




Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
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WEDNESDAY 13th March 2024



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 wise man doesn't give the right answers, he poses the right questions. ...

Joke of the week

When I see lovers' names carved in a tree, I don't think it's sweet. I just think it's surprising how many people bring a knife on a date.

Guest speaker

Our National Youth Science Forum participant Thom Melville gave us an interesting talk on his experience with attending this year's forum. Thom expressed just how huge the options are in his endeavours to choose a career path and how exciting the NYSF program was to be part of.

Notices:

- We need assistance in obtaining volunteers for the Science and Engineers Challenge 19th to 22nd March. If you can help, please contact Glenn McIntosh.
- Don't forget the breakfast meeting on 20th March is moved to the dinner timeslot. This is a great evening and well worth attending. Please consider this and contact Glenn McIntosh if you are able to attend.
- If you think you may have a candidate for this year's RYLA, please contact Louise Matthews to discuss.

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

We need Volunteers to assist with the running of activities!

Can you please consider putting aside a few hours for this cause between 19-22 March.

The hours are 9.30am to 2.30pm or a half day if preferred.

Please see the attached flyer for more details.

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

It's aim and your involvement will inspire and generate interest and possibly a career in STEM, science technology engineering and mathematics.

Please contact for your expression of interest to assist on any of the day(s).

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Glenn McIntosh

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S&E DINNER- REPLACING WEDNESDAY AM MEETING.

Science & Engineering

DINNER

WEDNESDAY

20TH MARCH

7pm at Gregory's on Goonoo Goonoo

\$45pp

RSVP to Courtney 0488 621 339

The flyer is blue with white text and icons. It features a lightbulb icon above the title, a gear icon to the right, and a molecular structure icon on the left. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts. The background is decorated with various scientific and engineering symbols like gears, circuit boards, and molecular structures.



Please join the University of Newcastle and the Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light for the...

Science and Engineering Challenge 2024



MARCH 19TH - MARCH 22ND

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The Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light joins the University of Newcastle in coordinating the 2024 Science and Engineering Challenge. The Challenge runs yearly and sees students from schools across the region compete in a variety of tasks showcasing their scientific minds.

This year the Challenge will be run from the 18th to the 22nd March, 9:30am to 2:30pm, at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre.



See students compete in this years tasks;

Earthquake	Design and refine 2 towers to withstand sideways motion as much as possible in a simulated earthquake.	It's A Trap!	Use 3D printed rocks to setup collection points for various sizes of "fish", represented by marbles.
Carnival Creator	Students will solve a series of scheduling problems based on real life scenarios by arranging coloured tiles into lanes on a board: the Scheduler X1000.	Gust Busters	Students construct fan blades using basic materials to catch wind provided by an electric fan.
Launch It!	Build a model glider to be launched using the Y.E.E.T (YOLO Electronic Ejection Technique)	Light Comms	Create functional codes to accurately and efficiently send secret messages using pulses of coloured light.
Electropolis	The power is in your hands, the task is to provide the lowest-cost electricity to the city's infrastructure.	Get Over It	Design and construct model bridges to support a trolley carrying 'gold' ingots across a gap in the tracks.



All are welcome to come along to the event. We would not be able to run these events for our local students without the generous help of our volunteers.

If you would like to donate your time at the event please contact Courtney on [0488621339](tel:0488621339).

Please specify if you have a particular task you would prefer to oversee. All training will be provided on the day and a gourmet lunch is available for all volunteers.

RED CROSS LIFEblood

After a great talk from Red Cross Lifeblood guest speaker Scott Morrison, our club has set up a donation team!

If you don't yet donate blood, platelets or plasma, please consider – it is quick, easy, and painless- and for a great cause too. Plasma can be donated every 2 weeks, and takes about 20min. Blood can be donated every 3 months, and takes about 10min.



Our local donation centre is in the Homemakers centre, Ringers Rd Tamworth.

Lifeblood has a nifty app for viewing your total donations and that of your team, as well as allowing quick booking of your next appointment. Visit your app store and download for [iPhone](#) or [Android](#).

When donating, **consider joining our RCTFL Team – “Rotary of Australia Club of Tamworth First Light”** – this will allow us to track our overall donations, and number of lives saved through our efforts!

And if you need more convincing- after donation you can have a drink and a snack!

Many thanks to Charlotte for setting this up following our talk from Scott.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY- WRAP UP

Clean up Australia day 2024 was a huge success.

A mix of Rotarians, Students and teachers from McCarthy College, and members from our community attended the event, with approx. 16 people in attendance (at our event, which was one of many throughout Tamworth).

