




**Rotary**   
Club of Tamworth First Light  
**MEETING 1673, ISSUE 18**  
**WEDNESDAY 18<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

"What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals."

"Hate. It has caused a lot of problems in this world but has not solved one yet."

## Joke of the week

A Roman legionnaire walks into a bar, holds up two fingers and says, "Five beers, please."

As I get older, I remember all the people I lost along the way. Maybe my budding career as a tour guide was not the right choice.

## Guest speaker

Dan Gillett from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service highlighted the importance of the service and how it operates throughout the region. It was very reassuring to hear just how prepared the service is and the lengths it goes too in its endeavours to provide the safest and most up to date rescue and patient transfer service available. It was a thoroughly interesting and enjoyable talk.

## Notices:

Richard Hardwick – Don't forget to assist in counting the bird life for a worthy cause.

Mitch Soree – help Mitch raise funds for his passion on saving animal life by donating to his walk.

Bruce Hemmett – reminded us of the Rotary International project on Polio.

## 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:

Bruce McLean (1994), Chris Sheppard (2011), Simon Chamberlain (2015)

## THE AUSSIE BIRD COUNT NEXT WEEK - 16-22 OCTOBER

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/>

REGISTER MERCH BIRD QUIZZES & FUN TEACHERS & SCHOOLS FAQs RESOURCES DONATE

**birdlife AUSTRALIA**

**AUSSIE BIRD COUNT**

10 YEARS

16-22 October 2023

**REGISTER**

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.

Start counting in...

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Days	Hours	Minutes	Seconds					

## WALK FOR RSPCA – THE RSPCA RESCUE RUN 2023

Mitch is seeking participation from Rotarians to help raise money for RSPCA through their **RSPCA Rescue Run** initiative. Don't worry- Running is optional!

Between the 18<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October, members can join a walk, run, or cycle with (or without) their pets to help RSPCA's Inspectors stop cruelty towards animals.

What a great way to get out into the sunshine and keep the step-count up, while helping the RSPCA at the same time.

The aim is to walk 56km to help reduce the 56,000 animal abuse complaints received by RSPCA each year.

A team page for our club has been set up where we can track our kilometres walked.

**Further details and donation options at:**

<https://www.rspcarescuerun.org.au/fundraisers/rotarycluboftamworthfirstlight> (or click on the blue picture below)



Anyone wanting to walk alongside Mitch for this cause please keep in touch. The plan is to conduct some weekly afternoon and morning walks along King George avenue and surrounding parklands, departing from the Hungry Jacks Car park (Country music hall of fame). Times and dates TBA.



**WE'RE RUNNING  
to the RESCUE of  
ANIMALS at RISK  
OF CRUELTY**

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR  
CHALLENGE!**

**DONATE TODAY**

RSPCA<sup>NSW</sup>  
RESCUE/RUN 



## MAGIC MACIEJ VISITS SIDING SPRINGS OBSERVATORY

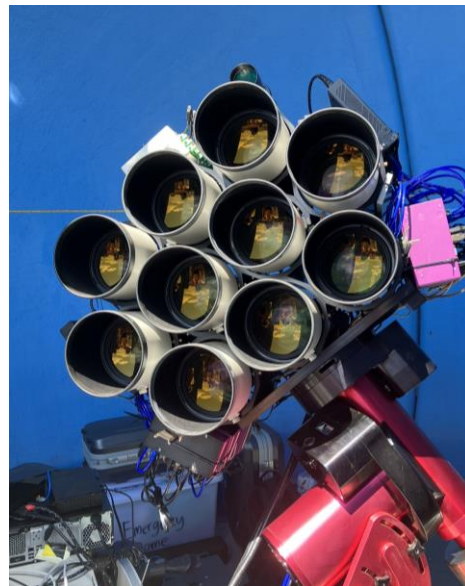


Nestled adjacent to the scenic Warrumbungles National Park, is the Siding Springs Observatory- home to a number of research telescopes atop Mt Woorut (~1160m). Since opening in 1964, The Australian National University has operated the Siding Springs Observatory site, hosting research telescopes from the Australian National University's Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics (RSAA), Las Cumbres Observatory (LCO) and many other institutions from around the world. Research carried out at SSO is varied, from probing the depths of the cosmos in search of "Dark Energy" to searching the Milky Way for other planets and signs of life. Nearly every night there's something new being done, and new discoveries being made.



For one day of the year, Siding Spring Observatory opens its telescopes to the public, giving a chance to take a closer look at the operations of Australia's largest optical telescope site. Tours of the telescopes are conducted by ANU staff, and talks are held by world-famous astronomers.

RCTFL member **Hugh Raadgever**, residing in Tamworth, but a long time Coonabarabran local, offered to take our YEP superstar **Maciej** to the Starfest open day. They had an action-packed day, where they visited the telescope, took part in a radio interview, and saw the huntsman telescope- named for an obvious reason!





## THE SWINGER'S CLUB

The "Swingers" have been out and about again this week and it was evident that at the Longyard, they keep all their ducks in a row...

