




Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
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WEDNESDAY 31st January 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

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Joke of the week

Two windmills are standing on a wind farm. One asks, 'What's your favourite kind of music?'
The other replies, 'I'm a big metal fan.'

I can never take my dog to the park because the ducks keep trying to bite him.
I guess that's what I get for buying a pure bread dog.

Guest speaker

Mal McPherson, Rachel Quinlan and Leigh Foord gave an update on Youth Insearch and thanked our club for the support and donation of \$11,400 raised by the Santa Crawl event. A wonderful job done by Charlotte Moore and her committee in arranging an event that raised funds and the spirits of the participants. The donation will assist in securing two places in the next Youth Insearch programme.

Notices:

- Terry Robinson requested support via donations for the next golf trip
- Peter Johnston reminded us of our support for the Country Music Cavalcade and where to meet on Saturday 27th January.
- Marina Hearne gave us an update on the itinerary for the exchange students over the music festival.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

The science and engineering challenge is coming up again, and the committee will be commencing work on this valuable event. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available! Save the date for Setup on 18.03.2024 and event dates 19-22 March.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Majority of our Youth Exchange Students in D9660 are coming to Tamworth to experience the festival.

Friday, 26th January from 9.30am we will be going from the Golden Guitar, to the Oxley Lookout then to Endeavour Marsupial Park to hopefully have a lunch bbq from 11am (if I can snag a BBQ).

You are more than welcome to join us along the way or to come along for the BBQ. If you are attending the BBQ - it is BYO.

Thank you to our hosts Brian Logan, Steve Martin, Liz Gill and Sue O'Connor for accommodating the students. It is very much appreciated!

CAVALCADE TCMF 2024

The people have spoken and they want to see who volunteered and what they've go do on the day of the TCMF Cavalcade.

Current volunteers are:

Peter Johnston, Brian Logan, Laurie Hearne, Steve Martin, Glenn McIntosh, Brett White, Dennis Maunder, Richard Walker – Thank you!

More volunteers welcome – please consider!

Role Title	Role Description
Cavalcade Marshalls x 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting at 7am on the corner of Peel St and Roderick St, (led by Peter Johnston).• Supported by TRC Staffers and Security Guards (led by TRC Michaela Stevens).• Wearing TRC supplied hi-vis vests and attending a TRC Marshalling briefing.• Working in one of three pairs of Rotary volunteers as Cavalcade Marshalls:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greeting individually numbered cavalcade participants (artists)- Directing participants where and in which numbered order to line up- Checking that the registered vehicle driver is <u>actually</u> the person driving- Signalling exactly when and in what order each participant is to set off• Cavalcade Marshall will <u>not</u> be walking beside participants cars on the route.
Event Background Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A smaller event than usual. Historically 80 registered participants, just 40 artists have registered for 2024.- No trucks, flatbacks or semi-trailers will be used in the cavalcade for safety reasons, just open topped cars.- TRC will have pre-marked the numbered cavalcade participants gathering spots and have them signed too.- TRC will provide a small fridge (in the offices of ViaTech) full of free drinks for volunteers to consume.- TRC will provide a small financial donation to RCTFL in gratitude.	

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Clean up Australia day is on Sunday March 3rd. RCTFL will be doing our annual clean along the Paradise Park area behind Hungry Jacks and will meet in the carpark for a 0830hrs commencement time. See you there!



GUEST SPEAKER – YOUTH INSEARCH

Youth InSearch is a well known program in our Club. We believe in this program and hold it very dear to our hearts. Each year, we support any way possible but mainly through donation of funds at our end of year club donation distributions.

This year, Santa Crawl nominated Youth InSearch as the recipient of majority of the funds that were raised on 22 December 2023.

Statistics of the program:

- 1/3 young deaths are suicide
- 1 in 4 young people are indigenous
- For every suicide, 100-200 attempts are made
- 3 in 4 deaths are male
- It is 60% higher in regional areas

After the program:

- 89% are no longer suicidal
- 78% reduced high risk behaviour
- 66% increased self esteem
- 90% education improvement



Today we were able to present Youth Insearch with a cheque for \$11,400.

