

Tamworth First Light

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This Week

- Happy Easter Loong 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: Don't count the days, make the days count. Muhammad Ali

Joke of the Week: Joker Card, thanks Simon.

Notices:

- Helen reported that our stall at the Taste Tamworth Festival went well.
- We have an order form for club clothing from Monogram It in Bridge St: this includes club business shirts, polo shirts, soft-shell jackets, hoodies, and zip-through hoodies. These are navy with a light blue logo and your name monogram, or shirts are light blue with a navy monogram. Prices include monogramming. Please place your order directly at the shop so that you can try sizes, choose a different style or brand if you wish, and pay directly. If you place your order by Friday 2nd May, these will be done as a bulk order. The list is also in the bulletin.
- PS on club polo shirts: I'm assured that the switch from green to navy was passed by the board around 5 years ago. But it was great to see all those who own the original polo shirt wear them this morning, like a badge of honour!
- We are invited to a visit to the Men's Shed on Friday 9th May at 7.00am. This is a collaboration between Sunrise Rotary, Men's Shed, Westpac Rescue Helicopter, our club and our Community Garden. This is in addition to our normal weekly meeting on the Wednesday. Please let me know if you are planning on attending so that I can submit numbers to Sunrise the week before.
- Richard reminded our new 2025 – 2026 board directors about the training day in Tamworth on Saturday 24th May. You will also be invited to attend our next 2 board meetings.

Guest Speakers: Thank you to our new member Jamie Hunt for presenting his personal profile. It was great to hear your story Jamie and Happy Birthday for Friday!

Sue O'Connor
President 2024/ 2025

Community Garden Planting at Taste Festival





**The green brigade pulled out the old
Rotary shirts this morning**



out with the old... in with the new

Order form has been attached for you to get the
current RCTFL shirts/ jumper/ jacket

To order & pay, visit:

Monogram It – Bridges St, opposite the Family Hotel

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](#)

Guest Speaker - Jamie Hunt

Here is 'this is your life' Jamie Hunt

Born 1989 QE2 jubilee hospital Cooper's plains
Support Broncos & QLD but don't follow the football
Moved to TW ripe old age of 1
Eldest of 3 children to Bill and Rae Hunt.

Attended Tamworth South Public School

I was in Cub Scouts and a scout.

Introduced to some community service and some life skills, and camping. Learnt about yowies and general bushcraft.

Narrabri great raft race 1st place with my team, Scout's community service job week.
Cub scout of the year 1995

Myself and one other first in South Tamworth Cub Scout group to obtain yellow cord - challenges, community service, knot tying etc.

Became an assistant den leader in my scout pack.

Tamworth High School.

Studied subjects that were to direct me towards becoming an architect, until I completed some work experience in an architectural firm and decided that although I loved the work, I didn't want to go to 'school again for another 6 years just to be trapped sitting down at a desk.

Despite derailing a little in my ambition, I completed year 12 and started a traineeship on TRC as a water then wastewater trainee which saw me involved in Treating the town's water, climbing reservoirs, looking after dungowan dam, amongst many other tasks.

I eventually took up a position of wastewater operator and resided on council for a total of 10.5 years, during which I developed a passion for water and wastewater, whilst concurrently getting bored with my job.

Then came along the opportunity to begin studying engineering part-time which was full circle back against what I was not initially keen on doing - stuck at uni!

This would be a 10 year journey as I nearly finished my associate degree, and transferred to a bachelor's degree majoring in civil - losing some courses.

I got bored of some of the courses being offered in civil engineering, and changed to environmental major, which I lost some courses again.

During this period of study some major things happened to me which were pivotal in my recent character development - I attended RYLA in 2015, then again in 2016 as a leader, I began dating my wife Morgan, through circumstances I lost my job on council and then started at Teys abattoir as a blood cooker for 2 years before becoming the site's project manager where my water and wastewater passion is fulfilled and also expanded my professional passion interests, then finally the birth of the stars of my life - my now 5 year old Son Callum and 2 year old daughter Amelia.

Having had a few attempts at a few sports as a kid, I never really got into any of them. Began learning pipes at age 10. Dad gauged interest on banjos, took us to see Pixie Jenkins to see if violin was our thing. Being Scottish he knew band members who encouraged him to bring my brother and I along, which we were both interested in.

Gained a lot on confidence and social skills, and mathematical skills learning the pipes under the tuition of Robert McKenzie.

Piping quickly became a large part of my life, my brother learnt also then later on my sister learnt the tenor drum.

