

Tamworth First Light

The Bulletin

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This Week

- Mherv support kicks off
- Tree Planting photos
- Peter Ryan & the dog
- Welcome Ela

7 August RSVP
Link:



Rotary Year 2024 - 2025

RI President: Stephanie Urchick

District Governor: Bruce George

President: Sue O'Connor

Secretary: Courtney Priestley

Treasurer: Dennis Maunder



Sue's Spark of Rotary Inspiration

Quote of the Week: To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Joke of the Week: Joker Card – thanks Simon.

Notices:

- A big **welcome to Ela**, our new YEP student from the Czech Republic. Ela introduced herself and reported how well she is settling in. It was great to have a welcoming party for Ela at the airport on Friday.
- This Friday evening is the **Gala Opening of "Treasure Island"**, by the Tamworth Dramatic Society at the Capitol Theatre. If you haven't already, think about purchasing tickets to any of the performances through to 10th August, as we are cosponsoring this event and we know that local presentations are always terrific. This Friday, doors open at 6pm for complimentary drinks and nibbles, the official presentation is at 6.45pm and the show starts at 7.30pm. Dress is semi-formal. We will be selling raffle tickets at the door – thanks again to Helen, Dimity and Marina, and also to Sara from Magic Pudding for the kind donation of a hamper.
- Thank you to Peter Ryan for organising the **tree planting** event at Centenary Park in Coledale last Sunday. It was great to see so many people come along and help, including a couple of people from the Dreamtime Touch team, so it didn't take long to complete. It surely was an eventful morning in the park! Thank you also to Rob Chandler and his helpers and to TRC for their support of the project.
- Richard reported that the **MHERV** rosters are going well. Thank you everyone who offered to help with these.
- Next week is our **first Club Assembly**. Each of our committee directors will be introducing themselves and then hopefully there'll be time to break into committees for discussion within your teams.
- If anyone has any **suggestions for a vocational visit**, please speak to John Rouvray, Aurelie or myself.

Guest Speakers: Our mayor Russell Webb gave a very interesting presentation about local projects and issues in our local area. Thanks Russell for coming and speaking to us.

Sue O'Connor
President 2024/ 2025

Rotary News

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mherv
men's health education rural van
saving lives in regional australia

The Men's Health Education Rural Van (MHERV) is making its way around our region again and our Club has put up the hand to support the event. There has also been a call for funding as a long time major sponsor for this essential service has withdrawn, so we will also be conducting a Bunnings BBQ to support the event. Please see the list of activities and dates, and please let me know where you can assist, even if it is for an hour or so.

MHERV Clinic – Bunnings Tamworth – Friday 16 and Saturday 17 August 2024
– 9.30am – 4.15pm each day **OTHER TAMWORTH CLUBS TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEERS**

- MHERV Clinic will be operating and will require members to assist with the completion of the paperwork for attendees to the clinic while the nurse is conducting the testing. There will be 4 shifts each day that need at least 2 members on duty. I will also be contacting other Tamworth Clubs to fill in the gaps. When responding, please indicate what days you are available.

To provide support or if you need to change your allotted time, contact Richard Hardwick.

Richard Hardwick
richardhcheryl@gmail.com

[Link to mherv](#)



Rotary



**AUGUST IS
MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB
DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

"IT HAS BEEN THE WAY OF ROTARY TO FOCUS THOUGHT UPON MATTERS IN WHICH MEMBERS ARE IN AGREEMENT, RATHER THAN UPON MATTERS IN WHICH THEY ARE IN DISAGREEMENT."

