

Tamworth First Light

The Bulletin

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This Week

- Look out on the fines, there's a new guy in town

11 Sept RSVP Link:



Rotary Year 2024 - 2025

RI President: Stephanie Urchick

District Governor: Bruce George

President: Sue O'Connor

Secretary: Courtney Priestley

Treasurer: Dennis Maunder

New Fine Sergeant



Sue's Spark of Rotary Inspiration

Quote of the Week: There are 2 excellent theories for arguing with women, neither one works.

Jokes of the Week: Joker card – thanks Simon, getting better!

Scientists got bored after watching the Earth turn after 24 hours. So they called it a day.

Notices:

- Welcome back Dools, great to see you back and looking so well.
- We are helping the Astronomy Club with a BBQ at the **Astronomy Centre at 6.00pm on Tuesday 17th September**. Thank you to those who've indicated to Brian that they are coming along to help.
- Mitch reported about his experience doing the Sleepout for Homelessness Awareness and is keen to look into other ways that we can assist Holistic Recovery to support homeless people in Tamworth.
- Thanks Vicki for an update from the golf committee.
- Thanks Marina for your update on the arrival of the YEP students into our area.
- John Rouvray reported about an upcoming event at the Bowling Club, see John for more details.
- If anyone has a suggestion for a vocational visit for one of our meetings, please let me know.
- The first Area 6 Combined Presidents Zoom Meeting under our Rotary Community Leader John Boag was held last Thursday. This was well attended with 10 out of 15 clubs present. Our area now includes clubs as far west as Narrabri, Wee Waa and Coonabarabran, north to Barraba and Manilla and south to Quirindi.
- One of the discussions at this meeting was around having a joint area project involving all clubs. Based on the feedback from our club survey, my suggestion was to make this an international project, and this suggestion was well-received. This could mean supporting an existing Foundation or RAWCS project with fundraising or donations, or implementing a new project. So if you have any ideas or suggestions about this, please let me know.
- Simon Guest and Ken Hall have offered to co-ordinate the End Polio Movie Night, more information to come.

Guest Speakers: What a delightful and interesting talk from John Marsh, thanks John.

Sue O'Connor
President 2024/ 2025

Are you ready to count?



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AUSSIE BIRD COUNT

14-20 October 2024

Start counting in...

0	3	9	0	6	0	4	1	0
Days			Hours		Minutes		Seconds	

REGISTER

Taking part is easy!

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1
20 minutes
Just spend 20 minutes in your favourite outdoor space and tell us about the birds you see during that period.
- 
2
Count the birds
You can submit your results using the app or the web form.
- 
3
Bird Finder
There's a built-in "bird finder" tool to help you identify birds you're unsure of.
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4
Submit your count
You can count as many times as you want. Every count helps.

Mark the date in your diary!
<https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>

Interested in hosting Ela, Malin or Wakana? Please contact Marina

Dates: Nov - early Jan, Mid May - Jul & Apr/ May - Jul

Brett's Stalker Quiz

As mentioned at the last meeting, during the late 1960's during school holidays Brett got a non-paid job as a helper/gopher to a variety of people who were visiting Roselands Shopping Centre in Sydney at the Raindrop Fountain, which helped to keep him off the streets. Those people were famous singers, sports stars, television and movie stars of the time. Great also for the autograph book.

This week.... Which International movie star did Brett stalk/assist.

- a. Brigitte Bardot**
- b. Gina Lollobrigida**
- c. Ursula Andress**

The first correct entry sent to brett@trubrett.com.au will win a prize.

Guest Speaker - Rev John Marsh

John Marsh was introduced by his good friend and Rotarian John Rouvray, who informed the room that the Rev Marsh's nickname was "Mr Spunky". This was immediately clarified as a reference to the Rev Marsh's lifelong history of wearing stylish and colourful clothes, which we believe is true.

John is a charmingly delightful and gentle-man with a great sense of humour who freely laughs at himself. He admits to being an advanced SCUBA diver, and a survivor of quakes and cyclones in Samoa, and an Anglican Priest.

