




Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
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WEDNESDAY 20th 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

“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”

Joke of the week

I just got fired from my job as a set designer.
I left without making a scene.
Build a man a fire and he'll be warm for a day.
Set a man on fire and he'll be warm for the rest of his life.

Guest speaker

What a great guest speaker this morning. Automne Quade's young life experience of school life in France kept us entertained with snippets of reality, comparisons and differences between schools and general life in Australia and France. Also, Automne's sense of humour did not go unnoticed. Thank you to our club member Aurelie Quade for organising this. What a proud mum.

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.
- If you have any good brainstorming ideas to help with increasing our club membership, please contact Bev Fletcher.
- If you would like to donate to Quirindi's 'Paver' fund raiser, please contact Alice Elsley.
- 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).

Courtney Priestley

0488621339 - courtney1priestley@gmail.com

Glenn McIntosh

0401 558 776 - gmcintosh@internode.on.net



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 above the price, and a gear icon above the RSVP information. The background is decorated with various scientific and engineering symbols like molecular structures, gears, and circuit patterns.



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.



RYLA

rotary
youth
leadership
awards

Rotary
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:



ROTARY SPOTLIGHT- RAWCS

Ever wondered what a RAWCS is? Those little stickers on our badges, and the yearly donation our club makes to this cause? Read on for a spotlight on this Rotary project



NEWS FROM RAWCS

Rotary
Australian Districts



FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK PP DAVID PEARSON

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Rotary Projects are one of the best ways to get your Club noticed and better understood in your community. Rotary has wonderful impact in many ways but often we are poorly understood.

For Rotary Clubs in Australia RAWCS offers a unique service in facilitating and helping to fund Projects within your community or overseas.

Whether that be in improving lives in developing countries, in helping individuals or groups in your community or helping local Rotarians in providing relief to those affected by natural disasters RAWCS has the systems and support make good ideas into great projects.

What is RAWCS?

Rotary Australia World Community Service <https://www.rawcs.org.au/> has been facilitating projects for Rotary Clubs for over 50 years providing simple on-line project registration and reporting and tax-deductible receipting for your donors.

All the information and help that you need to set up and run projects is available on the website under the RAWCS Documents menu.

Please contact RAWCS today on 02 8833 8306 or Belinda.griffen@rawcs.org.au to find out how we can assist in developing a project that will motivate and engage your members and get your Club noticed.



Note: If you want someone from our team to present to your Rotary club on how RAWCS can help you undertake humanitarian projects overseas or in Australia, please get in touch with us via email mahir.momand@rawcs.org.au