- PAUL HARRIS

MHERV BBQ – 4 Aug 2024 ROSTER

Time	Sun, 4 Aug 2024	Extras
8.30am – 10.00am	Brian Logan Marina Hearne Ela Fiserova (YEP) Alice Elsley	Available all day Mitch Soree Dropping in to Assist Jessica Elms (Interact) Molly Carey (Interact)
10.00am – 11.30am	Glenn McIntosh John Rouvray Steve Martin Paul Stevenson	
11.30am – 1.00pm	Vicki Cooper Steve Hawkins Bev Fletcher Hannah Woods Louise Matthews	
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Mal Turnbull Brett White Sue O'Connor Laurence Hearne	
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Di Peterson Hugh Raadgever Peter Johnston Luke Massey	

TREASURE ISLAND

02 - 10 AUG - CAPITOL THEATRE

Presented by Tamworth Dramatic Society

By Bryony Lavery

NOT ONE OF US MUST BREATHE A WORD OF WHAT WE'VE FOUND

It's a dark and stormy night. Jim, the orphaned son of a sea captain, is on his way to sea with his old sailor's feet sits a huge sea-chest full of secrets. Jim's journey is no ordinary voyage.

Based on **Robert Louis Stevenson's** classic story of murder, money and mutiny, **Tamworth Dramatic Society** invites you to join Jim Hawkins and the crew of the *Hispaniola* on one of the greatest adventures of all time, *Treasure Island*!

When the old Pirate, Billy Bones, and the treasure map he has stolen from his old shipmates, arrive at the quiet Benbow Inn, Jim Hawkins, Squire Trelawney and Dr Livsey are set on an incredible journey into the unknown. Along the way, Jim and her companions will have to face overwhelming odds, and she'll have to use all the cunning she can muster to find the treasure, save her friends... and make it home again!

In this thrilling adaptation by **Bryony Lavery**, which keeps alive the wit and excitement of the book, Jim becomes a girl rebelling against gender roles in her amazing coming of age journey. A tribute to the wit, honour and resourcefulness of children. *Treasure Island* is an adventure not to be missed!



[Purchase tickets - click here](#)

GALA OPENING NIGHT

Please join us on Friday, August 2nd for our Gala Opening Night, in collaboration with **Country Locks and Doors Tamworth** and **Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light**. A portion of all tickets sold on that night will be donated to Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light. The foyer doors will open at 6 PM for a complimentary drink and nibbles (Price \$50pp). An official presentation will commence at 6:45pm and the show will start at 7:30pm. Please dress in your semi-formal attire for the event. Don your best dress and favourite tie to make the most of this special occasion!

Rotary continues to support Turkey as it rebuilds from earthquake

The relief efforts and funding Rotary provided after last year's devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria show that Rotary members create hope where it is needed, said RI President R. Gordon R. McNally during a visit to the country.

"Having met the Rotary members in Hatay province, Turkey, I know that they will [continue to] be there to help rebuild their community," McNally said while visiting affected areas in April. Among many stops, he toured a kindergarten and a vocational school that Rotary members resupplied and a mobile kitchen and bakery they outfitted.

"I thank Rotary members for helping Create Hope in the World for those so badly affected by the disaster," McNally added, referencing his presidential theme.

Since the earthquake and aftershocks in February 2023, which killed more than 55,000 people, Rotary has distributed over US\$4 million to support affected communities. Aid efforts were confined to Turkey since Rotary has no clubs in Syria. Members have assembled container cities for housing, built water treatment plants, provided seedlings and cows to farmers, given equipment to hospitals, donated computers for students, and opened a veterinary clinic.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-continues-support-turkey-it-rebuilds-earthquake>



THANK
YOU

Tree Planting - Sun 28th July



Thank you to everyone who came and planted the 45 callistemon trees at Centenary Park on Sunday

Peter Ryan has now learnt that leaning on fences gets you 6 hours waiting at ED, a stitch and tetanus shot... He is ok, just a bit sore.

