

Tamworth First Light

The Bulletin

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This Week

- Maciek's last meeting
- Don't forget to check out the quiz page

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Rotary Year 2024 - 2025

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District Governor: Bruce George

President: Sue O'Connor

Secretary: Courtney Priestley

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Sue's Spark of Rotary Inspiration

Quote of the Week:

It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is the journey that matters, in the end. Ursula K LeGuin

Joke of the Week:

Mother: Did you get a good place in the geography test?
Daughter: Yes, I sat next to the cleverest kid in the class.
And thanks to Paul for your Joker card joke too. Keep them coming!

Notices:

Congratulations to John Treloar and Ian Howle who were presented with their honorary memberships by Brian Logan for all their years of amazing service to RCTFL.
Thank you to Richard Hardwick who gave us an outline of the changes to the district bylaws that will be voted on at the Special General Meeting in Inverell on Saturday. The club indicated unanimously to approve these changes. Richard and Sue will be our delegates at this meeting. District Changeover is also being held this Saturday in Inverell.
We will be taking part in myTRC Volunteer Connect Expo at the Town Hall on 14th July. Some Interact members will be joining us there to promote Interact as well. More information to follow.
We will be sponsoring an Interact bowling event this weekend as part of the Interact club's establishment.

Guest Speakers:

What an amazing final presentation from Maciej before he leaves us on Friday to journey home. We have all enjoyed his time with us enormously and he's been a wonderful ambassador for YEP. Thank you to Marina and Jordan, Naomi and James, Annabel, Craig, Harry & Lily, Peter and many others who have hosted, befriended and supported Maciej during his stay. We have offered to contribute to postage to help him to get his special Rotary gifts home. Maciej flies out from here at 4.25pm on Friday, so if you're available, come along and give him a farewell to remember!

Sue O'Connor
President 2024/ 2025

A big thanks to the members who entered into the spirit of today's fine session. \$86.25 was raised. President Sue will choose a charity as the recipient.
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Rotary News

Multicultural Tamworth

List of nationalities in Tamworth State Electorate 30/6/2024. Collated from information derived from health, education and support areas of the community and our personal contacts. (more than 100 countries)

Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Abu Dhabi, Aboriginal, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bosnia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Cambodia, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Benin, Denmark, Democratic Republic of Congo, England, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kurdish, Kuwait, Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Macedonia, Malaysia, Morocco, Malta, Mexico, Mozambique, Malawi, Myanmar (Karen.. Rohingya --Burmese Buddhist and Shan), Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Nauru, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Romania, Samoa, Scotland, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, South Korea, South Sudan, Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Syria, Solomon Islands, West Samoa, Tanzania, Taiwan, Thailand, Tonga, Torres Straits, Turkey, Ukraine, United States of America, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Tahiti, United Arab Emirates, Uganda, Vanuatu, Vietnam, Wales, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

We are still adding; so if you know someone or a group we have not listed please let me know

Eddie Whitham Multicultural Tamworth Inc uncleddie43@gmail.com 0478230299

Predominant Ethnic Groups in the Tamworth Region. May 2023

Approximate numbers

Refugees, we have settled in Tamworth since 1978 Lao community 25, Karen 60 (others –minorities) more Karens settling in 2023.

Others; secondary migration: Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan numbers not known. Asylum seekers; (illegal maritime arrivals) Myanmar, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan 30 plus.

There are fluctuating situations once permanent residence is gained as many must work in rural areas for a number of years, however we have maintained the communities as work is available here.

(I have not included indigenous numbers as I am working on migration for the past 46 years.)

The Pacific labour plan PALM sees workers arriving from nine Pacific Countries and Timor Leste under a special plan to work a specified period then return home. It is monitored by the sponsors.

Transmission of wild poliovirus halted in southern Africa

Swift action and improved surveillance ended the spread of wild poliovirus type 1 in Malawi and Mozambique. An expert team that performed thorough assessments recommends officially declaring the outbreak to be over — a huge victory in the effort against polio in Africa.

The last case of wild poliovirus type 1 in the World Health Organization's African Region, linked to a strain circulating in Pakistan, was reported in Mozambique's Tete Province in August 2022. Nine cases overall were detected in Mozambique and neighboring Malawi, where the outbreak was declared in February 2022.

In response to the outbreak, more than 50 million children received vaccinations to shield them from the virus. This successful coordinated effort underscores the power of collaboration and the need for a timely response in safeguarding communities against infectious diseases.

Guest Speaker - Maciej Wolanski

Good morning everyone, my name is Magic I'm the only kind and the best you have ever had exchange student from Poland and I have had thrilling, exciting, surprising, phenomenal, marvellous, extraordinary, magnificent, delightful, terrific, tremendous, incredible, awesome, wicked, mind-blowing, stupendous, remarkable, legendary and beyond my wildest dreams 48 weeks.

