




**Rotary**   
Club of Tamworth First Light  
**MEETING 1698, ISSUE 43**  
**WEDNESDAY 24th 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

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking. -Steve Jobs

## Joke of the week

Questions that haunt me:

- If a deaf person goes to court, is it still called a hearing?
- Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are becoming dead?
- Do the alphabet song and Twinkle Twinkle little star have the same tune?
  - And why did you try to sing both songs?

## Notes

Please read the bulletin re the roster changes

An invitation is extended to all club members whom would like to attend the District Governors meeting this Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at midday in the Tamworth City Bowling Club.

## Guest speaker

Chas McKenzie (Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise) gave a talk on the history of the Tamworth Hockey Association. It shows how successful you can be as a club with the right foundations, leadership, foresight and commitment. It is remarkable how many top line hockey players have come from this area. The dedication to the hockey cause in Tamworth is testament to the facilities we now have and this places the future of hockey in Tamworth in an excellent position.

## Editor's Note

It has been a pleasure serving you as bulletin Editor over the past 14months- sharing with you the useful, (and not-so-useful) content from our club. I retire now to enjoy some time overseas, and wish to welcome Dimity Betts to the role of editor moving forward. Welcome Dimity.

-ed.

## 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 the 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.

## **MARINA MENTIONS...**

### **Uncle Magic**

Congratulations to Maciek on becoming an uncle.  
Born 1 day after Maciek's birthday, 13 April 2024.  
Baby boy, named Zygmunt. Zyzio for short.  
I'm calling him Ziggy :)



### **Birthday Thanks**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the birthday bash on Friday. It really meant a lot to Maciek for you to all be there.

-Marina Hearne  
D9660 YEP Inbound Coordinator  
Northwest Regional Careers Expo Coordinator  
Past President 2021/ 2022  
Club Historian  
The Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light  
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## 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, accomodation 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 a 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)

## THE SWINGER'S CLUB

Bev has been on the Green again, and writes another instalment for us:

My Apologies for lack of enthralling news of our trusty golfers as they chase that "LITTLE WHITE BALL" all around the golf course- Up hills and down dales they go! In and out of sand Bunkers Under bushes, into the trees and sometimes a "Smashing shot straight down the fairway!!!

Yes snakes are, and can be a hazard but to the intrepid crowd that I mix with nothing holds up the show!!

At this point in time I must report that bags are getting packed, clubs cleaned and the excitement is building toward our annual Golf Trip away!

Our trustee Golf Committee has been busy planning this trip for some months and its pleasing to see that we do have people who trust us enough to pay up and join us at Nelsons Bay for three days of Golf!!

A big thankyou to those Sponsors for this year and to those who contributed prizes or donated- it all helps. More on this upon our return.

May I add I hope to have some hilarious photos and stories to send out "From the Green" so stay tuned.

Down to immediate business -

1. Congratulations to Terry who Won last week's Wednesday tournament playing with "The Big Boys" so Pete Bell tells me, (as he was allowed to join in in.) Vicki and I must have something lacking! Congratulations Terry well done!!!

I have collected a few golf pointers below that should encourage anyone to join in this healthy outdoors activity!

In saying that Leonie Bell has joined us, purely for the walk on two occasions, of which she has found it to be a most enjoyable time.

I am suspicious that Leonie's motivation was prompted by asking herself "what the hell do they do out there that takes so long" But aha!!! she did enjoy the drinks at the end of the day!!



## GUEST SPEAKER – CHAS MCKENZIE

More commonly known as Chas, Graeme was born & bred in Tamworth & spent his school years attending Tamworth Public then Oxley High.

While attending Newcastle UNI & enrolled in an Engineering degree, Chas met his future wife Miriam, now a local GP. After a whirlwind romance & the birth of their daughter, the first of their 3 children, Chas & family returned to Tamworth where they have resided for the past 33 years.

For the next 20 yrs Chas was a consultant for various companies in the area & has spent the last 16 yrs with the Tamworth Regional Council. If you have any queries about the new roundabout out near the airport, Chas is your man. Appointments only...