Dog 1/ Peter 0



Guest Speaker - Russell Webb

- 36% rate rise
 - lack of state and federal funding
 - not that big an increase - most rates per quarter are \$50 - \$100 increase
 - other councils selecting a higher increase 50-60%.
- The rate increase - Money is used for, 2/3 roads and 1/3 to infrastructure & services
- Ray Walsh House - asbestos in ceiling, cost to remediate is enormous. Once air conditioning stopped working properly, they were not able to remain in the building. New council to decide on its future.
- 15-54 year workforce are 77% most productive in Tamworth
- One of the most confident business economics in Australia
- Regional Aquatic Centre - have \$15 million grant from State Government that needs to be spent by 2026. No funding from Australian Government, need \$30 million funding. It will be an energy efficient building.
- Skywalk - \$18 million, grant received of \$14 million. Will be great for tourism and improve safety walking to the Lookout.
- Airport - SFC (Sydney Flying School) Pilot training. Currently 16 students but expects to get to 100 quickly.
- Another flying school will be announced soon which will increase our economy substantially so watch out for this announcements. No spoilers from Russell.

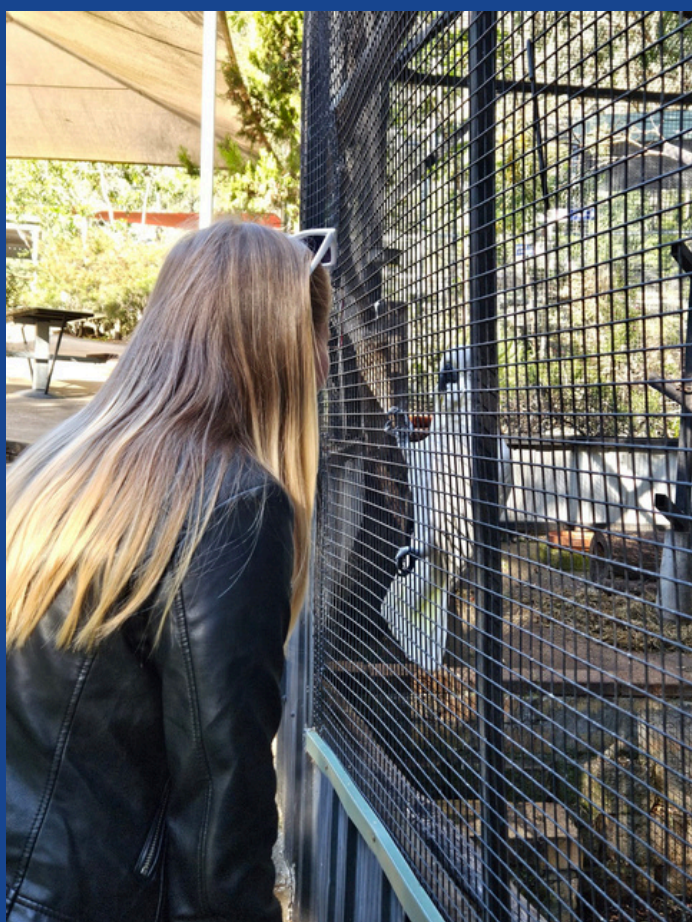


Exchange Student Adventures - Ela & Malin

Ela from Czech Republic, arrived with no dramas (3rd time lucky after Maciek and Malin's efforts). Ela has been straight into Tamworth and Rotary life. PO Hotel Sat to meet the Hearne family & make friends before starting school (thank goodness for neices). Tree planting Sunday, a quick drive to Chaffey, met some kangaroos at Marsuipial Park, 1st day of school was Tues and 1st Rotary meeting Wed.

Malin has settled into the routine of Aussie school life and now has a Biology home work 'club'. A quiet weekend with all the rain, coffee and hot chocolate at Le Pruneau. Malin did attend with a few other Rotarians from our club, the Christmas in July event that RC Tamworth held on Saturday.