The effort focused on the Paradise park area of the Peel River, resulting in 16 bags of rubbish, 1 cylinder head from an engine, 1 broken camp chair, 3 snapped fishing rods. We even managed to find time for some fishing! Catching 11 shopping trolleys from underneath the Scott Rd Bridge! Who needs a cod when you can pull one of these monsters from the murky depths!!!

Thanks to all who were involved, Thanks to Naomi for organising. If anyone has the NDL newspaper article on our event, please send it on to your bulletin editor. Cheers!



Pre-start meeting and PPE issue. Glenn was spruiking to get S&E challenge volunteers straight out of the gate!



The final round up of rubbish. Tamworth Regional council attended to remove this from site shortly after.



Fishing with purpose- with some straps and muscle, we were able to clean up this mess from our Peel River.

THANKS FROM DEB BARNES

Deb offers the club a big Thank you for the loan of the RCTFL gazebo during the country club water polo championships in Tamworth last weekend.

Three competition days and 3 hot days in a row and some rain so the gazebo was very much appreciated.

-Cheers, Deb



TCMF CAVALCADE - RECOGNITION

Peter Johnston attended a ceremony at the Tamworth Community Centre last Friday to pick up our club's Certificate of Appreciation for the marshalling our keen volunteer members did during the CMF Parade.

There was a donation pledge to the club for our efforts- stay tuned for further details!



RYLA

rotary
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leadership
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District 9660



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:



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



GUEST SPEAKER- THOMAS MELVILLE - NYSF EXPERIENCE:

Good morning.

My name is Thomas Melville. I'm a student at McCarthy Catholic College, and am currently in Year 12. Earlier this year, I was lucky enough to be sponsored by First Light Rotary to attend the National Youth Science Forum, or NYSF for short. This was an incredible chance given to me, expanding my horizons in various ways and providing opportunities unavailable in a regional area such as Tamworth.

Running from the 12th to the 20th of January, the NYSF program aimed to give students a broader understanding of study and career opportunities in STEM fields. These ranged from a myriad of diverse fields, including research based careers, such as a research fellow, defense and government based careers, including the ADF and CSIRO, industry based careers, like working as an engineer for a corporation, and various others. Before attending the program, I was unaware of the existence of many of these careers, let alone what they would entail. This made NYSF extremely beneficial to me, as it broadened my understanding of possible futures I could pursue. The event was able to show me how STEM was applied in each workplace, the various ways one could reach employment through tertiary education, and the fun I could look forward to after graduation.

Across the nine days, we were able to visit various workplaces, to see the day to day of these jobs. My personal favourite of these was my visit to Boeing Defense. While on site at the main Boeing Defence office, we got to talk to employees and learn about some of the projects they have worked on over the years. One thing that got me excited were some planes and helicopters that were fully designed from Australia: the blueprints were created from scratch by Boeing Defence Australia, the materials were sourced from Australians, the prototyping and testing were all conducted on Australian soil, ultimately producing a wholly Australian product. I'm not the most patriotic person, but knowing that we had the ability to do all this, instead of outsourcing to other countries, was extremely cool. It really gave me a perspective on the diversity and depth within Australia's industry.

In addition to these "STEM visits", NYSF also had both a physical and online careers day for the attendees. We were able to talk with the majority of Australia's universities, learning what courses they offered, their range of sponsors, and the different features of each campus. For example, ANU is a more research-based university, with a lower student to teacher ratio than usual. I must admit, these talks became repetitive after a while, with many universities saying the exact same thing. Despite this, the careers day was able to provide clarity on paths to future studies, transforming my nebulous, vague perceptions of university into a clearer understanding.

In between these events was the best part of NYSF: socializing with the other participants. In the session I attended, there were about 200-250 people, with an equal number going to the Canberra session a week previously. Out of them, every one shared a passion for STEM; a gathering of like-minded people you would not see in Tamworth. Everyone I met was friendly, welcoming, and equally as excited to discuss topics like mathematical proofs, or titrations in chemistry: conversations that I don't think anyone I know would be interested in. For the first time in my life, I had found a group of people who I just... clicked with, if that makes sense. By far this was my favourite aspect of the event, and the friends that I've made will remain with me for years to come.

If there was one negative for the program, it was Covid. The virus was present from day three onward, but was managed quite well across the two events. I believe there were about 10 cases in Canberra, and 26 in Brisbane, which, although many, could have been much greater. The staff members and participants were very mature for automatically isolating and testing in the presence of any symptoms so as to not ruin the experience for others, which I appreciate greatly.

