




**Rotary**   
Club of Tamworth First Light  
**MEETING 1697, ISSUE 42**  
**WEDNESDAY 17th April 2024**



### Rotary Year 2023 - 2024

<b>District Governor</b>	<b>Alyn Miranda</b>
<b>President:</b>	<b>Brian Logan</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Liz Gill</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Dennis Maunder</b>

# The Life of Brian

## Quote of the week

The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.

## Joke of the week

Questions that haunt me:

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How come superman stops bullets with his chest but ducks when a revolver is thrown at him?

Why do kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an "s" in the word lisp?

Why do they use sterilized needles for lethal injections?

## Notes

- An invitation is extended to all club members whom would like to attend the District Governors meeting on Saturday 20th April at midday in the Tamworth City Bowling Club.
- Naomi Blakey reminded us of the community garden involvement in the Tamworth Taste Festival 14 April. Please support Naomi in this project if possible.
- Richard Hardwick reminded us to update your profile and information in DACdb.

## Guest speaker

Jim Booth (President of the Rotary Club of Tamworth West), and a miniature railway enthusiast, treated us to an interesting overview of Tamworth's miniature railway complex, its development and involvement within the community. This is another fine example of what a group of keen volunteers can do.

## CHANGES TO BULLETIN ROSTER ROLES. THE TRIBE HAS SPOKEN.

The observant members amongst us may have noticed some changes sneaking into the bulletin over the past few weeks.

Club Administration Director Courtney circulated a survey a few months ago, proposing some changes to our meeting roster tasks. This was off the back of a large number of roles we had on our roster, and a decreasing number of Rotarians available to do these duties, as a result of Board involvement, or opting out due to work or personal commitments.

The results of this survey, and the rationalisation of the roster duties have been enacted:

- 1. The roles of Visitor assist and Guest introduction have been consolidated.** Visitor assist now ALSO does guest introduction before their talk. After all, they have already been assisting our visitors and guest speaker before the meeting- getting them settled in, and engaging in small talk, etc.
- 2. The role of the Welcome address has been removed.** Our President was already greeting members and guests to the meeting, so duplication of these formalities was present. Members wishing to greet the club are still welcome to apply for a notice with president assist prior to the meeting- should they want to do a 30second address (i.e this is now opt-in, rather than roster on).
- 3. The Vote of thanks and Bulletin notes roles have been consolidated.** Our vote of thanks member will often draw on moments of the guest speaker's talk that resonated with them, and thank them for their talk on behalf of the club. It was a natural progression for them to pen a few words and or reflect on the talk for inclusion in the bulletin.

### Refresher on Roster duties:

- **Sergeant** – The Sergeant will be rostered to ensure smooth running of the meeting – managing time, and calling members to order. He or she will also conduct in-meeting fundraising via a fine session.
- **Corporal** – Required to set up, and pack down the meeting room – arriving at 0630hrs for this task. Setting up of the flag, lectern, microphone, AV equipment, President's regalia and bell, lolly jar, 2-up paddle etc. They are also required to pack up the room at meeting end.
- **Meeter and Greeter**- Arriving at 0630, they will set up and greet members at the door. Offering them their member badge, and general pleasantries while waiting in line to pay meeting dues. This role should also ensure that visitors and guest speakers are introduced to the visitor assist person, so they can be made welcome and looked after while in our club.
- **Door Team**- Arriving at 0630, the door team manages the payment of meeting dues. They will work with the Treasurer to ensure accurate records via the takings sheet.
- **President assist** – Helping the President with general order of the meeting run sheet. They may be required to proactively delegate roster roles if a rostered member is not present, or assign additional help if a rostered role needs additional assistance or training (ie room set up, heavy items, setting up AV equipment).
- **Visitor Assist and Guest Speaker Introduction** – The visitor assist will generally make visitors and guest speakers welcome when they visit our club- assisting with inclusion and conversation, networking, and ensuring they are offered refreshments. In the absence of a chaperone (ie a guest of a member), they will introduce the visitor to the club at the start of the meeting, and for guest speakers, introduce them to the club prior to their talk.
- **Bulletin Notes and Vote of Thanks**- This role will listen attentively, and make notes, record audio, or capture key points of the guest speaker's talk. This will be compiled and forwarded to the bulletin editor for inclusion in the bulletin. At the conclusion of the talk the vote of thanks will acknowledge the guest speaker for their talk and their time perhaps reflect on the subject matter briefly, and offer the guest speaker a small gift on behalf of the club.

