



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

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.
-Helen Keller

Joke of the week

Just remember - you never really completely useless, you can always serve as a bad example.

Guest speaker

Past member and a past club president Norm Dezius came along and conducted a Christmas trivia competition. It was great to catch up with Norm again and have him inject his humour and entertainment experience with us.

Editor's Note:

Next meeting is Jan 10th in ANZAC Park – No more bulletin until after this date- Happy Festivus to all.

Notices:

- Naomi Blakey encouraged us to drop by the community garden and check out the produce. Nice community grown tomatoes may just be the ticket for enhancing our Xmas salads.
- Marina Hearne updated us on hosting exchange students during the Country Music Festival. Marina will contact the hosts in the New Year.
- Louise Matthews gave us an update on our RYLA participant Janarri Flett.
- Peter Johnston requested assistance with marshalling for the CM Festival cavalcade.
- Charlotte Moore updated us on the Santa Crawl on Friday 22 Dec. Books are now closed on 750 participants. Well done Charlotte and team for this outstanding effort.

Membership Update

One of our foundation members, John Treloar, has decided that after 33 years it is time for him to dedicate time to family and retirement. It was a heartfelt resignation acceptance as John has been a friend, mentor and inspiration to me throughout my Rotary time. John was selfless in his support to the club and especially the Golf committee. I wish John all the best in his new endeavours and hopefully, he will drop in to the club from time to time.

SANTA CRAWL IS ON DECEMBER 22ND 2023! SOLD OUT EVENT!!!



We are officially SOLD OUT! Which means a very busy crawl for us all.

Please note these details:

- Hannah has sent everyone a volunteer handbook, please double check which venue you are assigned to for the night and Hannah's very clear instructions.
- Please be at Diggers by 4:30pm. I will run a volunteer briefing to bring everyone up to speed before our crawlers begin arriving.
- My phone number is in the handbook, if you have any issues and your team leader cannot help you, phone me.
- Wear something Christmassy and something Rotary (if you don't have a Rotary shirt or cap etc. I will have aprons available at Diggers)

Finally, thank you thank you thank you!

The committee has been very hard at work and we couldn't have done it without everyone's support and guidance.

Any questions, flick an email to me at santacrawl2340@gmail.com

Yours in Rotary,
Charlotte Moore

POST OFFICE HOTEL SOCIAL NIGHT / RAFFLE

The weekly PO Hotel raffles our club runs was supercharged last week, with our annual ham raffle getting double the prizes! This was great timing, as the pub was absolutely chockers with the Christmas spirit. Treasurer Dennis will be pleasantly surprised with the takings, I trust.

Also, being the 3rd Friday of the month, we tied this in with our social night, and we had a good turnout of Rotarians, their partners, and past members. So much so that the hotel needed to jerry-rig an extra long table to fit us all. Talk about rubbing shoulders with the rich and famous! (The drag racing club meeting was happening on the adjacent table, BTW 😊)

The night was punctuated by a massive win by our fearless leader Brian. While not one to show the extremes of emotion, it can be concluded that the smile threshold lies somewhere beyond winning a Chrissy ham! Onward- for science!

The Grinch was also allegedly on the prowl – for anyone who finds a missing ham, Vicki Cooper would like to get in touch for a ‘brief word’. Was it foul play? Or was it the chardy talking- the difference between the bartender mistaking “Vicky” for “Nikky”? We may never know...





