

Tamworth First Light

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This Week

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- Social arvo 25 Aug

21 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: Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Joke of the Week: Why was the paediatrician always losing his temper? Because he had little patients.

Notices:

- The MHERV van will be here and operational this Friday and Saturday at Bunnings. We know what a valuable service this is to our community, particularly for men's health. Thank you to all those who have done or are going to do shifts connected with the MHERV visit, and especially to Brian and Richard for all their organisation.
- Mitch has organised a **social tennis and games day on Sunday 25th August at the Moore Creek courts**, starting around 12.00. Brian has offered sausages for a BBQ. So come along and bring your tennis racquet, and any games, food and drinks that you like to bring. It's also a great chance to bring along a prospective member.
- Don't forget that it's **Social Night** at the PO Hotel this Friday.
- Brett spoke about what is happening with insurance in Rotary. Thank you Brett, we really appreciate the job that you do with keeping us compliant with insurance issues.
- Just a reminder to please put in your **leave of absence to secretary Courtney** if you're going to be away for a couple of weeks or more. Also, if you're rostered onto a duty and can't be there, it's your responsibility to organise for a replacement. Also, be sure to RSVP for attending the meeting each week. Thank you, this helps to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

-At the board meeting this week, a few things were decided:

- We became aware of some members who don't eat breakfast because of dietary or financial reasons, and this was discouraging them from coming to meetings. To be more flexible to this, we have decided to introduce an option (as some other clubs have done) to pay \$5 to cover the venue and drinks, plus the optional \$2 for fines.
- We decided to donate the \$1500 from the Tamworth Dramatic Society donation and raffle to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, as TDS were keen on youth programs and DPIL continues to improve literacy levels with children in our local community.
- We are looking into doing another clothing order for club shirts and T-shirts but also including jumpers or jackets for the cooler weather.
- The **feedback survey** was very informative and we'll go into more detail when everyone has had chance to fill one in, but the trends so far indicate:
 - Overall the responses were very positive, with most areas predominantly indicating Excellent or Good. Overall satisfaction was mainly Excellent.
 - The areas that we do best were resoundingly:
 - Service and support to the community, especially youth, and our community projects
 - Camaraderie, fellowship, fun, humour, atmosphere, socialising, supporting each other
 - Areas we could improve upon included:
 - More input into international projects
 - More social activities, with some good suggestions put forward
 - More options and variations for breakfast

Thank you all for your feedback. It will give us clear directions for the future.

Guest Speakers: Peter Ryan and his son James gave us a very informative presentation about the new Aquatic Centre for Tamworth. Thank you to Peter and James.

Sue O'Connor
President 2024/ 2025

Rotary News

Join us for a casual afternoon tennis and BYO BBQ/Picnic at Moore Creek Tennis Club

Date: Sunday 25.08.2024

Time - 12pm

Price - \$10 per head fee to cover court hire, with surplus funds as a donation back to our club.

Kids free.

Soft drinks and water will be available for sale

Rotarians, partners and friends are welcome to join us for a relaxing afternoon at the Moore Creek Tennis Club.

Bring your racquets and balls and enjoy a casual spot of tennis, or perhaps try your hand at a game of bocce or similar games of skill.

BBQ facilities are available if you wanted to bring something for a late lunch, or you can BYO picnic.

RSVP not necessary. Payment can be made on the day or at meetings beforehand.

Guest Speaker - The famous duo Peter and James Ryan

The Aquatic Centre

Peter began by informing us of last night's successful meeting of Tamworth Shire Council with all members voting in favour of the new aquatic centre. (Congrats Peter!!)

He paid tribute to the work of Kevin Anderson in obtaining funding and, also to our club member, Councillor Helen Tickle, for her 16 years of support on council. He explained what a great result it was getting it over the line before the new councillors are elected. Peter gave club members a detailed account of the history swimming facilities in Tamworth along with his active involvement over the last seven years in the planning of a new state of the art aquatic centre.

The first swimming pool in town was a small private one known as Chimmery's Pool in 1920. With a population of 10,000, the City Olympic Pool was built in 1936, then, in 1968, with a population of 22,000 the Scully Park Pool followed. This was one of the best Olympic facilities in NSW for its time. In 2017, with the City's population reaching 61,000, it was realised a new pool was required and the Tamworth Aquatic Group ('TAG') was formed by the Tamworth City Swim Club along with the 360 Scully Swim Club, the Kootingal Swim Club and Water Polo. A survey in the Daily Leader found 80% in favour of a new aquatic centre. The proposed centre was costed at \$67 million for a 51 metre pool with indoor and outdoor facilities.

Fast forwarding to 2021, there was a new government focus on women in sport and the need to keep young girls involved in sport for longer. The State Government also wanted to see integrated sporting hubs.