\$11,400 = the following opportunities to assist YouthInsearch:

- Leadership = 2 young people through the program
- 200 young people through the program
- 6 months worth of catch ups

Questions:

Q: How long had the program been running?

A: Program has been running since 2000.

Q: How many people have been through the program?

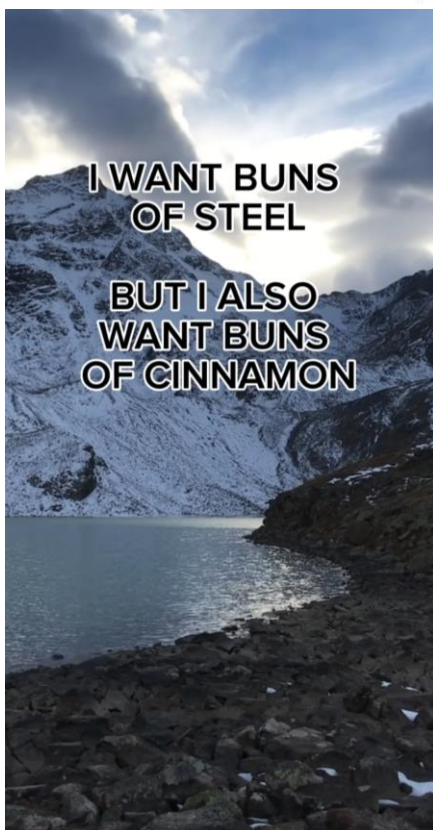
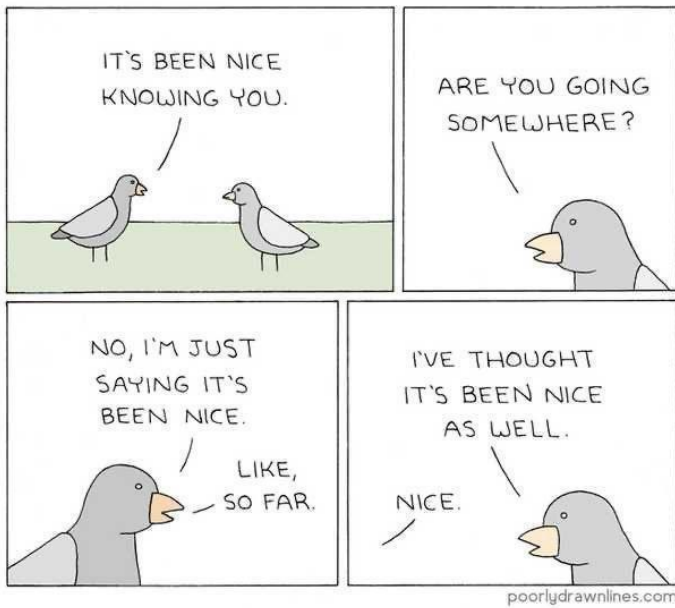
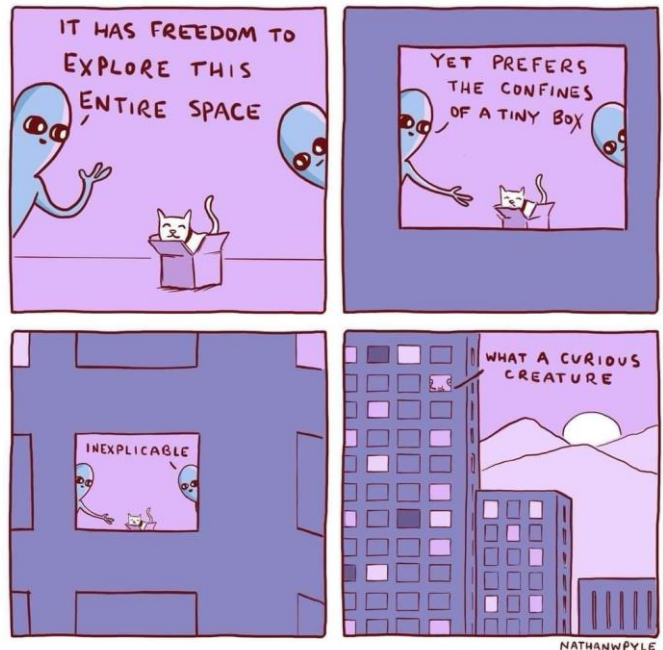
A: 40 to 70 people can go through each weekend program - so if you can work out since 2000, and they hold quite a few programs over 1 year - that's how many young people have benefited from the program.