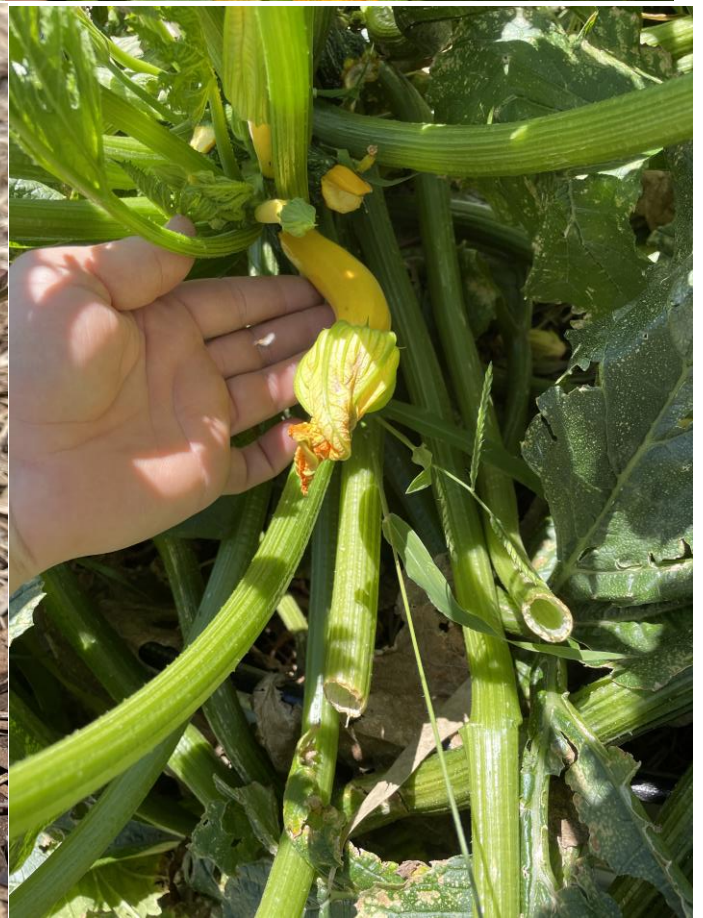
TAMWORTH COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Naomi and the TCG committee have been hard at work at the garden, and the results are paying off.

Anyone keen to get involved, please do reach out. Perhaps you want to get on the watering roster, donate some time for planting pruning, or weeding, or maybe you wish to pledge some equipment or seeds to the cause? Naomi and the committee would love to hear from you.

Mitch visited on the weekend after seeing a social media post about a harvest opportunity there, and he walked away with a few stalks of kale to add to a recipe, plus some photos! After being involved with the planting back in September at the open day, it was amazing to see the progress of the site. The plants are just jumping out of the ground.







FUNNY CORNER-



Dad Jokes ✓
@Dadsaysjokes

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I can tolerate algebra, maybe even a little calculus...

...but graphing is where I draw the line.












**I want to apologize now
for the dog hair stuck in
the tape on your gifts.**

It's called Dog glitter.

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 (19.01.2024)
• 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.	

	10 th Jan 2024	17 th Jan	24 th Jan	31 st Jan
Topic	Picnic in the Park	TBA	TBA	TBA
Location	Anzac Park	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker		TBA	TBA	TBA
Sergeant		Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
Corporals		Diane Petersen Paul Stevenson	Aurelie Quade Hannah Woods	Naomi Blakey Vicki Cooper
Meeter & Greeter		Courtney Priestley	Peter Bell	Alice Elsley
Door Team	Richard Walker Brett White	Malcolm Turnbull Helen Tickle	Stephen Hawkins Laurence Hearne	Bev Fletcher Marina Heame
President Assist	Mitch Soree	Michael Smith	Barry Biffin	Bruce Hemmett
Visitor Assist		Barry Biffin	Vicki Cooper	Peter Leonard
Welcome		Vicki Cooper	Naomi Blakey	Glenn McIntosh
Bulletin Notes & Introduction		Richard Hardwick	Marina Heame	Diane Petterson
Vote of Thanks		Louise Matthews	Diane Petterson	High Raadgever

*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				
12 th Jan	19 th Jan	26 th Jan	2 nd Feb	9 th Feb
Laurence Hearne Aurelie Quade	Aurelie Quade Diane Petersen	TCMF No Raffle	Diane Petersen John Rouvray	John Rouvray Peter Bell

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	Bruce Hemmett 13/1
Partners Birthdays	Nil
Anniversaries	Richard and Cheryl Hardwick 8yrs, Stephen and Jill Hawkins 49yrs
Club Induction	Nil

Attendance	82%	Lolly Jar Raffle	Skinner
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails	5 winners of Magic's ginger bread
Visiting Rotarians	Jane Bradford.		
Visitors	Our Amazing Maciej "Magic Mike" Wolanski, Norm Dezius, Juno Betts		