




Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
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WEDNESDAY 28th February 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

“Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.”

— Albert Einstein

Joke of the week

We used to have Johnny Cash, Steve Jobs and Bob Hope. Now we have no cash, no jobs and no hope. Please don't let Kevin Bacon die.

I just read a book that compares the different versions of the Bible. There was a lot of cross referencing.

Guest speaker

Scott Morrison from the Red Cross gave an interesting insight into the Red Cross, the types of blood donation methods and statistics of blood donations needed in Australia. Scott discussed the differences in donating bloods, platelets, and plasma.

Our club will add a vocational visit to the Red Cross in the near future giving members the opportunity to donate.

Notices:

- A reminder that a film night will be held this Friday night 23rd February at 7pm. Tickets can be obtained through Bruce Hemmett.
- The 'Clean up Australia Day' campaign will be on soon. Please contact Naomi Blakey for details.
- Volunteers needed for the Science and engineering challenge. Please consider assisting as you can.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE – 18-22 MARCH. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Science and Engineering Challenge committee have been diligently working to coordinate this event.

The schools have been contacted, and the sponsors are allocating funds to help us bring these valuable STEM life skills to the children of our region.

Now it's time for the Club to help: We need Volunteers!

Can you please consider putting aside a few hours for this cause between 18-22 March. Jobs can range from setting up some tables and chairs, general supervision, and pack-down. You may even wish to work with the children to supervise the challenges many activities!

This is a massively worthwhile annual activity for our club, bringing a lot of joy and education to our children.

Please reach out to Courtney Priestley for your expression of interest to assist on the day(s).

Look at how much fun you could be having:



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!



RYLA

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SAT 1st - SAT 8th JUNE 2024
YARRA ADVENTURE PARK, STUARTS POINT NSW



DISCOVER

WAYS TO BECOME A BETTER
ROLE MODEL AND FACE
IMPORTANT PERSONAL, WORK
AND SOCIAL ISSUES



EXCHANGE

IDEAS AND OPINIONS WITH
TALENTED, ENERGETIC PEOPLE
IN A SUPPORTIVE ATMOSPHERE
FREE FROM DISTRACTION



DEVELOP

CLOSE RAPPORT WITH YOUR
ROTARY CLUB, ORGANISATIONS
AND DECISION MAKERS IN
YOUR COMMUNITY



RYLA IS A POWERFUL AND VALUABLE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE AND DEVELOP SKILLS THAT PARTICIPANTS CAN POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

The objective of RYLA is to empower participants with self-awareness, confidence and leadership skills to assist them in becoming more effective leaders. Many former RYLA Awardees have benefited in ways far beyond the course objective. Past RYLArians are part of the Leadership team and many go on to become more involved in community activities.

The program provides skills in many areas including understanding human behaviour, social interaction skills, committee functions, human values, leadership, presentation skills & public speaking, lifestyle issues, communication and organisation.

Participants must be 19 - 27 years of age and ideally involved in some form of leadership within their communities, or have shown leadership potential in the workplace. Other relevant information is in the application form found on the website. Potential candidates will be formally interviewed as part of the selection process and must undergo a formal screening process, which will include reference checks.

QUERIES & APPLICATIONS:

Louise Matthews 0420 743 083 | lmjew@bigpond.com
(applications close **Monday 29th April 2024**)

Program cost: \$1450 (all inclusive) | Formal dinner Wed 5th June, Macksville

APPLICATIONS:



RYPEN UPDATE

RYPEN in on in 2024!! at the Francis Retreat at Bonny Hills!!

We have had the past two years on the western side of the divide and your RYPEN committee has been looking for a suitable venue on the coast. That task wasn't easy but we have booked this venue for 2024.



So now we are asking all the Rotary clubs from south of Newcastle to Woolgoolga to make this work so that the young people on the coast can access this amazing program of enrichment. The past years have been enormously successful but we are keen to share it around the district so that everyone gets equal access to the program. Our supporters in the west are very welcome to spend a weekend at the coast as well!

On the website is all the information with links to the application form, the Rotary endorsement form which needs to be completed by all those generous Rotary clubs who will sponsor students, a poster and even a promotional video. The application form is on the website at the link below

<https://www.rotary9660.org.au/index.php?storyid=171742>

[Application Form 2024](#)

[Rotary Endorsement Form](#)

If you have any queries or would like a guest speaker at one of your meetings to promote this program, please contact me and I will organise.

This program is now tried and true. The students involved have come back for a second go! Students are using it in the CVs for proof of leadership training! Rotary is well recognised for its success in training young people to develop their leadership skills.