John started out to live a professional life, commencing with a burning desire to become the best accountant he could be. Which he attempted first at Nestle before moving rapidly through Smith, Johnson & Co which became Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co which in 1987 became the corporate consulting behemoth KPMG. An exhausting professional career.

But John was not entirely satisfied. He quickly came to accept that accountants, like cynics, "know the price of everything and the value of nothing" (Oscar Wilde from Lady Windemere's Fan) and so fled the practice of accounting in Australia.

He became a teacher, a lecturer, in accounting at the University of the South Pacific. USP is the region's premier regional university. It was founded in 1968 through the collaborative and cooperative efforts of many island states including Fiji, Vanuatu, Suva, the Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, the Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga, and the Cook Islands. Geographically USP covers an area of 33 million square kilometres in the South Pacific.

John shared stories with us of, experimenting with Fijian beer (don't) and with peanut and jelly sandwiches (again, don't). He spoke about kneeling in the presence of the cortege of the Fijian King and his indigenous Fijian aristocratic Ratu to ensure that no-one's head was above the height of the Fijian King's head. John also spoke of drinking the narcotic, not alcoholic, Kava in a civilised manner for six-straight hours (once again, don't) and of the economic and cultural drivers underlying the Fijian military's coup of 1987.

The talk concluded with an eight-minute video of a Fijian acapella choir singing in praise of Saint Francis of Assisi which left the room inspired and energised.

Peter Johnston thanked John for speaking to the club and provided the traditional pen of gratitude.



Exchange Student Adventures - Ela & Malin

Another student to welcome. Milla is from Germany and will live in Quirindi. The girls have been a great help in being there when students land in Tamworth.

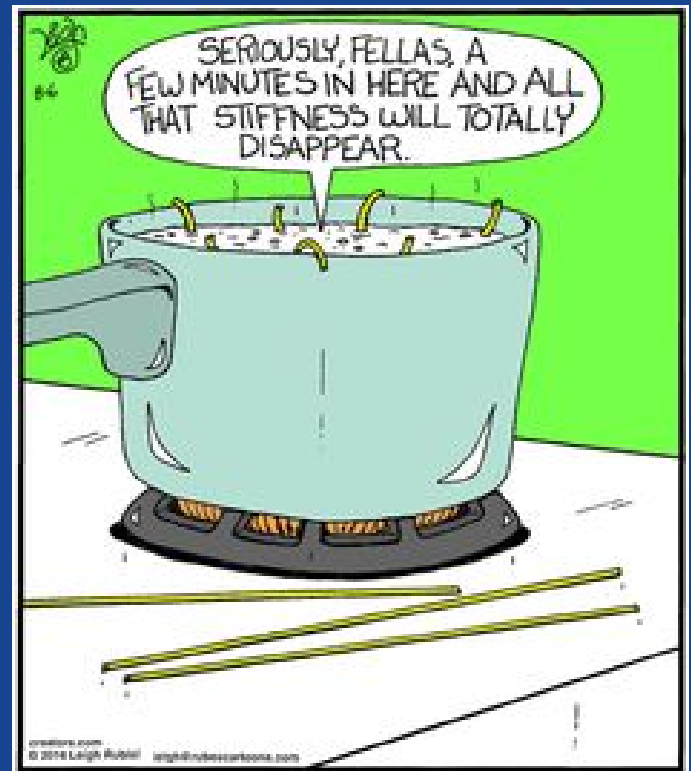
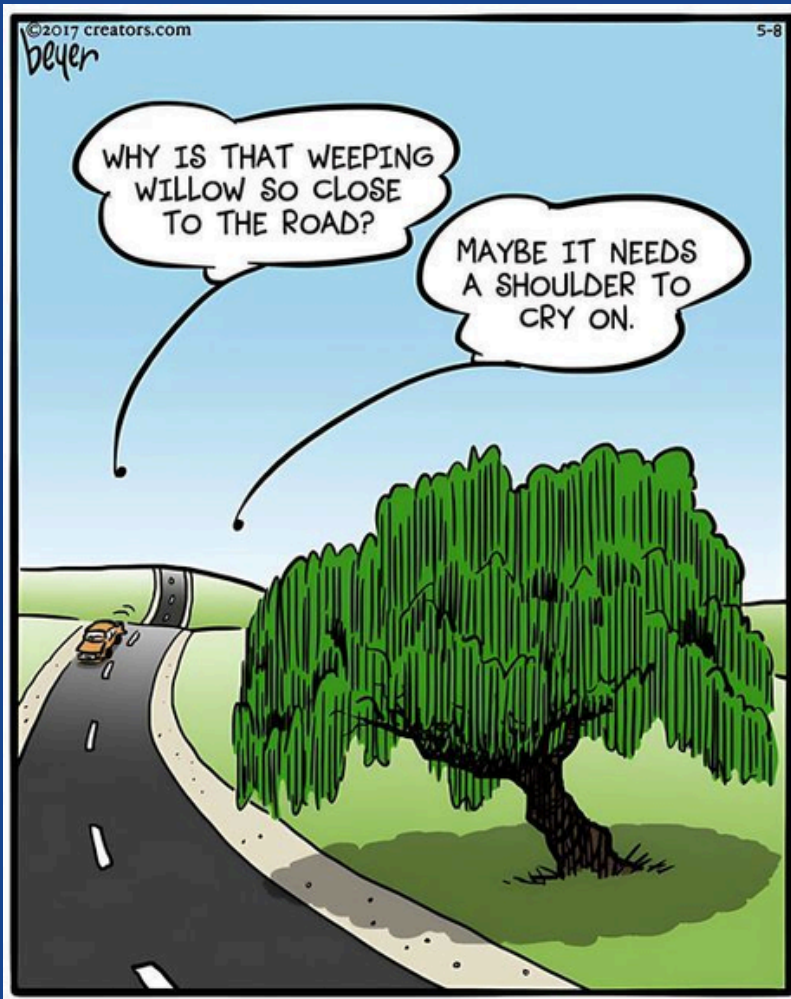