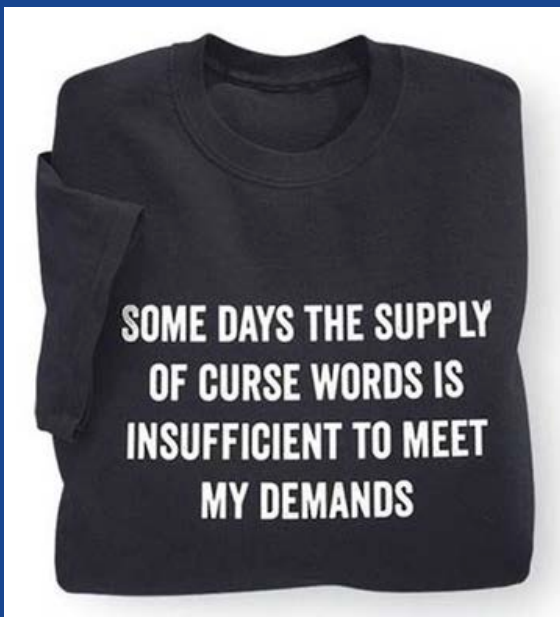


The Funny Elbow

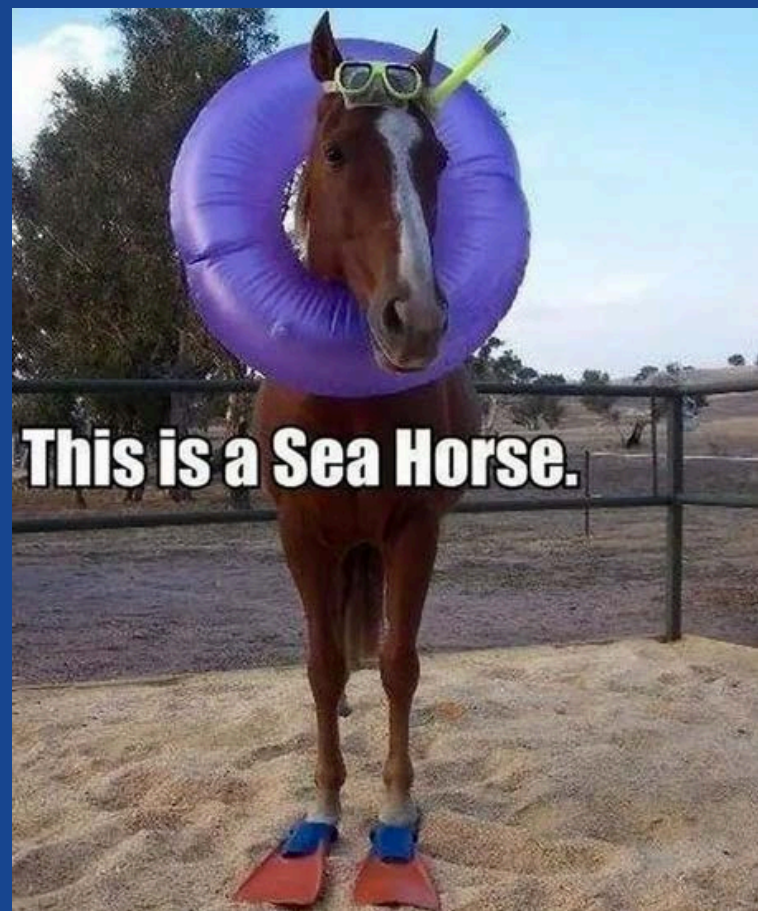
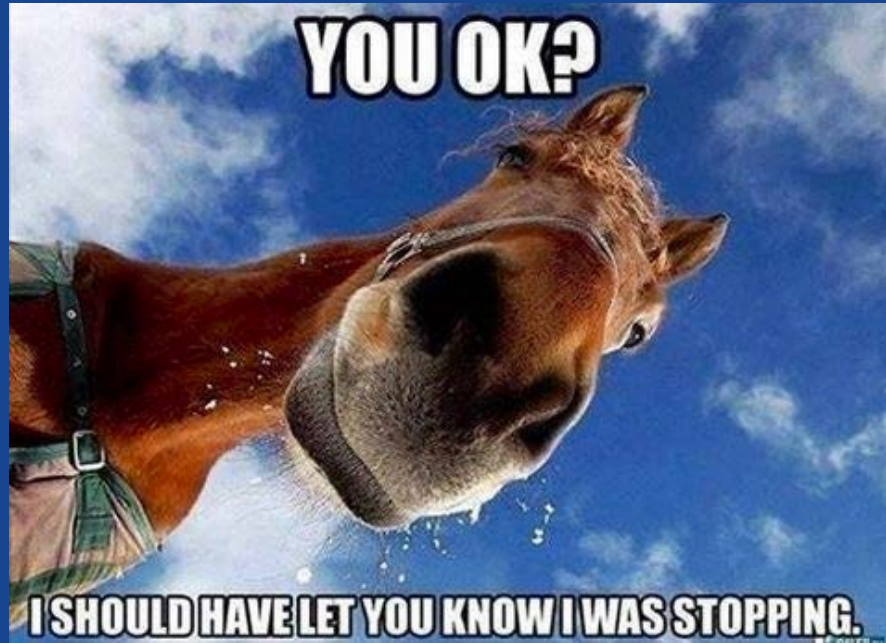