Besides his wife & children the other great passion in his life is hockey & he is described by many as a local unsung hero due to his unwavering loyalty, support & development of the sport in Tamworth & at a higher level, mainly as the president of the NSW Hockey Association from 1998 – 2009. Due to his mum & dads involvement in the sport post WWII Chas still has vivid memories running on as an eight-year-old playing for the Workies at the Riverside fields. To give 50 yrs as a player, coach & senior board member is an incredible achievement but as they say, a change is as good as a holiday so with the blessing & insistence of his wife, Chas took on another challenge & became a member of the Sunrise Club about 8 yrs ago culminating in the position of president last year.

An overview of the presentation: Putting Tamworth on the map.

Tamworth was only the 3rd hockey venue other than Sydney & Melb to introduce players to artificial turf back in 1984 & have never looked back. Since the move to the current site on Jack Smythe dr. in 1992 the Tamworth Regional Hockey Complex has gone forward in leaps & bounds & is now considered the finest regional Hockey centre in Australia boasting three international standard water based synthetic turf pitches all under lights. All this could not have been possible without some amazing local benefactors contributions over the years. Recent renovations included extensions to existing structures, a brand new amenities shed & extensive work on the car park. The modifications were in excess of \$2million.

Olympic players include Micheal York, Kim Small, Matthew Smith & Kate Jenner who have a cupboardful of medals between them including gold.

Tamworth has hosted the Aussie men's championships back in 1978 as well as state titles & numerous events including Hocktoberfest, now the largest annual carnival in Australia.

-words by mal turnbull



## FUNNY CORNER- HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?

 **Dad Jokes** ✓  
@Dadsaysjokes

Walking home last night, I passed a slice of apple pie, an ice cream sundae, and a lemon cheesecake.

I thought to myself, "The streets seem strangely deserted..."

 **Dad Jokes** ✓  
@Dadsaysjokes

Woke up in a cold sweat, terrified that I overslept for work.

But quickly realized I was already at work so breathed a sigh of relief.



Text Message  
Yesterday 16:12

Can you call me a taxi at 7am tomorrow?

Ok

Thanks dad

👍

Today 07:00


You're a taxi

WANTED: A man has been stealing wheels off of police cars.

Police are working tirelessly to catch him.



At just 4 years old, I have a house, a car, 2 passive incomes and 2 servants at my beck and call.



Follow me for financial advice.



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.	

	24 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> May	8 <sup>th</sup> May	15 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Topic</b>	Connecting with Bricks Inc.	Quirindi Silo Art	Interact	Careers Expo
<b>Location</b>	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Tania and Kobi Longworth	Rob Lewis	Joventino Santos	Marina Heame
<b>Sergeant</b>	Mitch Soree	Brett White	Steve Martin	Michael Smith
<b>Corporal</b>	Malcolm Turnbull	James Treloar	Paul Stevenson	Richard Walker
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Glenn McIntosh	Deb Barnes	Graham Dooley	Hannah Woods
<b>Door Team</b>	Naomi Blakey Vicki Cooper	Brett White Richard Walker	Mal Turnbull Bev Fletcher	Graham Dooley James Treloar
<b>President Assist</b>	Diane Petterson	*Peter Ryan	Steve Martin	Louise Matthews
<b>Visitor Assist and Guest Speaker Introduction</b>	Peter Bell	*Michael Smith	Helen Tickle	Paul Stevenson
<b>Bulletin Notes and Vote of Thanks</b>	Hannah Woods	*John Rouvray	Brian Thompson	Barry Biffin

\*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				
26 <sup>th</sup> April	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> May	24 <sup>th</sup> May
Brian Thompson Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh Michael Smith	Michael Smith Louise Matthews	Louise Matthews Diane Petterson	Diane Petterson Peter Ryan
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS				
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	NIL			
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Debbie Leonard 24/4, Angela McIntosh 29/4			
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Paul and Susie Stevenson 45yrs			
<b>Club Induction</b>	NIL			
<b>Attendance</b>	66%	<b>Lolly Jar Raffle</b>	Skinner	
<b>Make-Ups</b>	NIL	<b>Heads and Tails</b>	Terry Robinson	
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Chas McKensie, Fr. Martin Maunsell			
<b>Visitors</b>	Mandy Fisher, Jo Lewis, Vangel Christoff			