



Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
MEETING 1681, ISSUE 26
WEDNESDAY 13th December 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

'If my mind can conceive it, if my heart can believe it, then I can achieve it.'—Muhammad Ali

Joke of the week

A British man is visiting Australia. The customs agent asks him, "Do you have a criminal record?"
The British man replies, "I didn't think you needed one to get into Australia anymore."

Guest speaker

No guest speaker due to the club AGM – Please keep an eye out for the minutes Via Secretary Liz Gill.
A report will be done via meeting minutes on the club Annual General Meeting.
Congratulations to all those accepting a role on the board for the 2024-2025 year.

Notices:

- 16 days activism BBQ to be held in Bicentennial Park 6 Dec 23. Assistance needed to help with the BBQ
- We will be assisting Tamworth Council with Cavalcade marshalling in the 2024 Country Music Cavalcade.
- No hotel raffles on 22 December due to Santa Crawl.
- Friday 15 December is a club social night and MEGA RAFFLE at the Post Office Hotel. Please try to get there.
- Marina updated us on the club Christmas party to be held Sunday 10th December at 11.30am at the Tamworth City Bowling Club

SALVOS FOOD AND GIFT DRIVE NEXT WEEK

Don't forget to bring a gift or food donation for the Salvos next week!

Each year, our club supports the Salvos with their food and gift drive.

Please support the Salvos this year with a donation at our next club meeting.

13.12.2023



It has been another difficult year for communities across Australia. And as Christmas approaches – it is becoming increasingly clear that many Australians are going to struggle to have even a modest celebration.

We all know Christmas is a time for joy. But for those doing it tough – it is often challenging, heartbreaking and isolating.

Last Christmas, The Salvation Army provided tens of thousands of food hampers to those struggling to make ends meet and over 250,000 gifts and toys for families who might otherwise have gone without. As cost of living increases continue to impact communities across the country, your support is more important now than ever.

By collecting and donating food or gifts, you can help us make sure we leave no one in need this festive season.



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

SAUSAGE SIZZLE – COMMUNITY GARDENS FUNDRAISER

The BBQ has cooled down, and the community gardens fundraiser at Bunnings Warehouse last Saturday has drawn to a close.

Through the organisation of the Community gardens team and the appreciated help from our Rotarians and friends, the fundraising event earned approx. \$1300 to help propel the community garden project forward.



Throw another shrimp on the barbie, Stevo!





FUNNY CORNER-



WILL THE DETECTIVE INVESTIGATING YOUR MURDER BE SAD?



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.	

	13 th December	20 th December	10 th Jan 2024	17 th Jan 2024
Topic	Salvation Army (Xmas Drive)	Visit from Santa	Picnic in the Park	
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Anzac Park	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker	Major Tony DeTommaso	Santa?		TBA
Sergeant	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree		Mitch Soree
Corporals	Stephen Hawkins John Treloar	Laurence Hearne Naomi Blakey		Diane Petersen Paul Stevenson
Meeter & Greeter	Vicki Cooper	Brodie Shields		Courtney Priestley
Door Team	Terry Robinson James Treloar	Brian Thompson John Treloar	Richard Walker Brett White	Malcolm Turnbull Helen Tickle
President Assist	Bruce Hemmett	Richard Hardwick	Mitch Soree	Michael Smith
Visitor Assist	Peter Johnston	*Hannah Woods		Barry Biffin
Welcome	Dimity Betts	Bev Fletcher		Vicki Cooper
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Brodie Shields	Alice Elsley		Richard Hardwick
Vote of Thanks	Helen Tickle	Marina Hearne		Louise Matthews

*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

15 th December MEGA RAFFLE	NO RAFFLE	12 th January	19 th January	26 th Jan
Vicki Cooper Stephen Hawkins	Santa Crawl	Laurence Hearne Aurelie Quade	Aurelie Quade Diane Petersen	TCMF No Raffle

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	Deb Barnes 14/12
Partners Birthdays	Nil
Anniversaries	Steve and Ruth Martin 33yrs, Brian and Sue Thompson 45yrs
Club Induction	Deb Barnes 11yrs

Attendance	71%	Lolly Jar Raffle	Skinner
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails	Brodie Shields
Visiting Rotarians	Nil		
Visitors	Our Amazing Maciej “Magic Mike” Wolanski,		