333 days, exactly 333 days ago I had to say good bay to my parents, siblings and my closest family, but it all started way before. One day on my way back from school my mom called me and said, Magic what do you think of going on a exchange there is a spot to Australia would you like to go? - and at that moment I thought to myself, who would leave everything to go to another country for a year - and I answered to my mom NO - I'm not going. But after talking to my siblings that have been on exchange, I changed my mind, after all the stories I've heard I wanted to sing up so badly that I couldn't wait the day I start the best year of my life.

AND HERE I AM standing here in front of all of you trying to choose the best of the best stories of my exchange as a last speech. I've done two or three presentations trying to keep you updated about what's been happening - and well - I figured this one should be a little bit different. As a last presentation telling you story after story or even month after month of my exchange would be ridiculously stupid cause I would not make it to my flight on Friday, that's how long I could talk about this experience.

Please continue to read Maciek's speech in the attached document of the email.



Normally, a vote of thanks is simply, thanks for your informative presentation, here's a pen and have a great day. Given this is your last official First Light meeting, I thought I should put a bit of effort in. Only a bit.

Living in a foreign country without family is a courageous endeavour, one that can be quite intimidating. I'm sure initially you were a bit iffy on what you would be in for and what we would all be like.

Maciek, you have embraced every aspect of your exchange with remarkable sincerity. Not only have you immersed yourself in the fun—meeting new people, exploring tremendous new places, and engaging in stupendous activities—but you have also excelled in the formal aspects of your exchange. Your presentations, briefings, camp, interviews, and conferences have been nothing short of impeccable and exemplary (let's just leave out the YMCA dancing skills for now!).

Week after week, you have rejuvenated and reinvigorated our club members with your mastery of Aussie humor. You have a ludicrous amount of enthusiasm that is infectious and some serious grandiose, possibly diabolical, plans I have had to talk you out of, which I am sure you will come up with many more in the future.

The inevitable is upon us. We begrudgingly allow you to leave us. Don't be too solipsistic when you return to Poland. Remember you are an honorary Rotarian now. We wish you all the best as you embark on your next chapter. Maciek, thank you for being an amazing exchange student and for everything you've brought to our club. Know that you will be very missed. Here's to your continued success and happiness wherever your journey takes you.
Marina Hearne



The Funny Elbow

My friend's cat is out here trying to collect some insurance money.



Lets Get Quizzical

FIRST IN, BEST DRESSED
CONTACT MARINA
WITH THE CORRECT ANSWERS
TEXT 0403 759 148
SCRATCHIE TO BE HAD!

The Maciek Quiz

1. How many siblings does Maciek have?
2. Who were his Aussie host families?
3. What did he keep leaving behind?
4. What instrument does he play?
5. How many days in Australia has he been here?
6. What is his nickname on his school jersey?
7. What did he recently learn to do a couple days ago?

Important Info

[Tamworth First Light Webpage](#)

[District 9660 Webpage](#)

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Calendar

28 JUNE 2024 - MACIEK LEAVES AUSTRALIA

14 JULY 2024 - MY TRC VOLUNTEER EXPO

Roster

Date	3rd July	10 July	17 July
Topic	Rural Teaching	Open Water Swimming	Personal Profiles
Location	Tamworth City Bowlo	Tamworth City Bowlo	Tamworth City Bowlo
Guest Speaker	Lesley Lamb	Marcus Ryan	Vangel & Jo
Sergeant	James Treloar & Paul Stevenson	James Treloar & Paul Stevenson	James Treloar & Paul Stevenson
Corporal	Helen Tickle	Joanne Lewis	Steve Martin
Meeter & Greeter	Malcolm Turnbull	Diane Petterson	Peter Johnston
Door Team	Brett White Hannah Woods	Terry Robinson Glenn McIntosh	Alice Elsely Mitch Soree
President Assist	Barry Biffin	Michael Smith	Dimity Betts
Guest Speaker Intro & Visitor Assist	Deb Barnes	Steve Hawkins	Luke Massey
Bulletin Notes Vote of Thanks	Naomi Blakey	Brian Logan	Vicki Cooper

POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS – 6:00 – 7:00PM

5th July	12th July	19th July	26 July
Hannah Woods Steve Martin	Hannah Woods Peter Bell	Peter Bell Brett White	Brett White Michael Smith

Birthday, Anniversaries, and Inductions

Members Birthdays	Nil
Partners Birthdays	Chris Dallas 6/7
Club Inductions	Nil
Anniversaries	Nil

Attendance	69%
Visiting Rotarians	Maciek (Honaray), Kay McCorkell (RC Tamworth), John Treloar (Honaray), Ian Howle (Honaray)
Visitors	James Ryan, Sue Raadgever, Susie Stevenson, Jordan Hearne, Annabel Russ, Harry Russ, Lilly Russ, James de Ferranti Online: Louise Matthews, Terry Robinson, PDG Neville Parsons, Nikki Cousins, The Wolanski Family in Poland
Heads and Tails	Skinner
Chook Raffle	Skinner