By teaming up with NIAS and the High Performance Sport Centre the case for government funding became much stronger and Kevin Anderson was able to secure funding towards the renewed project. Three sites near ALEC were looked at. In placing the new aquatic centre alongside the hockey field with easy access to the basketball courts and car parks, there is also room for further expansion. This would achieve an integrated sports hub with a running track, cycling track and sports science centre. Another factor in favour of the project was the fact that the Olympic Pool at Homebush, built for the Sydney Olympics, is fully booked and ageing. Having a new facility in Tamworth would ease the pressure. Peter went on to stress the carefully considered business case for the project with the benefits of families visiting Tamworth for swimming events etc. Also, the benefits to locals and other sporting bodies.

Funding was to be provided by three sources: State Government \$15mill, Federal \$15mill and Council \$15 mill. Unfortunately, with the change of government, Federal funding is no longer on the table.

Costs, utilisation and income and return, including the high-performance sport centre, were examined in the business plan.

Concern was addressed about that there would no longer be a pool downtown if the project went ahead. It is proposed that a leisure pool be built which would be free to use. It would have 3 lanes for laps as well as a shallower splash area. It will be situated at the Kable Avenue corner between the highway and the Peel River. There is also a coffee shop planned. The project will fit well with the Blueprint 100 plan of Council. The importance of building the new aquatic centre first was stressed by Peter as local schools are required to hold their annual swimming carnivals and one pool alone wouldn't cope as experienced during the drought!

Peter's son, James went on to explain how the new 50 Metre pool would have a swim wall that could be raised in winter to create two 25 metre pools. There will also be a movable floor to allow for different depths which are important for relays. In short, the pool will aim for utilisation smarts: swim squad, water polo, learn to swim, and recreational swimming will all be available. There will even be a warming section (for old Rotarians?!) Other features are dry and wet change rooms and a toddler area.

Following his years of personal involvement, Peter's enthusiasm in seeing the Tamworth Regional Aquatic Centre and Northern Inlands Centre for Sports and Health going ahead was catching! A build date of 2026 is hoped for.

In finishing, Peter mentioned Libby Magann, a local and a National Water Polo Player who is now a National, referee who is expected to be a referee at the 2032 Olympics in Brisbane. We also have 24 past Tamworth Olympians!

Peter is looking forward to seeing a couple of our swimmers and water polo players in 2032. Finally, he expressed his feelings that his family had really benefited from being involved in swimming and recommended swimming and water polo for getting kids ready for life!



Exchange Student Adventures - Ela & Malin

Malin had a crack at Water polo this week and received a care package from home. Both girls had sleepovers with their own school group of friends.