T-Shirt Funnies

Thanks to Brian Thompson
a few will be featured each week



Optimist: The bucket is half foal.



**Husband sent me out
to get milk & cookies**



Important Info

[Tamworth First Light Webpage](#)

[District 9660 Webpage](#)

[Rotary International Link](#)

[DACdb Link](#)

Social Calendar

2 AUGUST 2024 - TREASURE ISLAND GALA NIGHT
16 & 17 NOVEMBER 2024 - DISTRICT SHOWCASE
14 - 16 MARCH 2025 - DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Calendar

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED:

4 AUGUST 2024 - BUNNINGS BBQ 8.30-3
10 AUGUST - MHERV INFO DAY 10-2
16-17 AUGUST 2024 - MERV

Roster

Date	7 Aug	14 Aug	21 Aug
Topic	Club Assembly	Tamworth Aquatic Centre	Youth Exchange Intro
Location	Tamworth City Bowlo	Tamworth City Bowlo	Tamworth City Bowlo
Guest Speaker	Sue O'Connor	Peter Ryan	Ela Fiserova
Sergeant	James Treloar & Paul Stevenson	James Treloar & Paul Stevenson	James Treloar & Paul Stevenson
Corporal	Naomi Blakey	Vicki Cooper	Liz Gill
Meeter & Greeter	Stephen Hawkins	Mitch Soree	Laurence Hearne
Door Team	Helen Tickle Brian Logan	Charlotte Moore Peter Leonard	Peter Johnston Diane Petterson
President Assist	Steve Martin	Vangel Christov	Alice Elsley
Guest Speaker Intro & Visitor Assist	Nil	Bev Fletcher	Marina Hearne
Bulletin Notes Vote of Thanks	Board of Directors	Hugh Raadgever	Mal Turnbull

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

9 Aug	16 Aug	23 Aug	30 Aug
Steve Hawkins Luke Massey	Luke Massey Joanne Lewis	Joanne Lewis Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh Brian Thompson

Any changes to the roster, please let the President Assist know the morning of the meeting that you are replacing someone.

Reminder that it is up to members to find your replacement if you are unavailable.

Email Leave of Absence to the Secretary

Birthday, Anniversaries, and Inductions

Members Birthdays

Dennis Maunder 12/8

Partners Birthdays

Ruth Martin 9/8, Lisa Treloar 10/8 and Trudy White 12/8

Club Inductions

Nil

Anniversaries

Nil

Attendance

62%

Visiting Rotarians

Simon Guest – RC Tamworth West, Jane Bradford (Honorary)

Visitors

Ela Fiserova, YEP Student RC First Light, and Malin Breivik, YEP Student RC Tamworth

Heads and Tails

John Rouvray

Chook Raffle

Mitch Soree