



Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
MEETING 1677, ISSUE 22
WEDNESDAY 15th November 2023



Rotary Year 2023 - 2024

District Governor	Alyn Miranda
President:	Brian Logan
Secretary:	Liz Gill
Treasurer:	Dennis Maunder

The Life of Brian

Quote of the week

I have learnt over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear - Rosa Parks.

Joke of the week

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

A. Same middle name.

Guest speaker

This week's guest speakers Kelly Makepeace and Lisa Rennie gave an update on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and Adult Literacy. It is great to see how the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light donations to the Imagination Library are helping childhood literacy from such an early stage.

Notices:

If any Club member is going to the Rotary showcase in Dubbo, please advise the club president.

Quirindi Rotary Club is launching its Christmas Spectacular Light and Sound show on Saturday 25 November from 5 pm.

Tamworth Sunrise are seeking volunteers to assist with 'Stand Tall' Friday November 17th at TRECC. Hours are 8 am to 4 pm. If interested, please contact Taylor Fletcher on taylor.fletcher89@gmail.com

Brodie Shields has requested assistance with catering at the Astronomy and Science Centre over the TCMF week. Dates 22, 24, 26th Jan. With possible further dates. We assisted last year and I have agreed to assist again.

DISTRICT 9660 VIRTUAL WALKABOUT- A WORD FROM BRUCE HEMMETT



Rotary District 9660 is conducting a Virtual Walkabout and Raffle to raise awareness of and funds to support the Rotary International End Polio Now Campaign.

Tickets are available at \$5 each with a first prize of \$2000 for the winning ticket. Each \$5 ticket sold will represent 5km virtually walked and will be added to the Walkabout Tally. The Walkabout Tally will be adjusted regularly and plotted on an accompanying map. The updates including the Map and total raised will be shared on the District 9660 Facebook page and in the District newsletter.

So \$10 in tickets gives you 10kms walked towards our goal of walking around District 9660 and two tickets in the raffle!

Each \$1 raised will be doubled by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation so you will be making a significant difference in the lives of those still in countries where the disease continues.

<https://rafflelink.com.au/end-polio-now>

Helen Tickle received on the behalf of the Tamworth Urban Tree Advisory Group at the Tidy Towns Awards Functon at Scone last Saturday evening.

Helen and Rob Chandler had a presentation that Saturday morning.

WALK FOR RSPCA – THE RSPCA RESCUE RUN 2023

Mitch and our participating Rotarians have now completed the **RSPCA Rescue Run** initiative, meeting the target of 56km walked over 14 days.

Don't despair though- there is still plenty of time for you to support the cause through your generous donations, words of affirmation, complimentary 6-packs of coopers sparkling ale, or bottles of scotch whisky.

This initiative has greatly helped RSPCA's Inspectors stop cruelty towards animals.

You can still view the RCTFL team page, as well as member's walking progress and donations raised.



So far, we have raised \$1,220 for this cause!

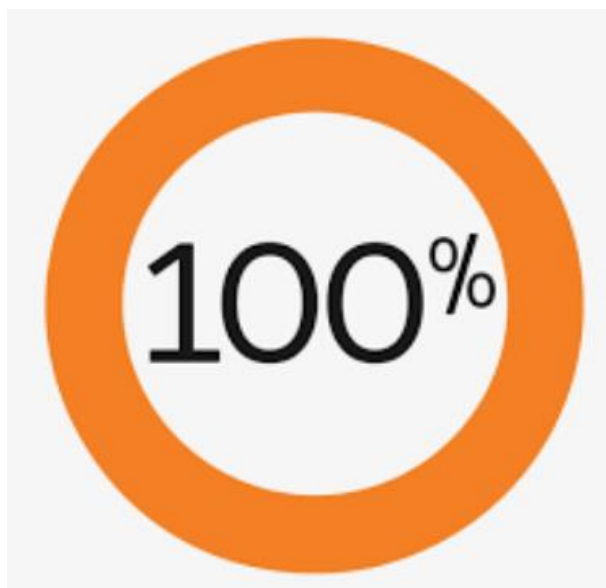
Further details and donation options at:

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



Mitch's Total distance Walked:

56km (100% complete)





Rotary 
District 9660

**CLUBS &
DISTRICT
PROJECT
SHOWCASE**



AGM
9AM
SATURDAY
25TH

Ticket
\$125

What project will you Showcase?