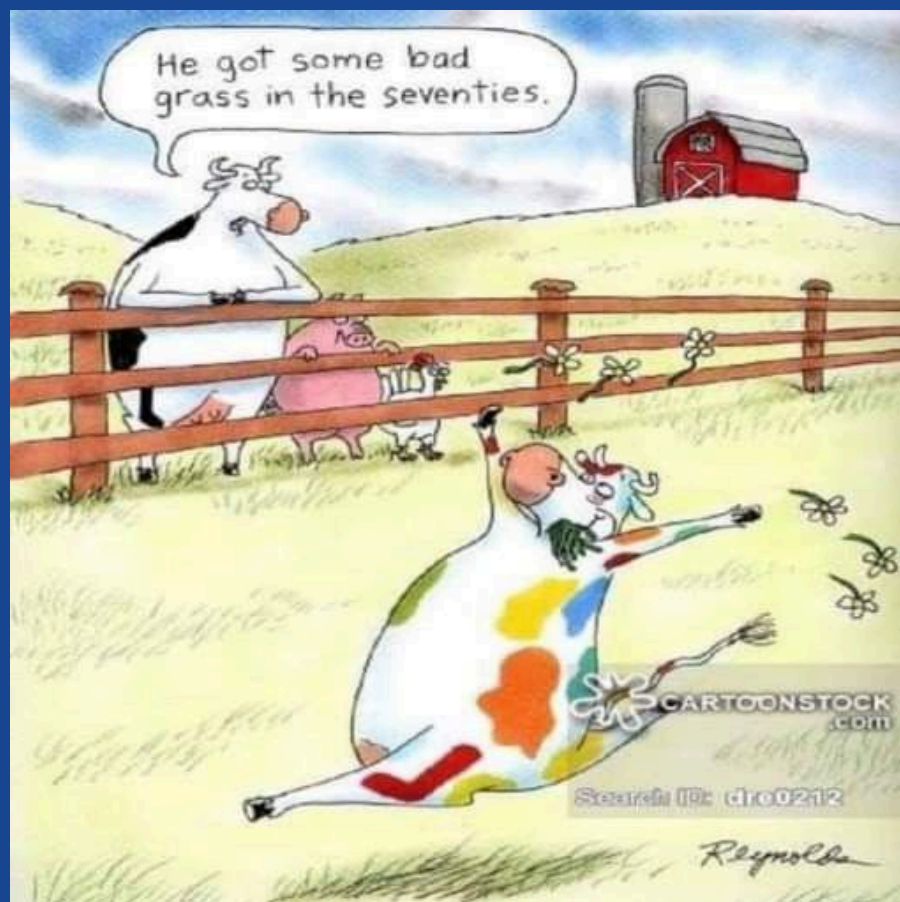
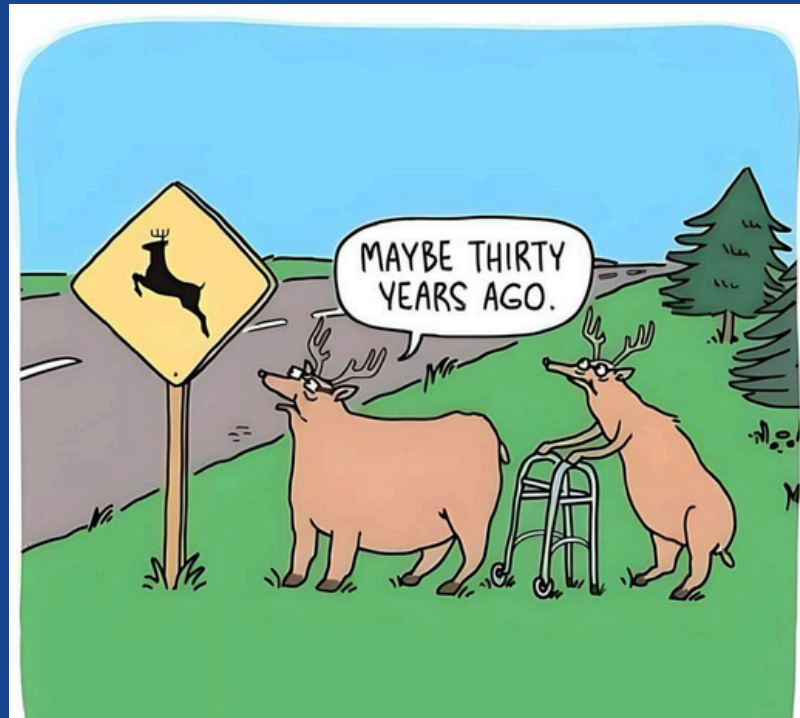


The Funny Elbow

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by Mark Parisi

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Important Info

[Tamworth First Light Webpage](#)

[District 9660 Webpage](#)

[Rotary International Link](#)

[DACdb Link](#)

Calendar

25 AUGUST 2024 - SOCIAL ARVO TENNIS & BBQ

16 & 17 NOVEMBER 2024 - DISTRICT SHOWCASE

20 DECEMBER 2024 - SANTA CRAWL

14 - 16 MARCH 2025 - DISTRICT CONFERENCE

13 & 14 MAY 2025 - NWRCE

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED:

16-17 AUGUST 2024 - MERV VAN

Roster

Date	21 Aug	28 Aug	4 Sept
Topic	Youth Exchange Intro	Boeing Airlines	Living in Fiji
Location	Tamworth City Bowlo	Tamworth City Bowlo	Tamworth City Bowlo
Guest Speaker	Ela Fiserova	Steve Martin	John Marsh
Sergeant	James Treloar & Paul Stevenson	James Treloar & Paul Stevenson	Brett White
Corporal	Liz Gill	Hannah Woods	Hugh Raadgever
Meeter & Greeter	Laurence Hearne	Louise Matthews	Terry Robinson
Door Team	Peter Johnston Diane Petterson	Naomi Blakey Peter Bell	Michael Smith Joanne Lewis
President Assist	Alice Elsley	Bruce Hemmett	Vicki Cooper
Guest Speaker Intro & Visitor Assist	Marina Hearne	Glenn McIntosh	Paul Stevenson
Bulletin Notes Vote of Thanks	Mal Turnbull	Peter Ryan	Dimity Betts

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

23 Aug	30 Aug	6 Sept	13 Sept
Joanne Lewis Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh Brian Thompson	Brian Thompson Graham Dooley	Graham Dooley Mal Turnbull

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

Nil

Partners Birthdays

Margaret Lyon 22/8

Club Inductions

Nil

Anniversaries

Nil

Attendance

68%

Visiting Rotarians

Nil

Visitors

James Ryan and
Malin Breivik, YEP Student RC Tamworth

Heads and Tails

Vangel Christov

Chook Raffle

Peter Leonard
(free breakfast the following week only, cannot be
claimed at a later date)