Facebook: RAWCS – Rotary Australia World Community Service



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

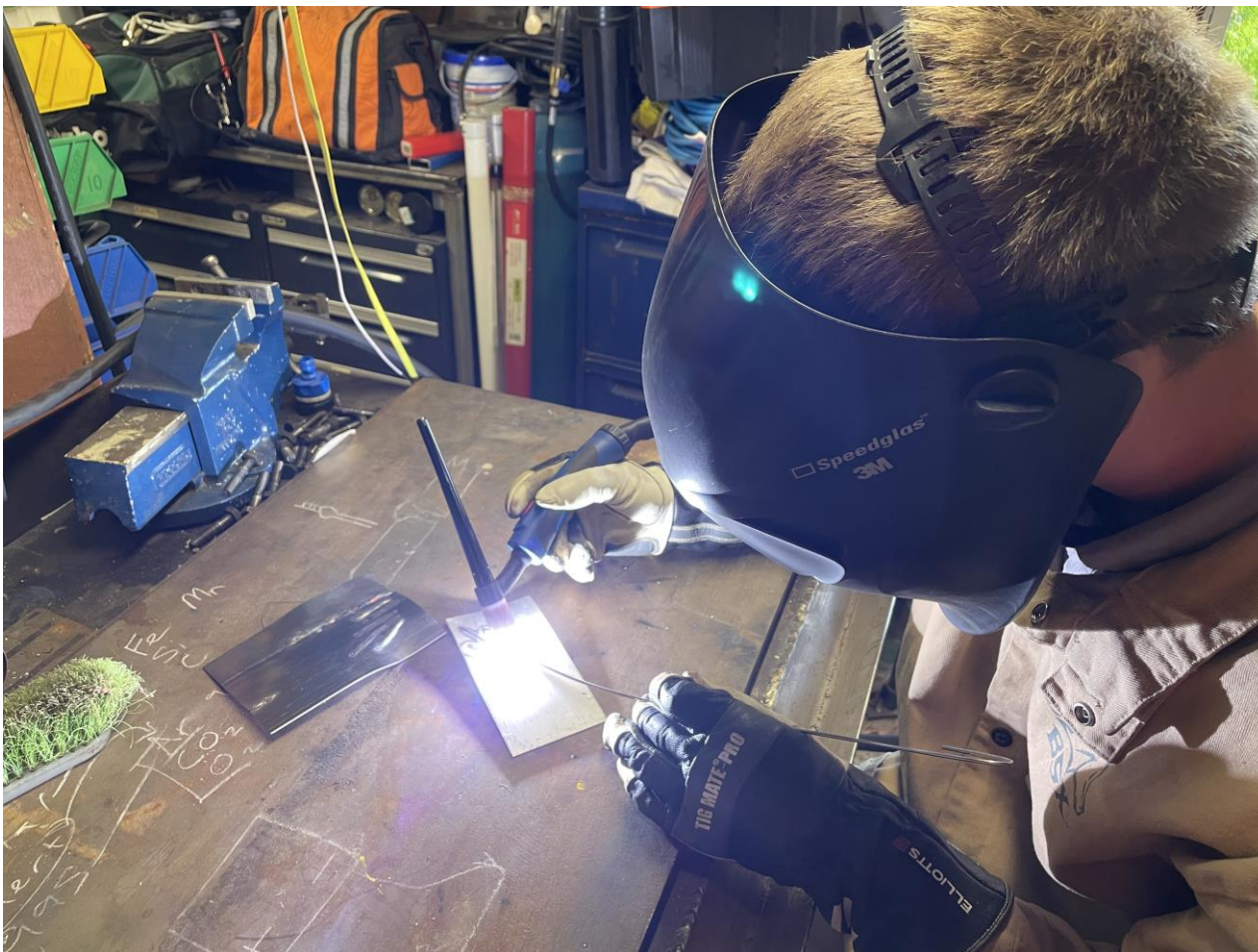
MAGIC CORNER

Magic Caught up with Mitch over the weekend to try his hand at some welding.

The event took place in the Human Cave (formerly Man Cave), where he got an introduction to the welding processes of Stick welding, MIG welding, and TIG welding.

The kid is a natural. Although welding is a far cry from his aspirations of studying medicine in the future, the exposure to something new and exciting was a positive one nevertheless.



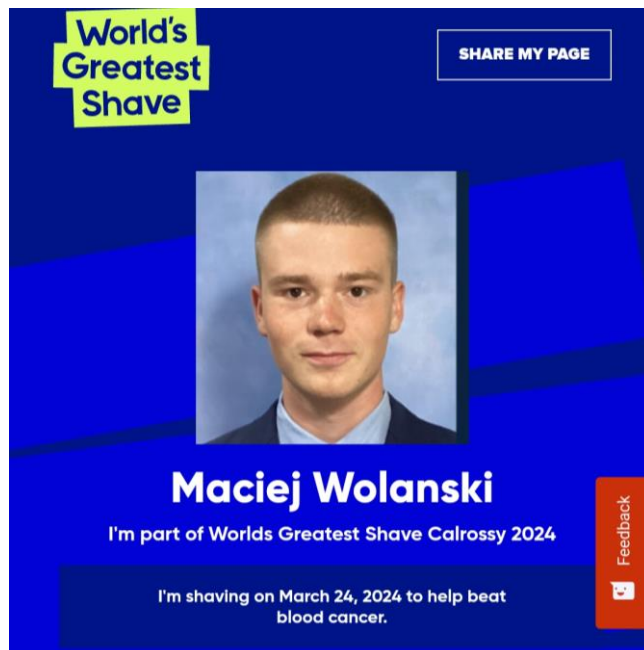


MAGIC'S NEW DO

Magic has participated in the world's greatest shave.
Thanks to all who have donated to this cause.

Every dollar raised by the World's Greatest Shave helps fund life-changing blood cancer research and support.

Click below if you want to donate, but have not already:



GUEST SPEAKER- AUTOMNE QUADE

Automne is the daughter of our member, Aurelie Quade. Automne is currently in year 11 at Carinya, and holds dual citizenship for Australia and France, and is bilingual in French and English.

Last August, Automne embarked on a trip to France for 5 months to meet with family, and attend high school in France during this time. The goal was to experience French culture, while also strengthen her relationship with her family abroad.

