




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

Growing old is mandatory. But, growing up is optional.

Joke of the week

My friend whom is a coroner, died last week. But, he still went to work.

My grandma told me her joints are getting weaker, so I told her to roll them tighter.

Guest speaker

Our meeting this week was transferred from breakfast to dinner in support of the Science and Engineers Challenge. It was a great night of fellowship with guests from the University of Newcastle and sponsors of the event.

The highlight of the night was the challenge put to the members and guests to build a working flying model plane out of paper, straws and tape. The design had to have circular wings. The participants were then given the opportunity to see who could glide the plane the longest distance. I'm not sure that all the design concepts followed the design rules however, it made for interesting and fun entertainment. Congratulations to Dennis Maunder for his win. It was also noted that a certain club member that has a pilot's licence was not able to fly his plane past his shoe laces.

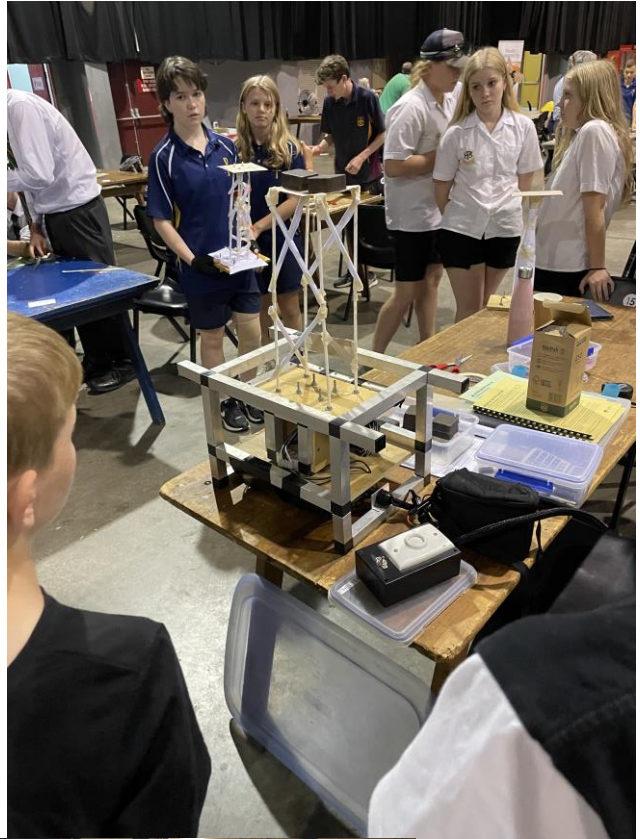
A big thanks to Glenn McIntosh and the team with special mentions to Mal Turnbull for the great effort in securing sponsors, Sue O'Connor for organising the schools and Courtney Priestly for organising the media and volunteers.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE – PROGRESS REPORT- PART 1

At the time of writing, days 1 and 2 of the Science and Engineering challenge have been held.

The event expects to see 965 students attend the challenge, with 8 teams attending 8 activities each day.

This year, we have 2 new activities which have been well received.









CONFERENCE WEEKEND, AND YEP THINGS FROM MARINA

Here's a few shots from the conference.

Students participated in the flag ceremony, thanking guests and photo ops, assisting speakers and guests and conference committee when needed.

Some great speakers, Ken Hutt is worth a look, <https://www.flyfromeverest.org/> End Polio Now campaigner, Rotarian from Berry, NSW. The only person to have been given a permit to fly a paraglider in the Mt Everest fly zone.

Carved up the dance floor! Think the photos speak for themselves!! Don't let Maciek near a stage. We have also found something he is terrible at - singing.

District Changeover will be 29 June in Inverell - join us and support our next DG Bruce George.





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.



Blood donor of the week – Mitch Soree

“It’s a great cause” says RCTFL Rotarian Mitch Soree, who had just made his 12th whole blood donation at the Tamworth donor centre.

“Every 3 months I take 30min out of my schedule to do something good. My blood donation helps save lives for those in the region, and further abroad. I often get SMS messages telling me where my blood was used after my donations”.

“On top of the feel-good aspects, it’s painless and quick, so why not?! Plus, I enjoy a complementary choccy milk and a sausage roll after my donation.”

My last donation was assigned to our Rotary club’s tally, so it will be great to see how high our numbers can go, so that we can track our progress!”

If you haven’t already, please consider donating for a good cause.



