

# *Tamworth First Light*

## *The Bulletin*

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### **This Week**

- Community Garden at Taste in the Park event - feel free to join them this weekend



### *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:** Life is 10% what you make it and 90% how you take it. Irving Berlin

**Joke of the Week:** Joker Card, thanks Mitch.

Induction of New Member Jamie Hunt. A big welcome to Jamie, sponsored by his RYLA "Mum" Louise Matthews.

## **Notices:**

- Welcome back Brian Thompson, great to see you back from your shoulder surgery.
- Naomi spoke about the Community Garden planting and vege swap last Saturday, and also about the Community Garden stall at the Taste Tamworth Festival this Sunday 10am – 4pm, contact Naomi and come along.
- At the Community Garden planting, Ken West from Sunrise invited us to their rescheduled visit to the Men's Shed on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00am. This is a collaborative meeting between Sunrise Rotary, the Men's Shed, Westpac Rescue Helicopter, our club and our Community Garden. The meeting is to celebrate the revamping of the Westpac Rescue trailer by the Men's Shed, with Jeff Galbraith from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter speaking.

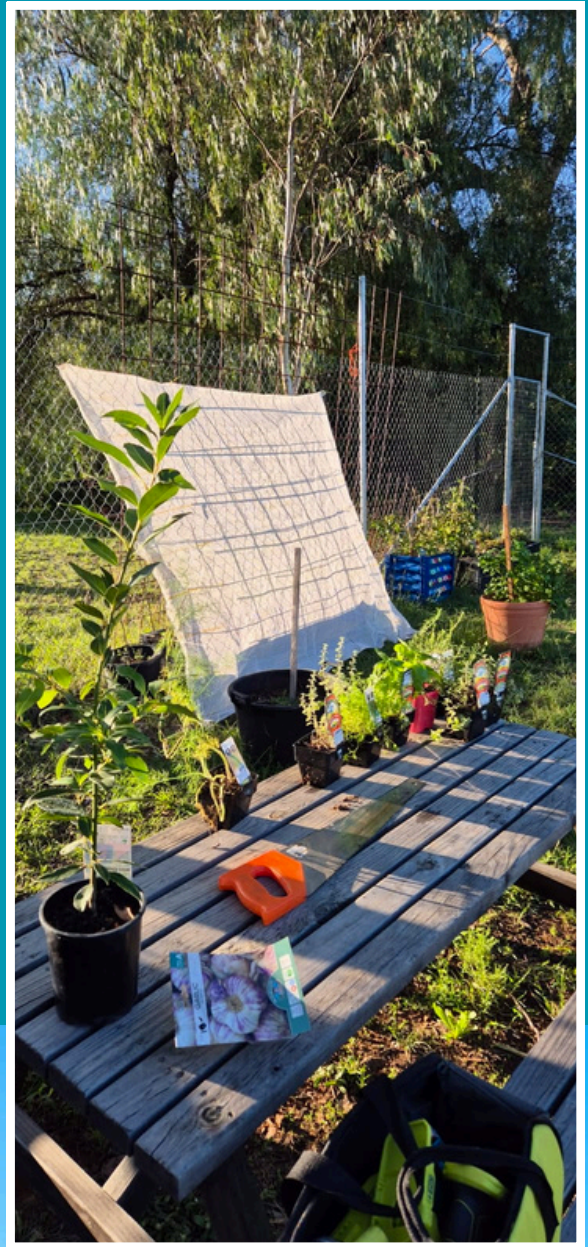
- Mitch thanked those who hosted and attended Guess Who's Coming to Dinner on Saturday night. A great night had by all! Thanks Mitch for organising.
- Peter J presented a Certificate of Appreciation from Newcastle University to Community Services Director Naomi for our club's organisation of this year's Science & Engineering Challenge. Well done to Glenn and the team for all their hard work.
- At the Board Meeting on Tuesday, we:
  - Endorsed the sponsorship of outgoing student Hector Maxwell, a Yr 10 student from Calrossy, subject to the decision of the district YEP committee
  - Endorsed the sponsorship of 2 RYPEN applicants
  - Discussed the donations we'll be making to local organisations before the end of the Rotary year
  - Had further discussions about the "Friends of First Light Rotary", the RCTFL Strategic Plan and ordering club branded clothing

**Guest Speakers:** Many thanks to Brian Lincoln for his interesting talk on trekking in Albania and to Mitch for helping with the technology.