I began competing in solo competitions.

I Played with Sydney pipe bands

I have played in the world pipe band championships in 2006 city of Blacktown G4, 2010 Hawkesbury & Nepean valley pipe band G3, 2015 pipe band club G2 (dropped) and 2024 as pipe major of the NSW Highlanders G4.

I have played for John Farnham himself a few times, and in many rock bands to perform You're the Voice and Long Way to the Top.

I am the pipe major of the Tamworth pipe band, and also the NSW Highlanders who are a conglomerate of players who's home bands don't compete, but they have the desire to experience competition around Australia and the world to become better players.

I'll be heading to the 120th MacLean highland gathering this Easter for the 22nd time in 26 years of playing bagpipes to lead both of these bands into competition.



Malin & Ela YEP Adevntures



Kaci after painting
eggs with candle wax
- czech tradition



Kaci's Rotary meeting



How do 19yr olds wake up on
their bday in Poland?
Same as all teenagers...



The Funny Elbow

At our age, we can
hide our own
Easter Eggs,
wait a half
hour, and
have no
clue where
we put them.



Just bought a really cute curtain for my new house!!! I will buy the house later though because I can't afford to buy two things the same time!

Easter Egg Hunts: proof your
child can find things when
they really want to



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user card

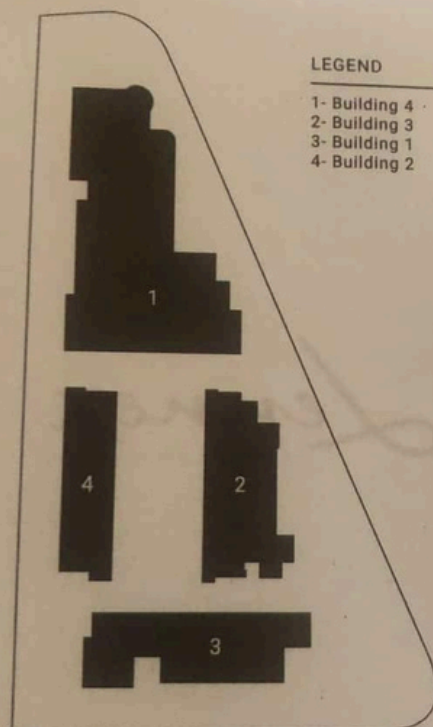
HOW DID THE EGGS ESCAPE
FROM JAIL?



THEY HATCHED A PLAN.

LEGEND

- 1- Building 4
- 2- Building 3
- 3- Building 1
- 4- Building 2



PROPERTY MAP

Welcome to
Lennox team
guestrooms &
memorable.
excellence w
If we can be
in your guest
TRANSPORT
COMPLIMENT
Continuous
Track shuttl
BEACH ACC
Our Lennox
service will
water will b
RESTAURANT
Our restaur

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 & 14 MAY - NWRCE
14 JUNE - RCTFL CHANGEOVER

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED:

13 & 14 MAY - CAREERS EXPO - CONTACT COURTNEY

Roster

Date	23 Apr	30 Apr	7 May
Topic	The Salvation Army	Lambruk Solar Project	United Disability Inclusion
Location	Tam City Bowlo	Tam City Bowlo	Tam City Bowlo
Guest Speaker	Major Tony De Tommaso	Alysia Bradshaw	Ray Tait
Sergeant	Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh	John Rouvray
Corporal	Peter Ryan	Steve Hawkins	Laurence Hearne
Meeter & Greeter	Barry Biffin	Peter Bell	Louise Matthews
Door Team	Helen Tickle Bev Fletcher	Michael Smith Mal Turnbull	Hannah Woods Deb Barnes
President Assist	Graham Dooley	Naomi Blakey	Dianne Petterson
Guest Speaker Intro & Visitor Assist	Brian Logan	Paul Stevenson	Peter Johnston
Bulletin Notes Vote of Thanks	Jo Lewis	James Treloar	Brian Logan

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

18 Apr	2 May	9 May	16 May
Easter	Liz Gill Peter Leonard	Peter Leonard Peter Bell	Peter Bell Hannah Woods

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

Nil

Partners Birthdays

Debbie Leonard 24/4 & Angela McIntosh 29/4

Club Inductions

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Anniversaries

Paul & Susie Stevenson 29/4 (46yrs)

Attendance

63%

Visiting Rotarians

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Nil

Visitors

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Nil

Heads and Tails

Courtney Priestley

Chook Raffle

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