Overall, NYSF was a fantastic opportunity given to me. It showed me aspects of careers in STEM that I had never considered, bringing me in contact with various experts and sources of advice. I would wholeheartedly recommend the program to anyone interested in these fields, and I look forward to getting involved in future programs and events as an Alumni.



Thomas presenting to the club about his NYSF experience



The obligatory photo of people standing.
L-R: Richard Hardwick, Thomas Melville, Brian Logan



Richard asking for his pen back



Richard attempting to justify why the pen was his

FUNNY CORNER- MEMBER SUBMISSION BY ALICE



Dad Jokes ✓
@Dadsaysjokes

I just saw my wife trip over and drop a basket of clothes she just ironed.

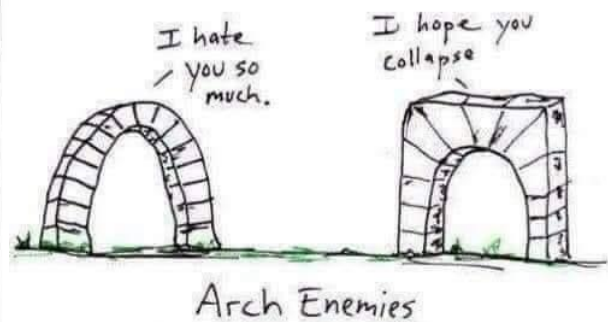
I watched it all unfold.



Dad Jokes ✓
@Dadsaysjokes

Every morning on my way to work, I slip on the frozen newspaper on our front porch.

I've fallen on some hard Times.



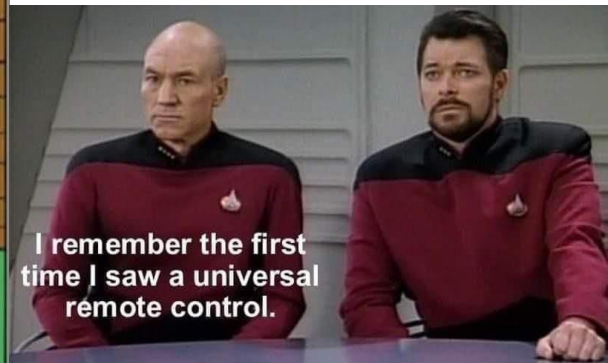
Arch enemies.



Dad Jokes ✓
@Dadsaysjokes

What's a group of Chubby newborns called?

Heavy infantry.



Dad Jokes 
@Dadsaysjokes

I asked my new date to meet me at the gym,
but she never showed up.

I guess we aren't going to work out.

Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Sergeant's Dinner	▪ Coming SOON!!!
▪ District 9660 Conference	▪ 15-17 March 2024
▪ Science and Engineering Challenge	▪ March 18-22 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!
▪ Marina's Birrhdya	▪ 12 th April PO Hotel
▪ NWRCE – Careers Expo	▪ 14-15 May
▪ 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
▪ Red Cross Lifeblood Donation team	▪ Rotary Australia Club of Tamworth First Light

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 12.03.2024, 5.30pm, TCBC.	

	13 th March	20 th March	27 th March	3 rd April
Topic	Life in France	S&E Dinner	Arts National in Tamworth	Club Assembly
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Gregory's on Goonoo Goonoo	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker	Automne Quade	TBA	Peter Johnston	Board
Sergeant	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
Corporal	Louise Matthews Diane Petterson		Michael Smith	Brian Thompson
Meeter & Greeter	Aurelie Quade		Bruce Hemmett	Diane Petterson
Door Team	John Rouvray Peter Ryan	Glenn McIntosh	Aurelie Quade Hugh Raadgever	John Rouvray Peter Ryan
President Assist	Deb Barnes		*Deb Barnes	Helen Tickle
Visitor Assist	Michael Smith	Mal Turnbull	Courtney Priestley	Bev Fletcher
Welcome	Brian Thompson		Richard Walker	Hannah Woods
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Helen Tickle		*Diane Petterson	Brett White
Vote of Thanks	James Treloar		Terry Robinson	Richard Walker

*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 March	22 nd March	29 th March Good Friday	5 th April	12 th April
Richard Walker Bruce Hemmett	Bruce Hemmett Sue O'Connor		Courtney Priestley Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull James Treloar

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	NIL
Partners Birthdays	NIL
Anniversaries	NIL
Club Induction	Naomi Blakey 6yrs

Attendance	62%	Lolly Jar Raffle	Alice Elsley
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails	Dennis Maunder
Visiting Rotarians	Nil		
Visitors	Magic, Martin, Tom Melville and Dimmi Gouvoussis, Annabel Russ		