




Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
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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

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader” – John Quincy Adams

Joke of the week

It's important to establish a good vocabulary. If I had known the difference between the words “antidote” and “anecdote,” one of my best friends would still be alive.

Guest speaker

A great morning show and tell by two visiting exchange students Vitor from Brazil and Diego from Mexico. Both were enthusiastic about their adventures and upbringing from their native homelands and certainly gave us some good insight into their lives.

Notices:

- Our Christmas luncheon will be at The Tamworth City Bowling Club on Sunday 10th December. Please let Marina know if you are attending.
- Marina asked if any club members have time or an adventure that might be of value to our exchange student Maciej, Please contact her.
- Don't forget the Community Garden fundraising BBQ at Bunning's Sunday 3 Dec. If you can assist, please contact Naomi.
- Vicki Cooper gave an update on the upcoming Golf trip next May.
- Richard Hardwick gave an update on the success of Jermain Walford. He was awarded coach of the year and the local Achiever Award. Jermain was successful in this year's National Indigenous football knockout cup as captain, coach and player.
- Our cub receives a thank you plaque from the Dolly Pardon Imagination Library for the donation last year.
- New Note; We have been asked to assist with the marshalling at the 2024 Country Music cavalcade. As we have done this at past festivals, I will reply that we can help.

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.

UPDATE TO CHRISTMAS PARTY DETAILS

Carmen's restaurant is closed until 12 Dec due to the chef leaving and Papa Luigi's taking over from this date. As such, we are moving our event to Tamworth City Bowling Club - on the same date and time. Please continue to RSVP to Marina and payment will be taken on the night.

Thanks for your understanding.

We look forward to celebrating with you all.

-Marina



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!

Tickets are live, don't forget to encourage your friends and family to purchase one!
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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, Terry Robinson, Eliza Weekes
10.30am till 12.30pm	Alice Elsley, Paul Stevenson, Barry Biffin, Lisa Clarke
12.30pm till 2.30pm	Peter Johnston, Louise Matthews, Susie Stevenson
2.30pm till 4.30pm	Sue O'Connor, Naomi Blakey, James De Ferranti

Thanks,
Naomi



TREE PLANTING UPDATE – RECOGNITION OF OUR SPONSORS- THE PR PORTFOLIO BY ALICE

Placeholder intro. As we all know, Rotary does some great things for the communities in which we operate. While we do great things, it doesn't hurt to publicise the wins we get, to further our image as the change champions within our community. This this end, our PR director and board get involved in this high level marketing of our club and our projects to strengthen goodwill, and build on our Rotary and local business relationships. Alice discussed our project with in an interview with Regional Australia Bank:

Where did it all begin? Can you tell us how it started or how you got involved?

The tree planting on Gunnedah Road forms part of our '1,000 trees for the Centenary of Rotary Project'. We received funding from Regional Australia Bank, the NSW State Government and other funding streams to plant 1,100 native trees throughout Tamworth. The Project aimed to improve the amenity of the entrances into our town, making it more attractive and pleasant for both visitors and residents.

The project was delivered in partnership with Regional Australia Bank, Kevin Anderson – NSW Member of Tamworth, Tamworth Regional Council, Chandler's Tree Service, and volunteers from both our Club, other Rotary Clubs and community members.

How long has the community group been running?

Our Club was found on May 29, 1990.

Does your organisation give back to your community?

Yes. We volunteer at the Community Garden, Sustainability Expo and Careers expo. Further, we fundraise and donate to other organisations that deliver services in our community, such as the Dolly Parton Imagination Library – a monthly book giving program for all children aged 0-5 years in the Tamworth LGA.

Where does your passion come from?

Charitable actions are free to do and are very rewarding. It feels good to give back to the community.

What are your services? Is there something people may not be aware you provide? Who are the people you support?

Our Club does a lot of work for the youth in our community. Some of the activities include but are not limited to the following:

- **Science and Engineering Challenge** – organizing the annual science in partnership with local schools and the University of Newcastle. Year 9-10 students complete fun and interactive science and engineering-based activities;
- **Youth Exchange Program** – sponsor outgoing 15-19 year old students on a year long exchange overseas at their country of choice and host incoming students to Australia. We are currently hosting a student from Poland;
- **Rotary Youth in Agriculture** – sponsoring students to learn about best practice sheep and wool production techniques;
- **Rotary Youth Leadership Award** – sponsoring 19-30 year olds to attend a leadership and development camp.

How can people get involved and show their support?

Volunteer, attend our breakfast meetings and / or become a member of our Club. We meet every Wednesday morning at the Tamworth City Bowling Club – 6:30am for 7am start and finish by 8am.

How does Regional Australia Bank help assist your community group in achieving your goals?

As a volunteer-based organisation, we rely on different funding streams to help deliver projects in our community, such as the tree planting. We are very grateful for the assistance Regional Australia Bank has given us to deliver our '1000 trees for the Centenary of Rotary' Project.



THE SWINGER'S CLUB-

From the Green November 17th - 28th

Need I mention the weather?

Well yes I do because be it hail, rain or shine the trusty sloggers were out there! On the green, in the mud, fishing from the dams, and enjoying every moment—well, some moments more than others...

Pete and I had a very enjoyable game of 18 holes with Phil and Robyn Penman. Robin had a great day along with Phil and it was fun for Peter and I to join them and a bonus to watch and learn! It didn't take them long to get the idea of capturing a pic or two!



