




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

“In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity.” – Albert Einstein.

Joke of the week

A man was in a catastrophic car accident. During major surgery, they had to amputate both his arms. After he finally woke, the doctors asked how he was doing to which he replied, ‘I can’t feel my legs’.

Notes

- Marina Hearne left copies of our new club flyer on each table. We have a supply of these so please feel free to hand out especially to prospective new members.
- Glenn McIntosh thanked all those that assisted with the Science and Engineers Challenge.
- Peter Johnston left current ‘ArtsNational’ Tamworth flyers giving us information on upcoming lectures by the society.

Guest speaker

Peter Johnson gave an extremely interesting discussion on ArtsNational Tamworth and the lectures to look forward to. Peter highlighted the works of Auguste Rodin and his 19th century sculptures including ‘The Thinker’ and ‘The Burghers of Calais’ in his presentation. I look forward to having more of this cultural enlightenment in the months to come.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE – REPORT- PART 2

The Science and Engineering challenge is now complete, and it was a resounding success.

The event attracted 965 students, with the below pictures showing the primary school 'discovery day'







AND FINALLY, A *SHORT* WORD FROM GLENN

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2024 Science and Engineering Challenge Club Support Thank You's



Committee Members and other team supports.

Sue O'Conner, organising all aspects of the schools - we oversubscribed most days maximising the number of kids exposed to the event.

Mal Turnbull, has obtained a record amount of sponsorship and went all parts of the compass to get banners and squeeze every red cent he could out of the sponsors and setting up the dinner.

Courtney Priestley, great media exposure with the trifecta again Radio/TV and Print all covered, but did an even better job with the volunteer coordination, given that she took this up mid planning with much less lead time than normal. Very efficient administration and wonderfully creative with posters and communication pieces.

President Brian even on his sick bed, was still checking into see what he could do or what issues I needed a hand with and coming out to TRECC when I am sure he was told wasn't wise to do so.

Dennis Maunder been very helpful and obliging with the financial coordinations.

Liz Gill and **Mitch Soree** with those internal communications and the Bulletin exposure, and **Marina** for developing quick sticks the advertisement for the dinner.

Club Volunteers.

Especially want to thanks those past members in the form of **Phil Penman**, **Phil Heffernan** and **Ian Howle** all past Presidents who continue to give back to the club.

A couple of stand out efforts;

Steve Martin who volunteered every day in gust busters

Paul Stevenson who also volunteered every day and then took any leftover lunches up to those in need.

Brian Thompson who did multiple days as did ;

Richard Hardwick and **Peter Ryan**, I again especially acknowledge that given the seniority and complexity of the jobs they are undertaking.

Terry Robinson

Mick Smith

Marina Hearne

Richard Walker **Peter Bell**

Liz Gill

Denis Maunder

Bruce Hemmett

Sue O'Conner

Di Petterson

Brett White

Hugh Raadgever

Pete Johnston

Finally

David Hinwood

Helen Tickle for TRC

Alan and Brenda Coates

Good to see **Pam and Brodie Shields** come out to visit.

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.



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 – PETER JOHNSTON – ARTS NATIONAL TAMWORTH

Peter Johnston, RCTFL Rotarian, and president of ArtsNational Tamworth spoke to out club about their not for profit organisation.

ArtsNational brings quality lectures on the arts to Tamworth, with a range of speakers, some coming as far as the UK to talk. The Current 2024 programme will be looking at sculpture. ArtsNational has 38 chapters around Australia, including our Tamworth chapter.

It is noted that being involved in the arts can add a decade to your life, with its ability to bring powerful thought and emotion to the viewer. Examples such as ‘the thinker’ and ‘the kiss’ sculptures clearly showed this during the presentation.

Peter shared some images of a sculpture by Auguste Rodin depicting **The Burghers of Calais**.

This powerful piece depicts the government officials – Burghers – being marched to their death by the invading English following an 11-month siege during the 100 years war of the 14th century.