25/26 NOVEMBER 2023
DUBBO RSL

Bookings for display tables
email: phil.gorton@gmail.com





YOU ARE INVITED TO
The Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

Christmas PARTY

**THEME: SILLY SEASON
WEAR YOUR BEST SILLY SOCKS & SHIRTS**

DECEMBER

SUNDAY

10

AT 11:30 AM

CARMENS ITALIAN RESTAURANT
SPAINS LANE, KINGSWOOD

RSVP: 26 NOV
TO MARINA 0403 759 148



SANTA CRAWL IS BACK ON DECEMBER 22ND 2023!



Tickets are live and social media promotion is underway. We have 4 venues participating in this year's Santa Crawl with a rotation of groups (more details to follow on the logistics of this if you are volunteering on the night). Your committee has been hard at work communicating with venues, attending liquor accord meetings and having regular committee meetings to pull this event together. We thought the valued supporters within the club deserved a small update on our progress.

Please, please, please share this event on your Facebook pages and encourage your friends and family to purchase a ticket at <https://events.humanitix.com/santa-crawl-2023-tamworth>

Thanks for your support in promoting our event and sharing the ticket link!

Yours in Rotary,
Charlotte
Santa Crawl Chair



TAMWORTH COMMUNITY GARDEN FUNDRAISING SAUSAGE SIZZLE- VOLUNTEERS WANTED

What Tamworth Community Garden Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
Where Bunnings Warehouse Tamworth – Sausage shack
When Sunday the 3rd of December 8.30am till 4.30pm (multiple shifts to choose from)

Details: If your free on the above Sunday and can give 2 hours of your time, the Community Garden team would love to have you join them to raise funds for the Garden.

Below is the drafted roster with plenty of spaces to fill - if your free please contact Naomi on 0424973714 or naomi.blakey@gmail.com to express your interest for a shift or two!

And yes for anyone interested Bunnings do stipulate that the onion must be served underneath the sausage.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser for Tamworth Community Garden – Sunday 3rd December 8.30am till 4.30pm

<u>Time Slot</u>	<u>Volunteer roster</u>
8.30am till 10.30am	Brett White
10.30am till 12.30pm	Alice Elsley
12.30pm till 2.30pm	Peter Johnston
2.30pm till 4.30pm	Sue O'Connor

Thanks,
Naomi



GUEST SPEAKER –DOLLY PARTON’S IMAGINATION LIBRARY- TAMWORTH

Our guest speakers this morning were Kelly Makepeace, Speech Pathologist and Childhood Literacy Officer at Central Northern Libraries and Lisa Rennie, Executive Assistant to Liveable Communities Tamworth Regional Council.

Kelly develops early language and literacy programs and resources for young families and educators across our region.

Both Kelly and Lisa deliver the amazing, ‘Tamworth Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library a free monthly book giving program for all children aged 0-5 years living in Tamworth LGA.

Currently they have 3500 children on the program receiving a new book each month. In January 2024 it will celebrate its 5th year anniversary.

Children living in some Tamworth communities are more than four times as likely to be developmentally vulnerable in language and communication domains before they begin school compared to the state average, (AEDC, 2018). Programs such as ‘Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library’ are a response to that community need.

Not only does this provide children access to an abundance of carefully selected books, it also helps to assist them in developing reading and comprehension skills from a young age and helps build family connections.



Research has shown that investing time, effort, and resources in the early years of a child's life can have a significant impact on their success as an adult.