Now moving right along here! Pete does have other hobbies he likes to indulge in— Fishing being one of them! Phil was surprised but not deterred he just raised the camera and Bingo!

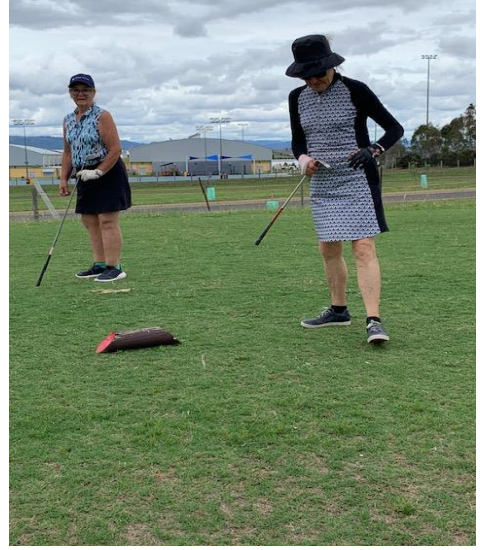
Moving right along...

The rain continued throughout the couple of weeks since I have reported in, but luck was with us on our side each day we ventured out. On my early morning walk I bumped into this lovely lady out and about not long after 6am getting a bit of golf practice in! (and I thought horse riders were odd !!) no offence Deb xxx



The jungle dums were working "Pete's Back, Quack Quack! Wrong way Pete!"

There are days for rewards and amazingly I putted into the hole on the 4th green from a great distance, and in one swoop!!!



Diane Petterson decided that she would choose her fairway iron to Tee Off until we thought to ask if she was sure??? After lots of laughs, a change of club proceeded!

But Pete had a great Putt on th 18th on another day, which saved his bacon as far as a score goes, so much so he kissed the ball!!!



Big day this Tuesday just gone **Vicky Cooper is Back!!** With a kick in her step! Its so nice to have her on the team again! Vic certainly didn't disgarce herself with her new clubs. All together she had a great game!



To finish up I had a visitor from SanFrancisco call by !!! so off to golf he came, making it through the eighteen holes with a couple of rest points along the way. Good effort Sam Fletcher!! See you back on the green next visit.



Until next week- stay tuned!

Bev

GUEST SPEAKER -

Our club presentation this week came from two of our local Youth Exchange students, who introduced themselves, and gave us an insight into their home countries- Brazil and Mexico. Both students displayed exceptional communication skills and had top level slides to accompany their talks.

Vitor is from Brazil, and lives in a regional town in the south east of the country- Anápolis. His interests include cooking and exercise.

Diego es de Mexico, y vive en ciudad de Mexico. (Diego is Mexican, and lives in Mexico City). Diego is currently attending Farrer high. In his home town, he enjoys travelling and being in the outdoors.

Rotary Youth Exchange Program really does offer some great opportunities to youth from all corners of the world, and will certainly offer some life long friendships, and experiences to take into their adult lives. Welcome Vitor and Diego! We look forward to hearing more of your stories in the future.

Vitor and Diego were introduced by Terry Robinson. Both were thanked by Peter Ryan.






FUNNY CORNER-





Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Sergeant's Dinner	▪ Coming SOON!!!
▪ RI Convention Singapore	▪ 25-29 May 2024
▪ District 9660 Conference	▪ 15-17 March 2024
▪ RC Tamworth First Light Changeover Dinner	▪ Sat 15.06.2024
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Social Calendar	Date
• Post Office Raffles Social Night	• 3 rd Friday of the Month (15.12.2023)
• RCTFL Christmas lunch party	• Sunday 10/12/22, 11:30am - TCBC

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 12.12.2023, 5.30pm, Wests.	

	6 th December	13 th December	20 th December	10 th Jan 2024
Topic	Club AGM	Salvation Army (Xmas Drive)	Visit from Santa	Picnic in the Park
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Anzac Park
Guest speaker	N/A	Major Tony DeTommaso	Santa?	
Sergeant	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	
Corporals	Alice Elsley Marina Heame	Stephen Hawkins John Treloar	Laurence Hearne Naomi Blakey	
Meeter & Greeter	Naomi Blakey	Vicki Cooper	Brodie Shields	
Door Team	Peter Leonard Graham Dooley	Terry Robinson James Treloar	Brian Thompson John Treloar	Richard Walker Brett White
President Assist	Steve Martin	Bruce Hemmett	Richard Hardwick	Mitch Soree
Visitor Assist	Sue O'Connor	Peter Johnston	John Treloar	
Welcome	Brett White	Dimity Betts	Bev Fletcher	
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Helen Tickle	Brodie Shields	Alice Elsley	
Vote of Thanks	John Rouvray	Helen Tickle	Marina Heame	

*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				
8 th December	15 th December	22 nd December	12 th January	19 th January
Barry Biffin Vicki Cooper	Vicki Cooper Stephen Hawkins	Stephen Hawkins Laurence Hearne	Laurence Hearne Aurelie Quade	Aurelie Quade Diane Petersen

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	Stephen Hawkins 8/12, Peter Bell 10/12
Partners Birthdays	NIL
Anniversaries	Naomi Blakey (1yr)
Club Induction	NIL

Attendance	71%	Lolly Jar Raffle	Skinner
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails	Ben Callagan (Guest)
Visiting Rotarians	Jane Bradford, Ben Simpson (RC Tamworth Sunrise)		
Visitors	Our Amazing Maciej “Magic Mike” Wolanski, Vitor dos Santos, Diego Montpellier		