Our staff leaders will be our RYLarians, giving them another experience in developing their leadership skills. Their experience and skills will move to another level.

Rally the troops and encourage your student from Year 7 to Year 11 to attend and make another Rotary program the success it deserves!

DATES: 14-16 June 2024

VENUE: The Francis Retreat

2 Thomson Place, Bonny Hills NSW 2445

COST OF THE PROGRAM—\$350.00 per participant



Hold your phone to the QR code and it will take you to the website information.

I have attached all the documents to assist your promotion of the event to this email. They are also available on the website. The website link is in this email.

Yours in Rotary Service

Diane Carolyn Hall



YOU'RE INVITED TO

MACIEK'S

18TH

& Marina's 40th

Drop in for a drink or stay for dinner

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

7PM

POST OFFICE HOTEL, FITZROY ST TAMWORTH

RSVP MARINA AT 0403 759 148 IF YOU ARE
STAYING FOR DINNER (AT OWN EXPENSE)
BY FRIDAY 29 MARCH

All members are invited to attend our birthday party on April 12th. Join us for First Light Meat Raffles 6-7pm, after have a drink for Maciek (since he can't) and stay for dinner.

If staying for dinner, please rsvp to Marina. Dinner and drinks at own cost. There will be cake, of course.

If you'd like to chip in a few dollars for Maciek's present, please see Marina. We are hoping to get him an experience that is either scuba diving / snorkelling or wind surfing.

Maciek is 18 on April 12th

Marina is 40 on May 13th



TREE UPDATE

Peter Ryan has shared the below photo and some words on our tree planting project- and current growth of some of the trees.

“The Spotted Gum trees that our Rotary Club planted 2 years & 4 months ago on Browns Lane have grown to be very impressive. Thank you to the maintenance teams who have been looking after the trees. A fantastic result.”



GUEST SPEAKER – SCOTT MORRISON – AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS LIFEblood

This week's talk was from Scott Morrison (no not that one) from The Australian Red Cross Lifeblood. ScoMo has been with Lifeblood for 8 years and covers an area from Northern NSW up to the Gold Coast.

Scott began with some interesting and worrying facts about the need for blood donation in Australia; 1 in 3 people will need a blood product in their life, but only 1 in 30 people donate Blood. The blood that is donated by some 500,000 Australians is split into three main components; red blood cells, plasma and platelets (amazingly, Lifeblood also has a milk bank!). The blood products are then used for a myriad of different circumstances; most commonly in cancer patients, for surgeries such as orthopedics and cardio, obstetrics, in patients with blood disorders like anaemia and in traumas. Plasma, which can be donated fortnightly, has 18 different uses some of which include in vaccines, to protect newborns from disease, in tetanus treatment and chicken pox prevention, in heart surgeries, kidney disease and even deep vein thrombosis.

Scott showed us videos of different people who have been assisted by blood products donated by Australians. One of which is swimmer Michael Klum who struggled with an auto-immune disorder where he requires transfusions every 2-3 weeks. Another video showed Bill, who was diagnosed with Leukemia and given two weeks to live, only to be shown over 5 years later, thanking his donors and enjoying his life with his grandchildren.

Scott has discussed with Brian and Charlotte about starting a Tamworth Rotary "Lifeblood Team" which we will get more information about in coming weeks. Anyone who is eligible and would like to donate can go online to fill out the eligibility quiz and make an appointment. At your appointment you can mention that you are a part of the District 9660 team and from then on any donations you make will be marked against the Rotary team.

Scott finished up by mentioning a few of the Blood drive projects that are run annually, including the Bleed for Blue (police blood drive) and the Emergency Services Blood drive.