Baby Book Time - Evidence based parent workshops has seen a 265% increase in demand since the commencement of the Imagination Library in Tamworth. Weekly BBT sessions during Dhiyaan playgroups

Recent report by ABC TV 7.30 highlights the many benefits of the program in our local community.

www.abc.net.au/news/2023-07-25/tamworth-signed-up-newborn-babies-for-a-reading/102647354

Tamworth Regional Council are an active supporter of this important program.

<https://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/live/community/community-programs-and-awards/community-programs/dolly-partons-imagination-library>

Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Give the gift of literacy this *Christmas* with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Donate today to help put a book in the hands of every child aged 0-5 in the Tamworth Local government area.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible

Scan to donate

This program can only continue with the kind support of the community.

Costs -1 Child for 1 month \$9,1 Child for 1 year \$108,1 Child for 5 years \$540

Ways to donate and support this program – Funds raised stay in Tamworth

One off donation go to -
<https://www.unitedwayaus.com.au/event/dpil-tamworth/home>

Workplace Giving – refer separate application form

Sponsorship Packages

BRONZE Sponsorship - \$540 – sponsor 5 children for 12 months

SILVER Sponsorship - \$1,080 - sponsor 10 children for 12 months

GOLD Sponsorship - \$5,400 - sponsor 50 children for 12 months

PLATINUM Sponsorship - \$10,800 - sponsor 100 children for 12 months

DIAMOND Sponsorship - \$27000 - \$54000 – sponsor 50 – 100 children for the 5-year program









Notes by Graham Dooley. Vote of thanks by James Treloar



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Photo shoot with our Tree planting project	▪ TBA – See Alice or Peter R
▪ Sergeant's Dinner	▪ Coming SOON!!!
▪ RI Convention Singapore	▪ 25-29 May 2024

Social Calendar	Date
• Post Office Raffles Social Night	• 3 rd Friday of the Month (17.11.2023)
• RCTFL Christmas lunch party	• Sunday 10/12/22, 11:30am

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 14.11.2023, 5.30pm, Wests.	

	15 th November	22 nd November	29 th November	6 th December
Topic	White Elephant Ball committee	*TFSS Core & Cluster Refuge	Exchange Student Presentation	Club AGM
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker	Jess Barber	Belinda Kotris	Vitor and Diego	N/A
Sergeant	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
Corporals	*Paul Stevenson Brodie Shields	Brian Thompson James Treloar	John Rouvray Helen Tickle	Alice Elsley Marina Hearne
Meeter & Greeter	Helen Tickle	*Paul Stevenson	John Treloar	Naomi Blakey
Door Team	Terry Robinson Michael Smith	Helen Tickle Brett White	Dimity Betts Naomi Blakey	Peter Leonard Graham Dooley
President Assist	Brian Thompson	Bev Fletcher	Vicki Cooper	Steve Martin
Visitor Assist	Brett White	Alice Elsley	Stephen Hawkins	Sue O'Connor
Welcome	Steve Martin	John Rouvray	*Steve Martin	Brett White
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Sue O'Connor	Stephen Hawkins	Terry Robinson	Helen Tickle
Vote of Thanks	Peter Leonard	Richard Walker	Peter Ryan	John Rouvray

*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				
17 th November	24 th November	1 st December	8 th December	15 th December
*Richard Hardwick Michael Smith	Michael Smith John Treloar	John Treloar Barry Biffin	Barry Biffin Vicki Cooper	Vicki Cooper Stephen Hawkins

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	Paul Stevenson 19/11
Partners Birthdays	NIL
Anniversaries	NIL
Club Induction	Alice Elsley 1yr (+5), Glenn McIntosh 7yrs

Attendance	67%	Lolly Jar Raffle	Skinner
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails	Lisa Rennie (Guest)
Visiting Rotarians	Ben Mobilio RC Tamworth Sunrise		
Visitors	Maciej "Magic Mike" Wolanski (Youth Exchange Student),		