## 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.



# OPEN YOUR FAMILY TO THE WORLD



Become a host family for a Rotary Youth Exchange Student and expand your family's horizons. Host families voluntarily open their homes to international students to share the Aussie way of life.



- 1 GAIN NEW PERSPECTIVES**
- 2 BUILD INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS**
- 3 LEARN NEW CULTURES**



### FAST FACTS

- Students are aged between 15-18 and come from around the world.
- Students are sponsored by a local Rotary Club, and stay for 3-4 months with each host family.
- Students bring their own spending money.
- Host families provide food, accommodation and care.



### HOST FAMILIES

There is no typical family structure required - and you don't have to be in Rotary! An acceptable family might have small children, older children or no children living at home. All that is expected is that a caring and friendly family and home atmosphere is provided.



### WHY ROTARY?

Rotary has a well-earned reputation and is recognized as an excellent student exchange program. Because of its structure, Rotary provides a well-managed infrastructure which supports the student, the host family and everyone else involved in the exchange.

Learn more [f d9660YEP](https://www.rotary.org/au/youth-exchange) [m](https://www.rotary.org/au/youth-exchange) or Contact Pam Wellham [secretaryyepd9660@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryyepd9660@gmail.com)

## GUEST SPEAKER – JIM BOOTH ON TAMWORTH DISTRICT MODEL ENGINEERS / MINIATURE RAILWAY

Jim Booth wears many hats- RC Tamworth West President, radio personality, and one of those funny little hats that the train drivers wear. The latter being from his strong involvement in the Tamworth District Model Engineers, and the Miniature railway in Victoria park.

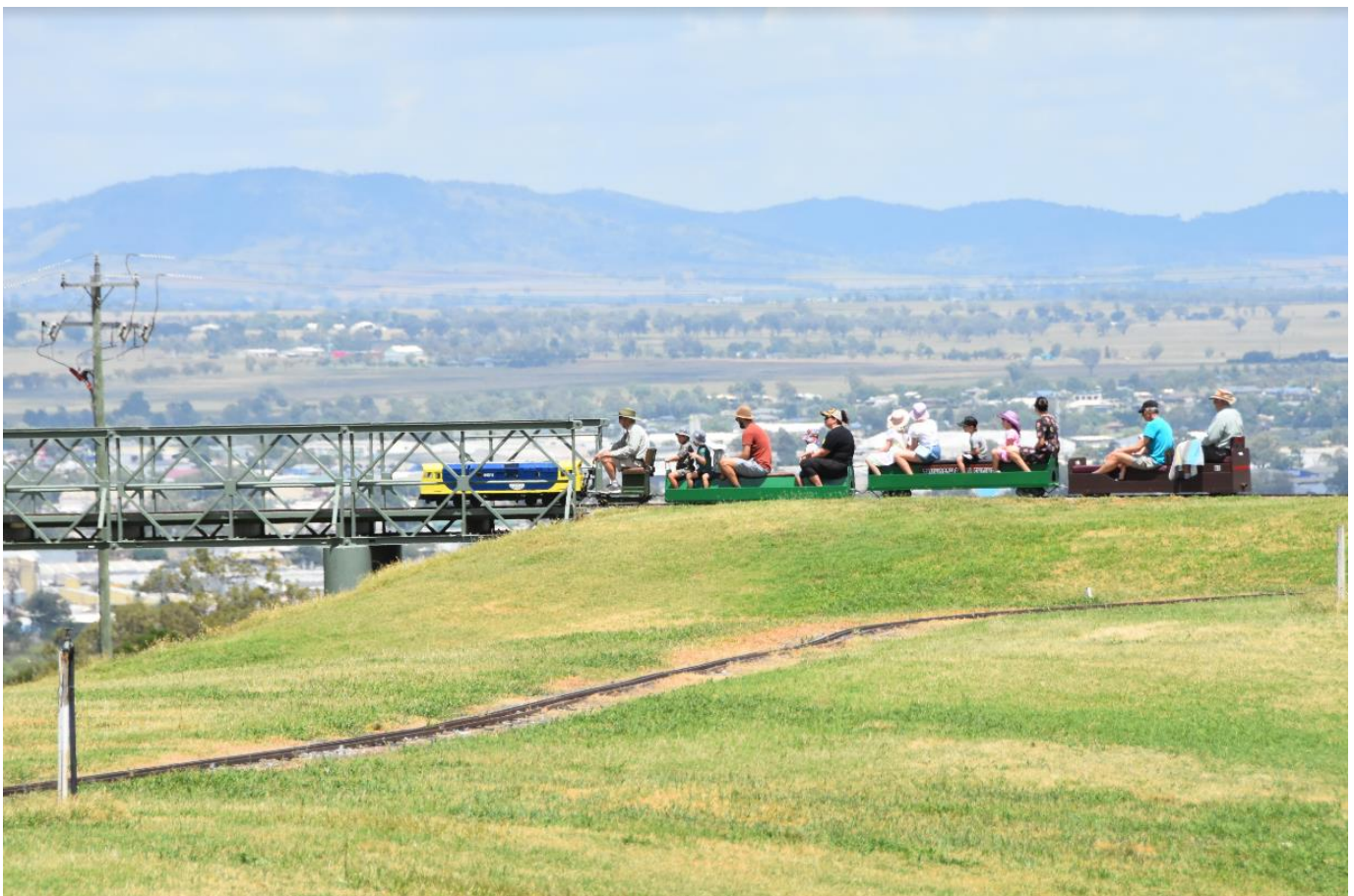
Jim shared a brief history of the railway, from its early days until today. The railway is staffed by volunteers- many of who are railfans, or model engineers – and sometimes both!