Peter Bell took this seriously by pointing out to me on the 10<sup>th</sup> green that it is customary to replace the flag (an important piece of equipment on a golf course!) rather than walk off with it on my way to the 11<sup>th</sup> Tee-Off 🙇

Dianne was into crazy wave 🙌 having sunk yet another putt from the edge of the green! Congratulations for that Dianne and on your fantastic win at Vets on the back 9 with 22points!

Peter Bell came in with a score of 16- not to be sneezed 🤧 at! Then there was his amazing effort last week, sending the ball onto the 9<sup>th</sup> green by skimming it across the dam (without sinking!), where it then bounced up the bank and rolled itself within a very respectable distance from the hole. The audience was gob-smacked! 😲

My score was down this week making only 13 That's Golf! Being the frustrating game that it is, I have included an example of a putt that I can perform consistently requiring a great deal of self control on my part as to not offend my fellow players. And there it is! It just can't do one more rotation to get in the hole!!! 🙇

Well that's it for this week, anyone wanting to join us, even for a nice walk and a good laugh don't hesitate to ask.

From The Swingers stay tuned 🏌️👩👨👦👧



Editor's note- they look like Geese to me (🦢° °)🦢



## GUEST SPEAKER- DANIEL GILLETT – WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER

Daniel Gillett from Tamworth's Westpac rescue helicopter service addressed our club this week.

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service (WRHS) started in 1975 in Newcastle, mainly used in search and rescue of those in the ocean in the area. Since early days, Westpac (formerly Bank of NSW) have been primary sponsors, and today, the WRHS has sponsors across a range of businesses and industries- including Rotary district 9660.

The WRHS currently has bases in Newcastle (Pelican, Swansea), Lismore, and Tamworth, offering a professional service (patient transport) as well as search and rescue, and emergency ambulance duties.

Currently, 55% of the work of the Tamworth WRHS is ambulance work- with the chopper being set up like an ambulance, with the ability to perform extraction of patients, and trauma care up to an amputation. The main type of incident that the WRHS attends is motor vehicle accidents, with Daniel urging us to remain vigilant on the roads, and reduce fatigue, as the number 1 cause of the incidents attended. The Tamworth based chopper attends incidents as far as Bourke, and routinely transfers between Tamworth and Newcastle, as well as hospital collect from other regional referral hospitals in the area.

Running any aircraft is an expensive proposition, and the WRHS is no different. The chopper can burn up to 10 litres of fuel per minute, with adverse weather events increasing this fuel burn significantly. On top of this, the chopper is staffed by a pilot, a co-pilot, a doctor and paramedics, all on call to take off within 10 minutes of an emergency call being received.

To this end, the WRHS is actively funded by NSW health, but also relies heavily on the donations from organisations like Rotary D9660, as well as their corporate sponsors. Dan requests we continue to help to support this service, and thanks Rotary for all we have done for the service over the years.

Daniel was thanked by Louise Matthews. Notes by James Treloar.





# FUNNY CORNER



They grow up so fast.



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.	



	18 <sup>th</sup> October	25 <sup>th</sup> October	1 <sup>st</sup> November	8 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Topic</b>	Tamworth Conservatorium of Music	Rotary Training	Exchange Student Presentation	TBA
<b>Location</b>	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Noelene Bosworth	Brian Logan	'Magic' Maciej Wolanski	TBA
<b>Sergeant</b>	Glenn McIntosh	Mitch Soree	Glenn McIntosh	Mitch Soree
<b>Corporals</b>	Peter Ryan Marina Heame	Richard Hardwick Peter Bell	John Treloar Richard Walker	Laurence Heame Brett White
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Richard Walker	Alice Elsley	Richard Hardwick	Peter Leonard
<b>Door Team</b>	Peter Bell Paul Stevenson	Naomi Blakey Stephen Hawkins	Peter Johnston Laurence Heame	John Rouvray Louise Matthews
<b>President Assist</b>	Barry Biffin	Peter Johnston	Stephen Hawkins	Dimity Betts
<b>Visitor Assist</b>	Sue O'Connor	John Rouvray	Hugh Raadgever	Aurelie Quade
<b>Welcome</b>	Bev Fletcher	Peter Leonard	Peter Leonard	Richard Hardwick
<b>Bulletin Notes &amp; Introduction</b>	Michael Smith	John Treloar	Sue O'Connor	Graham Dooley
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Vicki Cooper	Helen Tickle	Graham Dooley	James Treloar

\*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. Look for the easter eggs in this bulletin, and tell me what you find.

#### POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM

20 <sup>th</sup> October	27 <sup>th</sup> October	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	10 <sup>th</sup> November	17 <sup>th</sup> November
Brian Thompson Alice Elsley	Alice Elsley Brett White	Brett White Marina Hearne	Marina Hearne John Treloar	John Treloar Michael Smith

#### BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS

<b>Members Birthdays</b>	NIL
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	NIL
<b>Anniversaries</b>	NIL
<b>Club Induction</b>	NIL

<b>Attendance</b>	80%	<b>Lolly Jar Raffle</b>	Courtney Priestley
<b>Make-Ups</b>	Nil	<b>Heads and Tails</b>	Paul Stevenson
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Jane Bradford		
<b>Visitors</b>	Maciej "Magic Mike" Wolanski (Youth Exchange Student), Diane Peterson		