Visit to 2nd host family for Malin

Ela & Wakana at a Campdraft in Barraba



The Funny Elbow



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:

17 SEPT 2024 - ASTRONOMY CENTRE BBQ

- CONTACT BRIAN LOGAN OR SUE

Roster

Date	11 Sept	18 Sept	25 Sept
Topic	Medicine Dispensing	Isolation of the Elderly	Member Profile
Location	Tamworth City Bowlo	Tamworth City Bowlo	Tamworth City Bowlo
Guest Speaker	Ruth Martin	Ray Tait	Simon Guest
Sergeant	Brett White	Brett White	Brett White
Corporal	Deb Barnes	Mitch Soree	Peter Leonard
Meeter & Greeter	Naomi Blakey	Charlotte Moore	Graham Dooley
Door Team	Bev Fletcher Luke Massey	Brian Thompson Richard Hardwick	Barry Biffin Peter Ryan
President Assist	James Treadloar	Liz Gill	Steve Hawkins
Guest Speaker Intro & Visitor Assist	Steve Martin	Terry Robinson	Dimity Betts
Bulletin Notes Vote of Thanks	Helen Tickle	Alice Elsley	Peter Bell

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

13 Sept	20 Sept	27 Sept	4 Oct
Graham Dooley Mal Turnbull	Marina Hearne Laurence Hearne	Laurence Hearne Naomi Blakey	Naomi Blakey Barry Biffin

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

Richard Hardwick & Jane Bradford 14/9

Partners Birthdays

Marion Dooley 13/9

Club Inductions

Mal Turnbull 15/9 (3yrs)

Anniversaries

Peter & Annette Ryan 17/9 (28yrs)

Attendance

68%

Visiting Rotarians

Nil

Visitors

Ela Fiserova (YEP RC First Light)
Malin Breivik (YEP Student RC Tamworth)

Heads and Tails

Skinner

Chook Raffle

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