**Sue O'Connor**  
**President 2024/ 2025**







# Community Garden Planting









**Guess Who's**



**Coming**

**to Dinner**





# Request for Help

## Tamworth West Motor Show

17 & 18 May 2025

Volunteer roles required:  
around 100 shifts to cover

Role (Multiple Choice) \*

- ☐ Cooking
- ☐ Catering
- ☐ Cashier (food sales)
- ☐ Door



Register as a Volunteer: [Click me](#)

# **Join the Tamworth Community Garden at Taste in the Park!**

**Sunday, 13th of April  
10am till 4pm**

**We will be hosting an activity  
allowing kids to plant their very  
own flower seeds in pots.**

**If you want to help out on the  
day please contact Naomi on  
0424973714**





AUSSIE  
**BIRD**  
COUNT

**2024**  
**RESULTS**



YOU helped Count **Birds**  
**4,117,293**

A huge thank you for being part of the 2024 Aussie Bird Count! Whether you counted one bird or hundreds, your participation helped make last year's citizen science event another incredible success.

Together, **57,012 participants** submitted **129,680 surveys**, counting a staggering **4,117,293 birds** across Australia! The top three birds recorded nationwide were:

-  Rainbow Lorikeet
-  Noisy Miner
-  Australian Magpie



**677**  
Schools



**129,680**  
Surveys

**57,012**  
Participants





# *New Member - Jamie Hunt*

Born in Brisbane & moved to Tamworth aged one.

Married to Morgan, Jamie has two children. Callum aged 5 & Amelia aged 2. Jamie has a Bachelor of Engineering majoring in the environment & is employed at Teys Australia.

Jamie has served our community for many years as the Pipe Major of the Tamworth Pipe Band & also the Pipe Major for the NSW Highlanders. He's been playing the pipes for 26 years. Last year Jamie took the band to Scotland for the World Pipe Championships. His fourth time attending the event.

Jamie attended RYLA in 2015 & came back as a Leader in 2016. He has assisted First Light in the past with tree planting & is very busy in his commitment serving our community at many public events & celebrations. It gives me great pleasure to sponsor Jamie, welcoming him to Rotary. I am a very proud RYLA Mum.

Louise Matthews

**Congratulations and welcome to Tamworth First Light Jamie.**



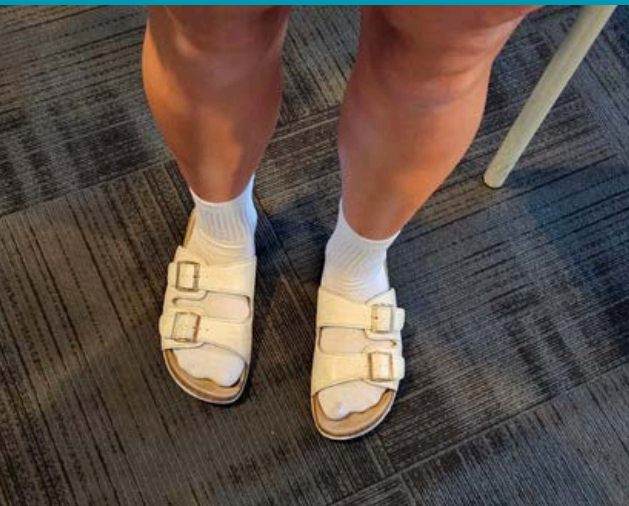
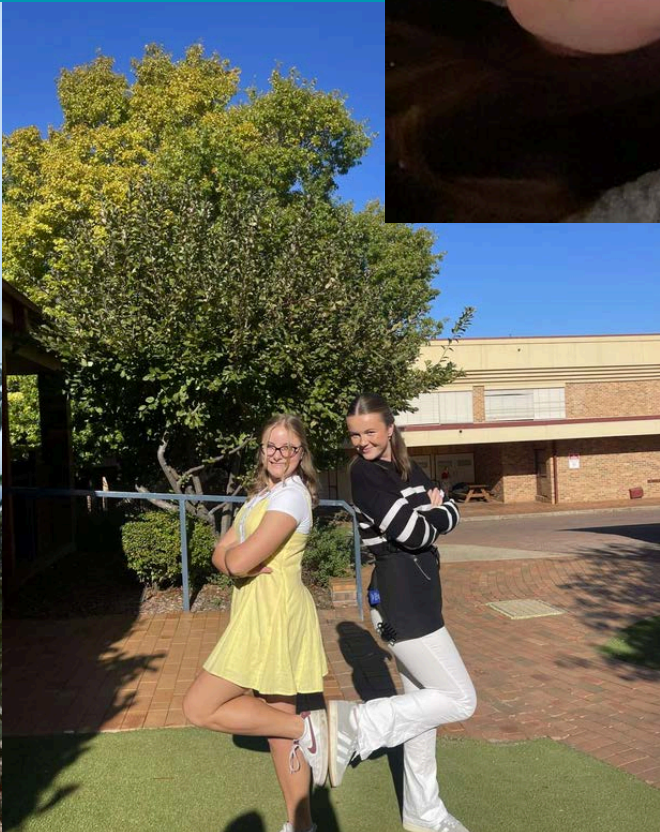
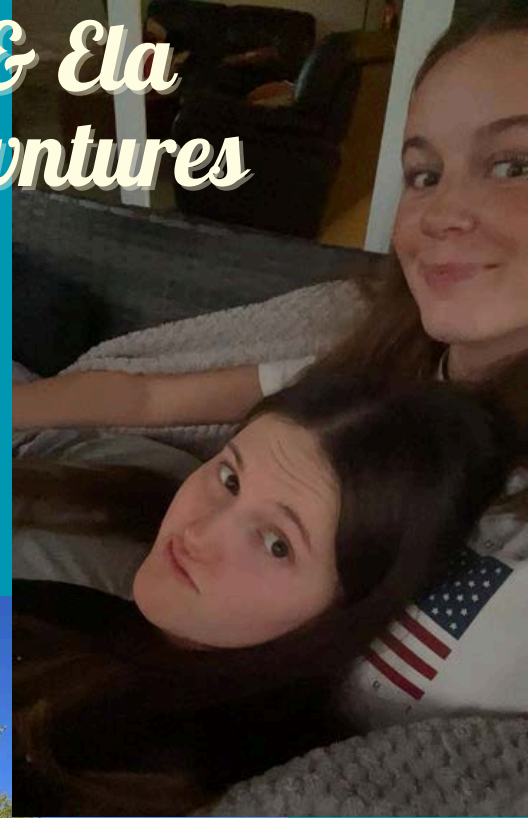