Q: What does it cost to hold a young person in custody?

A: Custody cost for a 10 to 17 year old = \$310,000. \$110,000 for an adult.

Notes by Marina Hearne

FUNNY CORNER-



A can't of coke 😞



Me thinking about whether to be skinny or be happy



"Bro it's not that rough out, it's fine"



iMessage
Today 14:31

If you are sleeping, send me your dreams.

If you are laughing, send me your smile.

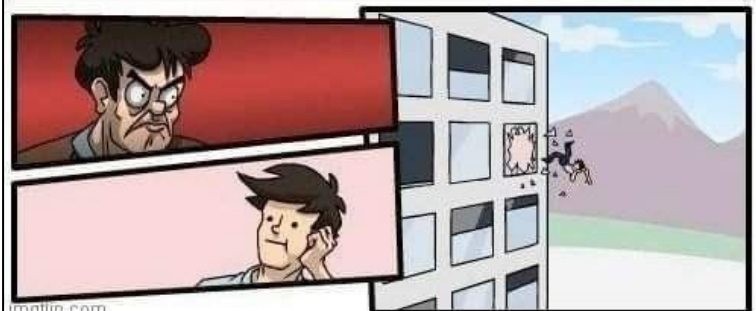
If you are eating, send me a bite.

If you are crying, send me your tears.

I love you.

I'm on the toilet. Please advise.

That'll do it 😏



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Sergeant's Dinner	▪ Coming SOON!!!
▪ Clean Up Australia Day	▪ March 3 rd 2024, 0830hrs
▪ Science and Engineering Challenge	▪ March 18-22
▪ RI Convention Singapore	▪ 25-29 May 2024
▪ District 9660 Conference	▪ 15-17 March 2024
▪ RC Tamworth First Light Changeover Dinner	▪ Sat 15.06.2024

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.	

	31 st Jan	7 th Feb	14 th Feb	21 st Feb
Topic	Personal Profile	Exchange Student Presentation	Roxy's Functional Fitness for the young at heart	Red Cross Lifeblood
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker	Diane Petterson	Maciej	Roxanne Cooley	Scott Morrison
Sergeant	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
Corporals	Naomi Blakey Vicki Cooper	Peter Bell Barry Biffin	John Rouvray Sue O'Connor	Alice Elsley Richard Hardwick
Meeter & Greeter	Alice Elsley	*John Rouvray	Peter Ryan	Barry Biffin
Door Team	Bev Fletcher Marina Heame	Bruce Hemmett Peter Johnston	Brian Thompson James Treloar	Peter Leonard Steve Martin
President Assist	Bruce Hemmett	Peter Leonard	Terry Robinson	Peter Bell
Visitor Assist	Peter Leonard	Laurence Heame	Louise Matthews	Naomi Blakey
Welcome	Glenn McIntosh	Brian Thompson	Deb Barnes	Stephen Hawkins
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Diane Petterson	Richard Walker	Peter Johnston	Courtney Priestly
Vote of Thanks	Hugh Raadgever	Brett White	Steve Martin	Hannah Woods

*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				
2 nd Feb	9 th Feb	16 th Feb	23 rd Feb	1 st March
Diane Petersen *Bev Fletcher	*Bev Fletcher Peter Bell	Peter Bell Peter Leonard	Peter Leonard Alice Elsley	Alice Elsley Hannah Woods

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	Nil
Partners Birthdays	Nil
Anniversaries	Nil
Club Induction	Nil

Attendance	%	Lolly Jar Raffle	Courtney Priestley
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails	Charlotte Moore
Visiting Rotarians	Mal Macpherson, Simon Guest,		
Visitors	Magic, Leigh Foord (YI), Rachel (YI)		