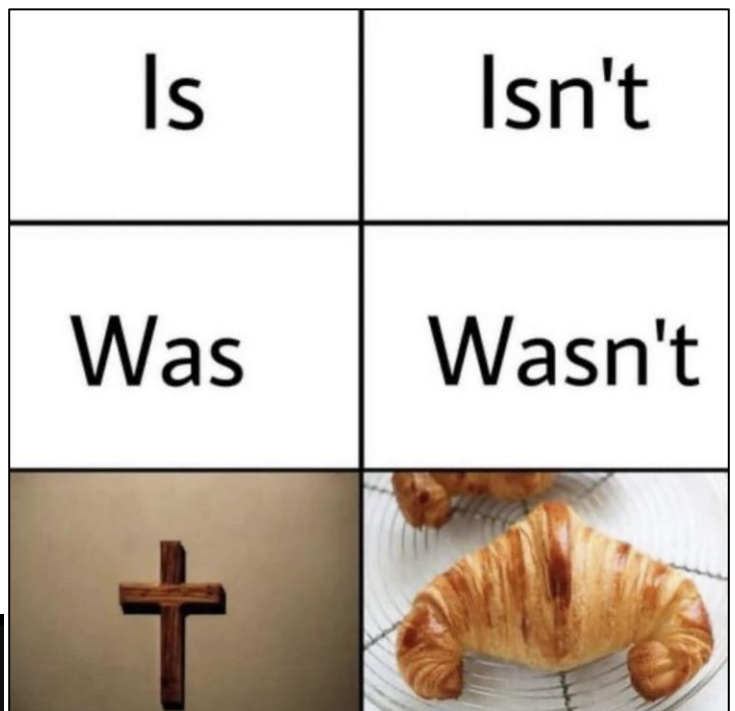
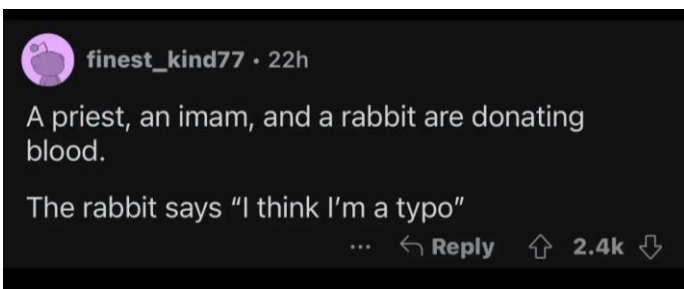
We will be having a vocational visit to the Blood Donor Centre on the Ringers Road in the coming months so everyone can see how easy blood donation is!

ScoMo was thanked by Hannah Woods (It was mentioned to me that we missed the opportunity to have Our own Malcolm Turnbull shake his hand at the end).

Words by Courtney Priestley.



FUNNY CORNER





When I was a kid, we bought a dog from a blacksmith.

As soon as we got home he made a bolt for the door.

Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Sergeant's Dinner	▪ Coming SOON!!!
▪ Clean Up Australia Day	▪ March 3 rd 2024, 0830hrs
▪ District 9660 Conference	▪ 15-17 March 2024
▪ Science and Engineering Challenge	▪ March 18-22 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!
▪ Marina's Birrhdya	▪ 12 th April PO Hotel
▪ RI Convention Singapore	▪ 25-29 May 2024
▪ RYLA 2024	▪ 1-8 June 2024
▪ RYPEN 2024	▪ 14-16 June
▪ 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 – Richard Hardwick
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 13.02.2024, 5.30pm, Wests.	

	28 th Feb	6 th March	13 th March	20 th March
Topic	Arts National in Tamworth	TBA	TBA	TBA
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker	Peter Johnston	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sergeant	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
Corporals	Laurence Heame *Richard Hardwick	Peter Leonard Steve Martin	Louise Matthews Diane Petterson	Auerlie Quade Hugh Raadgever
Meeter & Greeter	Steve Martin	Bev Fletcher	Aurelie Quade	Malcolm Turnbull
Door Team	Louise Matthews Glenn McIntosh	Sue O'Connor Diane Petterson	John Rouvray Peter Ryan	Diane Petterson Courtney Priestley
President Assist	Sue O'Connor	Marina Heame	Deb Barnes	Alice Elsley
Visitor Assist	Diane Petterson	Deb Barnes	Michael Smith	Bruce Hemmett
Welcome	Terry Robinson	Bruce Hemmett	Brian Thompson	Richard Walker
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	*Hugh Raadgever	Peter Ryan	Helen Tickle	Deb Barnes
Vote of Thanks	Brodie Shields	Richard Hardwick	James Treloar	Terry Robinson

*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				
1 st March	8 th March	15 th March	22 nd March	29 th March
Alice Elsley Hannah Woods	Hannah Woods Richard Walker	Richard Walker Bruce Hemmett	Bruce Hemmett Sue O'Connor	Sue O'Connor Courtney Priestley
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS				
Members Birthdays	Brian Thompson 4/3			
Partners Birthdays	NIL			
Anniversaries	Graham and Marion Dooley 41yrs			
Club Induction	Marina Heame 8yrs			
Attendance	67%	Lolly Jar Raffle	Charlotte Moore	
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails	Bruce Hemmett	
Visiting Rotarians	Nil			
Visitors	Scott Morrison			