School in France was quite different to Australia- Automne shared some key differences being:

- The comparison between the laissez-faire approach of Australian students to study, vs the highly focused and competitive French students.
- Extended schooling hours in France- often upwards of a 12 hour day!
- The interesting school meal choices- including student cigarette breaks, and teachers drinking a wine with lunch
- Heightened security following past school shooting incidents (terrorist acts at other French schools).

Automne enjoyed her learning there, despite the small challenges that come with learning high school levels studies in her second language.

It was good to hear the stores of the Australian humour finding its way to the French shores, as the French idea of Australians 'living in mud huts without running water', and enduring poisonous spiders 'raining from the sky'. Were appropriately confirmed by Automne. It is good to see the Aussie larrakin spirit is alive and well.

Thanks to Automne for presenting to us, and sharing her experiences abroad.

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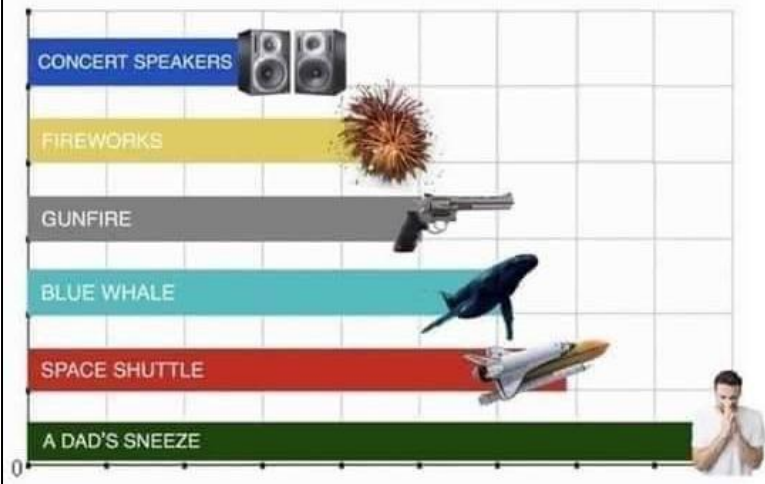
FUNNY CORNER-

Who updated Michael Jackson's pronouns on Instagram 🤔



A new airplane has been developed that cannot crash. Made from rubber polymers, it will just bounce. The craft was invented by Boeing, Boeing, Boeing.

The Loudest Sounds On Earth



Hoarder collie

"I can build a racecar and still pay my bills"

And
 Other Hilarious Jokes
 You Can Tell Yourself

Volume II



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Sergeant's Dinner	▪ Tuesday 9 th April 6:30pm
▪ 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.	

	20 th March	27 th March	3 rd April	10 th April
Topic	S&E Dinner	Arts National in Tamworth	Club Assembly	TBA
Location	Gregory's on Goonoo Goonoo	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker		Peter Johnston	Board	TBA
Sergeant	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
Corporal		Michael Smith	Brian Thompson	Helen Tickle
Meeter & Greeter		Bruce Hemmett	Diane Petterson	James Treloar
Door Team	Glenn McIntosh	Aurelie Quade Hugh Raadgever	John Rouvray Peter Ryan	Michael Smith Terry Robinson
President Assist		*Deb Barnes	Helen Tickle	Glenn McIntosh
Visitor Assist	Mal Turnbull	Courtney Priestley	Bev Fletcher	Brett White
Welcome		Richard Walker	Hannah Woods	Peter Bell
Bulletin Notes & Introduction		*Diane Petterson	Brett White	Barry Biffin
Vote of Thanks		Terry Robinson	Richard Walker	Deb Barnes

*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

22 nd March	29 th March Good Friday	5 th April	12 th April	19 th April
Bruce Hemmett Sue O'Connor	No Raffle	Courtney Priestley Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull James Treloar	James Treloar Brian Thompson

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	Louise Matthews 24/3, Peter Ryan 26/3
Partners Birthdays	Deb Logan 20/3, Kerry Walker 25/3
Anniversaries	NIL
Club Induction	NIL

Attendance	86%	Lolly Jar Raffle	Peter Ryan
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails	Paul Stevenson
Visiting Rotarians	Nil		
Visitors	Magic, Flynn Erich, Automne Quade, Jane Bradford, Jo Lewis, Vangel Christoff, Tamar Leibenson, Steve Massey		