# *Guest Speaker - Brian Lincoln* *Trekking Albania*





# Malin & Ela YEP Adventures





# The Funny Elbow





# *Important Info*

[Tamworth First Light Webpage](#)

[District 9660 Webpage](#)

[Rotary International Link](#)

[DACdb Link](#)

## *Calendar*



Join us  
every 3rd  
Friday of  
the month  
at The PO  
Hotel

**13 APRIL - COMMUNITY GARDEN TASTE IN THE PARK**

**13 & 14 MAY - NWRCE**

**14 JUNE - RCTFL CHANGEOVER**

### **ASSISTANCE REQUIRED:**

**13 APRIL - COMMUNITY GARDEN - CONTACT NAOMI**

# Roster

Date	16 Apr	23 Apr	30 Apr
Topic	Personal Profile	The Salvation Army	Lambruk Solar Project
Location	Tam City Bowlo	Tam City Bowlo	Tam City Bowlo
Guest Speaker	Jamie Hunt	Major Tony De Tommaso	Alysia Bradshaw
Sergeant	Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh
Corporal	Michael Smith	Peter Ryan	Steve Hawkins
Meeter & Greeter	John Rouvray	Barry Biffin	Peter Bell
Door Team	Steve Hawkins Hugh Raadgever	Helen Tickle Bev Fletcher	Michael Smith Mal Turnbull
President Assist	Mitch Soree	Graham Dooley	Naomi Blakey
Guest Speaker Intro & Visitor Assist	Peter Ryan	Brian Logan	Paul Stevenson
Bulletin Notes Vote of Thanks	Dianne Petterson	Jo Lewis	James Treloar

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

18 Apr	25 Apr	2 May	9 May
Easter	Anzac Day	Liz Gill Peter Leonard	Peter Leonard Peter Bell



**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 Secretary, Courtney**

### **Birthday, Anniversaries, and Inductions**

#### **Members Birthdays**

Jamie Hunt 18/4

#### **Partners Birthdays**

Roslyn Maunder 21/4 & Debbie Leonard 24/4

#### **Club Inductions**

John Rouvray 18/4 (6yrs), Christov Vangel & Jo Lewis 24/4 (1yr)

#### **Anniversaries**

Terry & Sue Robinson 21/4 (40 yrs), Laurie & Liz Hearne 21/4 (45yrs), Dimity & Rob Betts 23/4 (8yrs)

#### **Attendance**

67%

#### **Visiting Rotarians**

• Nil

#### **Visitors**

• Ela Fiserova (YEP RC First Light), Maline Breivik (YEP RC Tamworth), Rae Hunt, Bill Hunt, Susie Stevenson

#### **Heads and Tails**

Hugh Raadgever

#### **Chook Raffle**

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