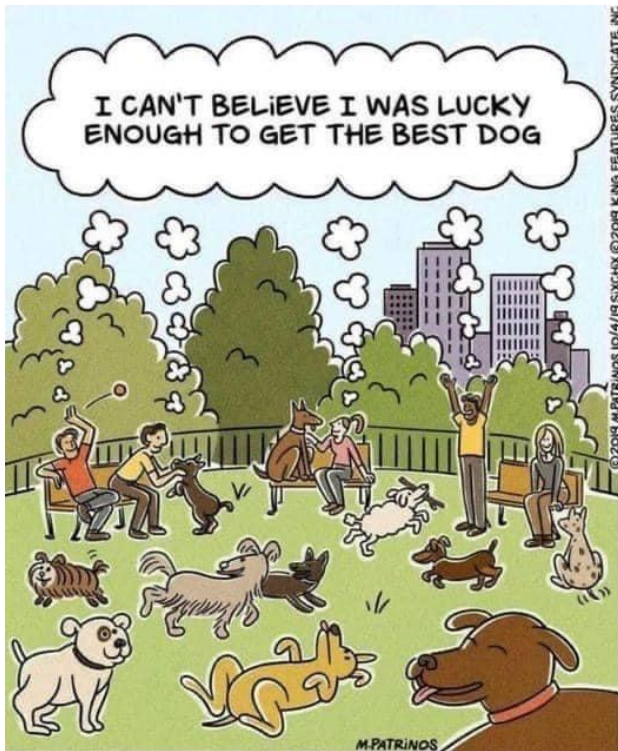
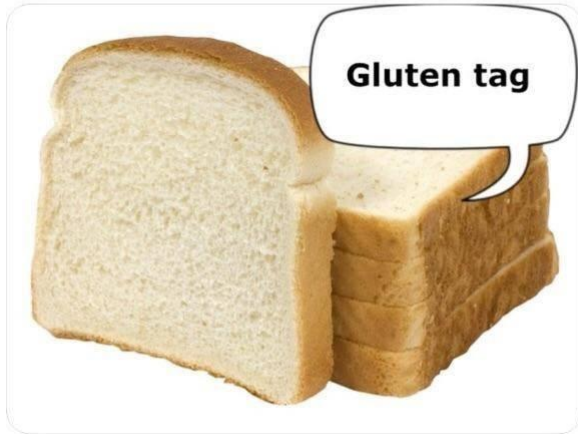
We can all agree TBS are delivering to their mission to "Promote Arts Drama in our District."

Words by John Rouvray. TDS was thanked by Bev Fletcher



# FUNNY CORNER

Therapist: German Bread isn't real,  
it can't hurt you  
German Bread:





Pretty much sums up my experience with DACdb

I just bought my co-worker a 'get better soon' card. They're not sick. I just think they could do better.



Me practicing a conversation in my head:



Me when it's my turn to speak:



Goodbob. I hope we same place again very now.

**\$80,000,000  
fighter jet**

@cramertracker

**US Gov**



**Your \$600  
venmo**



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Photo shoot with our Tree planting project	▪ TBA – See Alice or Peter R
▪ Sergeant's Dinner	▪ Coming SOON!!!
▪	▪

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.	



	11 <sup>th</sup> October	18 <sup>th</sup> October	25 <sup>th</sup> October	1 <sup>st</sup> November
<b>Topic</b>	Westpac Rescue Helicopter	Tamworth Conservatorium of Music	Adult Literacy	Exchange Student Presentation
<b>Location</b>	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Dan Gillett	Noelene Bosworth	Kellie Makepeace, Lisa Rennie	'Magic' Maciej Wolanski
<b>Sergeant</b>	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Glenn McIntosh
<b>Corporals</b>	Naomi Blakey Bruce Hemmett	Peter Ryan Marina Hearne	Richard Hardwick Peter Bell	John Treloar Richard Walker
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Aurelie Quade	Richard Walker	Alice Elsley	Richard Hardwick
<b>Door Team</b>	Peter Leonard Steve Martin	Peter Bell Paul Stevenson	Naomi Blakey Stephen Hawkins	Peter Johnston Laurence Heame
<b>President Assist</b>	Hannah Woods	Barry Biffin	Peter Johnston	Stephen Hawkins
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Peter Johnston	Sue O'Connor	John Rouvray	Hugh Raadgever
<b>Welcome</b>	Peter Ryan	Bev Fletcher	Peter Leonard	Peter Leonard
<b>Bulletin Notes &amp; Introduction</b>	James Treloar	Michael Smith	John Treloar	Sue O'Connor
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Bev Fletcher	Vicki Cooper	Helen Tickle	Graham Dooley

\*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

13 <sup>th</sup> October	20 <sup>th</sup> October	27 <sup>th</sup> October	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	10 <sup>th</sup> November
Naomi Blakey Brian Thompson	Brian Thompson Alice Elsley	Alice Elsley Brett White	Brett White Marina Hearne	Marina Hearne John Treloar

#### BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS

<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Brett White 14/10, Liz Gill 17/10
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	NIL
<b>Anniversaries</b>	NIL
<b>Club Induction</b>	NIL

<b>Attendance</b>	77%	<b>Lolly Jar Raffle</b>	Mitch Soree (again!)
<b>Make-Ups</b>	Nil	<b>Heads and Tails</b>	Skinner
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Nil		
<b>Visitors</b>	Maciej "Magic Mike" Wolanski (Youth Exchange Student), Diane Peterson, Ellie Sampson, Ben Sutton, Caron Schumann (3x TDS)		