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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:





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

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DINNER

The Science and engineering dinner in lieu of our regular morning dinner was an exceptional night. We were fortunate to have many of the Science and Engineering challenge sponsors attend- business owners and representatives from our valued sponsors. We also had a healthy representation of guests- partners, district Rotarians, friends, and nannas. Alan and Brenda Coates, long standing patriarchs of the vent, also joined us for the evening.

The dinner had a few formalities and awards issued, which made it a great evening.

Despite the focus being on the challenge itself, and all the benefits it gives in promoting STEM skills to children in our region, us 'old Rotarians' got into the spirit of the challenge and had a crack at making a flying device from paper and straws.

The competition was stiff- with the reigning champion (your editor, Mitch), losing his 2023 title with the unconventional 'dart', after a spectacular failure to launch.

The real competition was between Alex from Whitehaven Coal, and our own Hugh Raadgever, who were neck and neck at the far wall- with the winner being declared by a margin of just a few millimetres. In True Alaskan Airlines Fashion, the door fell off the plane of our resident Aeronautical Engineer (and Rotarian) Steve Martin, which added to the drama.



Sponsors for the 2024 Science and Engineering Challenge:

Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light, Tamworth Regional Council, Whitehaven Coal, CSIRO, Engie Aust, Essential Energy, Engineers Australia, Andromeda Industries, East West EnviroAg, Rotary Club of Manilla, Kelly Covey, Belmore Engineering, Aviskills, Epps Engineering, Alan and Brenda Coates, Rotary Club Tamworth Sunrise, OBIECO, Taminda Hydraulics & Engineering, Tamex Transport

Sponsors who attended the dinner

Harry Mills and has partner Paige (ex RYLA)
Jemma O’Grady
Emma Cardigan
MacKenna Lang
Fiona Sweeney
Ben Mobilio
Matt Frazer
Brett and Annette Williams
Stephanie Cameron
Helen Tickle
Alan and Brenda Coates

Whitehaven
Belmore
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Engineers Australia
Engineers Australia
Andromeda
East West Ag
on Behalf of Tamworth Regional Council
Event Founders and Honrary First Light Members

VIP's who attended the dinner

Simon Guest -
PDG Jane Bradford OAM
Pete Newman -
Jack & Jess Cooper-White -
Courtney’s Nanna -

Rotary Area Gov & Member RCT West.
Hon FL Member
University of Newcastle.
Task Designer and Developer Gust Busters.
Aka. the lovely Elaine.

Guests of Rotarians:

Rotary Youth Exchange - Maciek, Trudy White (Brett), Susan Raadgever (Hugh), Sue Thompson (Brian), Sue Robinson (Terry), Debra Brooks Logan (Brian)



You know things are getting serious when Glenn has to hold his tongue the right way to attempt a winning toss!



FUNNY CORNER-



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Sergeant's Dinner	▪ Tuesday 9 th April 6:30pm PO Hotel
▪ Marina's Birthday	▪ 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
• Marina and Magic's Birthday Shindig	• Friday April 12, PO Hotel from 7pm

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	• RYLA Facebook

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.	

	27 th March	3 rd April	10 th April	17 th April
Topic	Arts National in Tamworth	Club Assembly	TBA	TBA
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker	Peter Johnston	Board	TBA	TBA
Sergeant	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
Corporal	Michael Smith	Brian Thompson	Helen Tickle	James Treloar
Meeter & Greeter	Bruce Hemmett	Diane Petterson	James Treloar	Stephen Hawkins
Door Team	Aurelie Quade Hugh Raadgever	John Rouvray Peter Ryan	Michael Smith Terry Robinson	Aurelie Quade Hugh Raadgever
President Assist	*Deb Barnes	Helen Tickle	Glenn McIntosh	Deb Barnes
Visitor Assist	Courtney Priestley	Bev Fletcher	Brett White	Glenn McIntosh
Welcome	Richard Walker	Hannah Woods	Peter Bell	Peter Ryan
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	*Diane Petterson	Brett White	Barry Biffin	Mal Turnbull
Vote of Thanks	Terry Robinson	Richard Walker	Deb Barnes	John Rouvray

*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				
29 th March Good Friday	5 th April	12 th April	19 th April	26 th April
No Raffle	Courtney Priestley Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull James Treloar	James Treloar Brian Thompson	Brian Thompson Glenn McIntosh

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	Sue O'Connor 27/3
Partners Birthdays	NIL
Anniversaries	NIL
Club Induction	Laurence Heame 29yrs, Peter Ryan 16yrs

Attendance	Ship-loads	Lolly Jar Raffle	Brett White
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails	Jack Cooper-White
Visiting Rotarians	Refer S&E article, above		
Visitors	Refer S&E article, above		