The fleet of trains on the miniature railway run on two different rail gauges- with smaller and larger trains being able to be taken around the track. Propulsion is provided by battery, or combustion engines using either petrol or diesel fuel. Some model trains also run off steam – providing a full experience of the steam train era in our own backyard.

Jim mentioned the beauty of the railway- offering spectacular views over the Tamworth city, as well as being a favourite spot for children's rides on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. It isn't without its risks though- with safety of operations requiring a bespoke solution of insurance and engineering to ensure the safety of the kids and adults on the rides.

Over the years the site has been developed, with the assistance of fundraising, donations and building materials. One family even donated a model train for use at the park.

Big thanks to Jim for addressing the club, and sharing the pictures and story of his passion for rail.





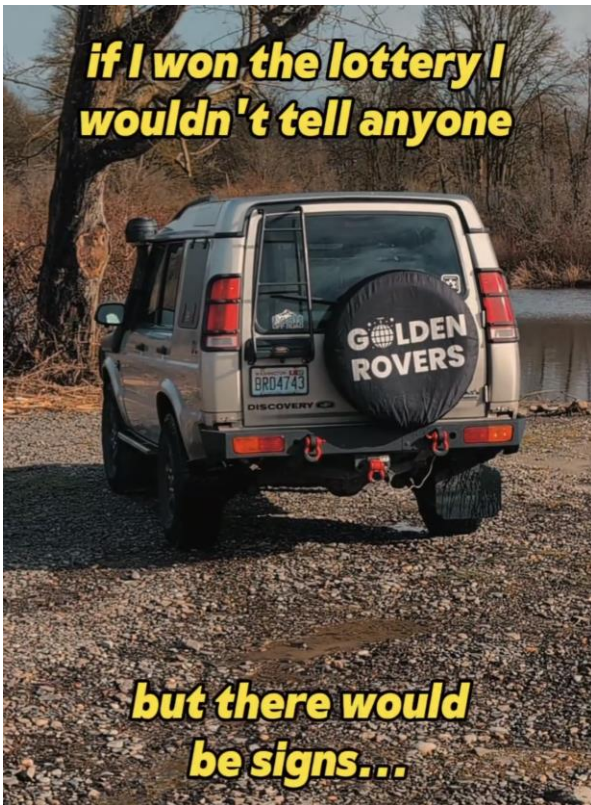
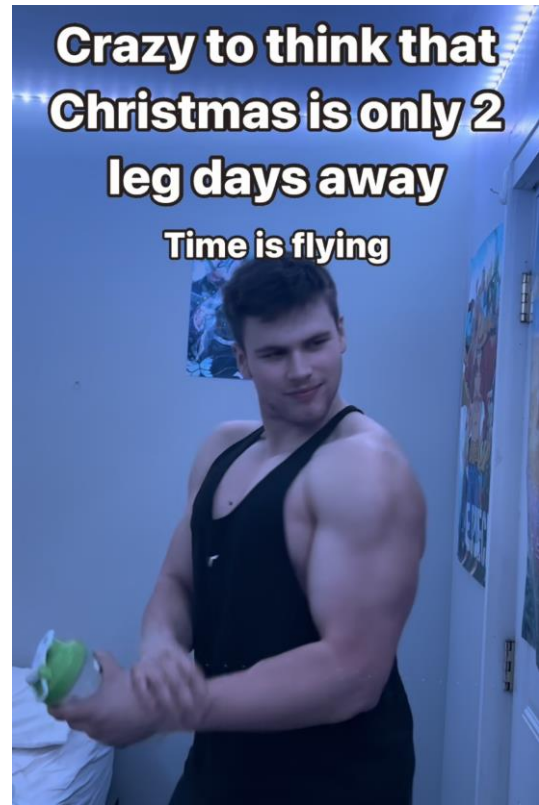
# FUNNY CORNER