Through the medium of sculpture, Rodin was able to capture the poignant mix of defeat, heroic self-sacrifice, and willingness to face imminent death in this larger-than-life work of art. It is sure to bring a sense of emotion to the viewer.

Arts National brings its members 9 lectures a year, allowing thought and reflection through the arts- all for a very modest cost.

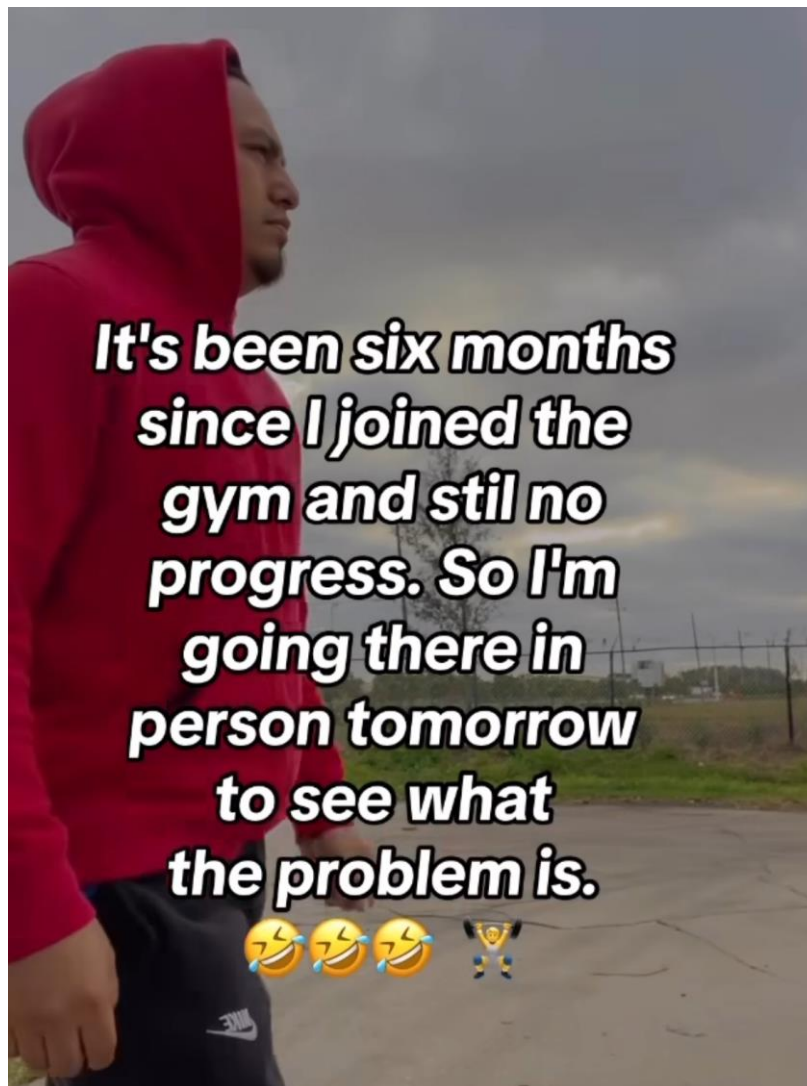
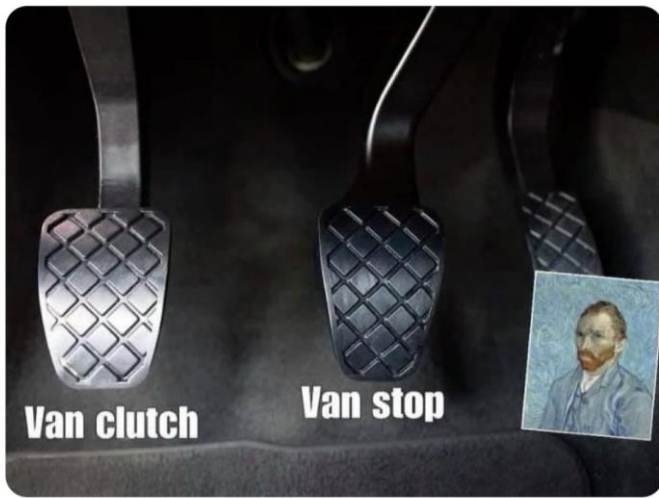
Please consider your support and participation in this local chapter, and reach out to Peter should you wish to know more.

