




Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
MEETING 1699, ISSUE 44
WEDNESDAY 1st May 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

- The measure of a man is what he does with power.
- Only the dead have seen the end of war. - PLATO

Joke of the week

- How many egomaniacs does it take to screw in a light bulb?

One. The egomaniac holds the light bulb while the world revolves around him.

- How many DIY buffs does it take to change a light bulb? One, but it takes two weeks and four trips to the hardware store.

Notes

If you would like to help with the community garden this weekend, please contact Naomi Blakey for times.

The club inducted two new members this week. Jo Lewis and Vangel Christov. Please take the time to welcome Jo and Vangel into our club.

Our club commemorated the ANZAC's with a small remembrance service during our meeting.

From [CEW Bean, Official History, Vol. VI, p1096]

What these men did, nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and smallness of their story will stand. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mist of ages, a monument to great-hearted men, and, for their nation, a possession forever.

Guest speaker

Tanya and Kobi Longworth – Connecting with Bricks

A great activity driven meeting with Tanya Longworth giving us a fun filled timeslot on Lego and Connecting Bricks Therapy. A good way to keep the kids entertained and be able to have valuable time with them at the same time.

The idea to have this project placed into schools has merit in establishing creativity in the student's mindset.

Editor's note: Thanks, Mitch, for your great bulletins this last 14 months. I hope I do the job justice while you galivant around Europe somewhere! -Dimity-

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.

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

GUEST SPEAKER – TANYA AND KOBI LONGWORTH

Connecting With Bricks Inc is a non-for-profit organisation which aims to strengthen community connection and advance individual education through LEGO® building facilitation. Tanya is the Community Operations Manager based in Tamworth.

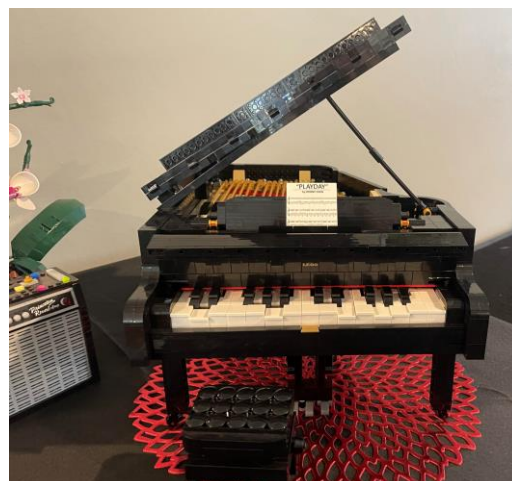
Their immersive STEM based learning experiences, provides a platform for creativity, collaboration and critical thinking. Connecting With Bricks Inc is currently fundraising to create mobile LEGO® Bricks Pits to visit local rural schools and provide student access to LEGO® Serious Play and STEM & STEAM fundamentals. You can nominate a school for a brick pit visit on their website.

Connecting with Bricks held a display and events during the 2024 Tamworth Country Music Festival including demonstrations, workshops and bringing Andrew & Damien from Lego Masters to town.

They currently have a display, and competition running in Centrepoin Tamworth with hidden Lego characters to be found and window displays. There is a different theme every week and runs until mid-May.

You can find out more about this wonderful organisation at: www.connectingwithbricks.com.au

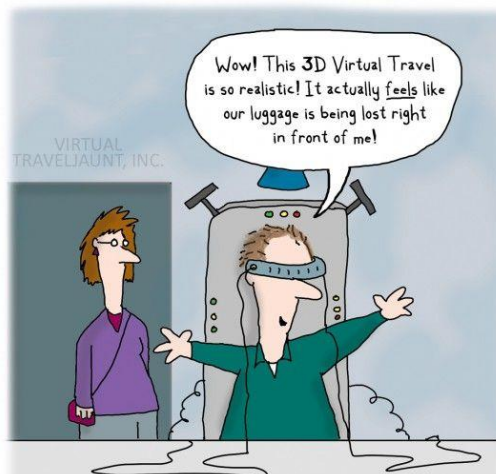
Looks like lots of great creations were made, and some fantastic displays admired by members young and young at heart! -Ed



WELCOME JO AND VANGEL!



FUNNY CORNER- IN HONOUR OF ALL THOSE IN THE ' TRAVEL SEASON'



I TRIPPED
IN
FRANCE.
EIFFEL OVER.



"My favourite childhood memory is my parents paying for my holidays"

Blazek © Dave Blazek - Friendly Planet Travel



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 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 14.05.2024, 5.30pm, TCBC.	

	1 st May	8 th May	15 th May	22 nd May
Topic	Quirindi Silo Art	Interact	Careers Expo	RYLA Attendees
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	TRECC	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker	Rob Lewis	Vitor- Brazil YEP Student	Marina Heame	Louise Matthews
Sergeant	Brett White	Steve Martin	-	Michael Smith
Corporal	James Treloar	Paul Stevenson	-	Bruce Hemmett
Meeter & Greeter	Deb Barnes	Graham Dooley	-	Richard Hardwick
Door Team	Brett White Richard Walker	Mal Turnbull Bev Fletcher	Graham Dooley James Treloar	Steve Hawkins Peter Leonard
President Assist	*Peter Ryan	Steve Martin	-	Peter Johnson
Visitor Assist and Guest Speaker Introduction	*Michael Smith	Helen Tickle	Marina Herne	Louise Matthews
Bulletin Notes and Vote of Thanks	*John Rouvray	Brian Thompson	Barry Biffin	Paul Stevenson

*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 Dimity know.

POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM				
3 rd May	10 th May	17 th May	24 th May	31 st May
Glenn McIntosh Michael Smith	Michael Smith Louise Matthews	Louise Matthews Diane Petterson	Diane Petterson Peter Ryan	Peter Ryan Hannah Woods
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS				
Members Birthdays	Mitch Soree (2 nd May)			
Partners Birthdays	NIL			
Anniversaries	Peter and Debbie Leonard (39 years), Susan and Hugh Raadgever (45 years)			
Club Induction	NIL			
Attendance	57%	Lolly Jar Raffle		Dennis Maunder
Make-Ups	NIL	Heads and Tails		Tanya Longworth (guest speaker)
Visiting Rotarians	NIL			
Visitors	Tanya and Kobi Longworth, Jane Bradford, Vangel Christoff, Jo Lewis			