Dads naming boats might be my new favorite thing



bro is living in 3030





Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ 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
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Social Calendar	Date
• Post Office Raffles Social Night	• 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month
• Marina and Magic’s Birthday Shindig	• Friday April 12, PO Hotel from 7pm

Useful links (click to open!)	
• <a href="#">Tamworth First Light Website</a>	• <a href="#">RCTFL Facebook page</a>
• <a href="#">District 9660 Website</a>	• <a href="#">Rotary District 9660 Members Page</a>
• <a href="#">Rotary International Website</a>	• <a href="#">Rotary District 9660 Public Facebook</a>
• <a href="#">DACDB Member and Club Portal</a>	• <a href="#">RYLA Facebook</a>

Board Members 2023-24	
<b>President</b> – Brian Logan	<b>Secretary</b> – Liz Gill
<b>Treasurer</b> – Dennis Maunder	<b>Executive Secretary</b> – Richard Hardwick
<b>Club Admin</b> – Courtney Priestley	<b>Membership</b> – Bev Fletcher
<b>Public Relations</b> – Alice Elsley	<b>Community Service</b> – Peter Johnston
<b>Youth</b> – Hannah Woods	<b>Rotary Foundation</b> – Bruce Hemmett
<b>Youth Protection</b> – Bruce Hemmett	<b>President Elect</b> – Sue O’Connor
<b>Board Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month-</b> Tuesday 14.05.2024, 5.30pm, TCBC.	

	17 <sup>th</sup> April	24 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> May	8 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Topic</b>	History of Tamworth Hockey Association	TBA	Quirindi Silo Art	Interact
<b>Location</b>	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Chas McKenzie	TBA	Rob Lewis	Joventino Santos
<b>Sergeant</b>	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	New Sarge	New Sarge
<b>Corporal</b>	James Treloar	Malcolm Turnbull	James Treloar	Paul Stevenson
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Stephen Hawkins	Glenn McIntosh	Deb Barnes	Graham Dooley
<b>Door Team</b>	Aurelie Quade Hugh Raadgever	Naomi Blakey Vicki Cooper	Brett White Richard Walker	Mal Turnbull Bev Fletcher
<b>President Assist</b>	Deb Barnes	Diane Petterson	*Peter Ryan	Steve Martin
<b>Visitor Assist and Guest Speaker Introduction</b>	Glenn McIntosh	Peter Bell	*Michael Smith	Helen Tickle
<b>Bulletin Notes and Vote of Thanks</b>	Mal Turnbull	Hannah Woods	*John Rouvray	Brian Thompson

\*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**

19 <sup>th</sup> April	26 <sup>th</sup> April	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> May
James Treloar Brian Thompson	Brian Thompson Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh Michael Smith	Michael Smith Louise Matthews	Louise Matthews Diane Petterson

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS**

<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Ashleigh Dallas 20/4
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Roslyn Maunder 21/4
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Dimity and Rob Betts 8yrs, Ashleigh and Chris Dallas 9yrs, Laurence and Liz Heame 45yrs, Terry and Sue Robinson 40yrs
<b>Club Induction</b>	John Rouvray 6yrs

<b>Attendance</b>	67%	<b>Lolly Jar Raffle</b>	Helen Tickle
<b>Make-Ups</b>	NIL	<b>Heads and Tails</b>	Naomi Blakey
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Jim Booth (Guest Speaker)		
<b>Visitors</b>	Magic, Jo Lewis, Vangel Christoff		