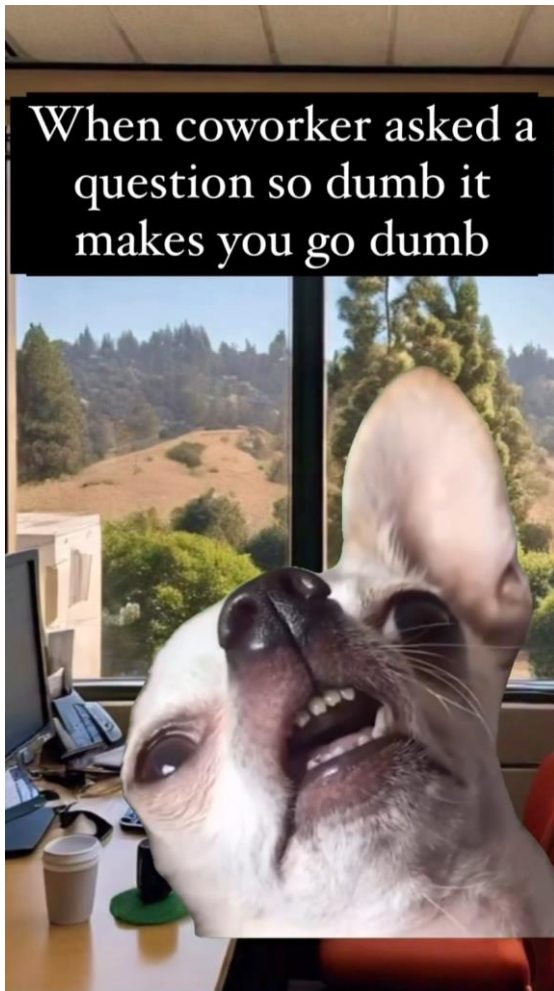


Words by Diane Petterson.

FUNNY CORNER-

My dad just sent me this...😂





Dad Jokes ✓
@Dadsaysjokes



Did you know that if you sneeze and fart at the same time...

Your body takes a screenshot.

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.	

	3 rd April	10 th April	17 th April	24 th April
Topic	Club Assembly	Tamworth Miniture Railway Inc.	TBA	TBA
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker	Board	Jim Booth (RC Tamworth West)	TBA	TBA
Sergeant	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
Corporal	Brian Thompson	Helen Tickle	James Treloar	Malcolm Turnbull
Meeter & Greeter	Diane Petterson	James Treloar	Stephen Hawkins	Glenn McIntosh
Door Team	John Rouvray Peter Ryan	*Deb Barnes Terry Robinson	Aurelie Quade Hugh Raadgever	Naomi Blakey Vicki Cooper
President Assist	Helen Tickle	Glenn McIntosh	Deb Barnes	Diane Petterson
Visitor Assist	Bev Fletcher	Brett White	Glenn McIntosh	Peter Bell
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Brett White	Barry Biffin	Mal Turnbull	Hannah Woods
Vote of Thanks	Richard Walker	*Michael Smith	John Rouvray	Peter Ryan

*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				
5 th April	12 th April	19 th April	26 th April	3 rd May
Courtney Priestley Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull James Treloar	James Treloar Brian Thompson	Brian Thompson Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh Michael Smith
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS				
Members Birthdays	NIL			
Partners Birthdays	NIL			
Anniversaries	Marina and Jordan Heame 6yrs			
Club Induction	NIL			
Attendance	67%	Lolly Jar Raffle		Skinner
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails		Marina Heame
Visiting Rotarians	NIL			
Visitors	Magic, Jo Lewis, Vangel Christoff			