

Tamworth First Light

The Bulletin

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This Week

- ANZAC Day
 - Lest We Forget



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: When you go home, tell them of us and say: For their tomorrow, we gave our today." John Maxwell Edmonds.

Joke of the Week: Joker Card, thanks Simon.

Tributes: Thank you to Richard Hardwick for leading our club's tribute to ANZAC Day.

Lest We Forget.

We also pay our respects to the passing of Pope Francis and the significant role that he fulfilled for so many years.

Notices:

- We have received an invitation from Tamworth West Rotary Club to attend their Gipps St Memorial Service at 7am on ANZAC Day. Thank you to Simon for speaking about this.
- Please place your club clothing order with Monogram It in Bridge St by Friday 2nd May so that this can be done as a bulk order. I clarified with Monogram It that the prices quoted include the embroidering.
- Vicki requested any donations that you may have for the raffle for the golf trip in May. Please see Vicki if you can help with a donation.

- We'll need lots of volunteers for the Careers Expo on 13th and 14th May. Please put your name down on the list that's being circulated.
- 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.
- Please be sure to RSVP for every meeting so that Shaun is able to cater for the right number for breakfast. There was a large discrepancy this week between those booked in and those attending. (Hopefully just people forgetting to RSVP over the Easter break.)

Guest Speakers: Thank you to Major Tony de Tommaso for his interesting talk about the history of the Salvation Army, the work that they do including looking after the homeless, and his ANZAC stories. Thanks also to Peter Ryan for outlining his research and discussions for a possible pod project as a Rotary project in conjunction with the Salvation Army and Homes North to help ease the homeless situation in Tamworth.

Sue O'Connor
President 2024/ 2025

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Club of Tamworth First Light

Careers Expo (NWRCE)

Northwest Regional Careers Expo

Dream • Believe • Achieve
Assistance Required please!

Contact Brett or Courtney

9TH MAY

A BONUS ROTARY MEETING!

7AM

LOCATION : MEN'S SHED

JOIN SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB MEETING

a collaboration between Sunrise Rotary, Men's Shed,
Westpac Rescue Helicopter, First Light and our
Community Garden.



Have you rsvp'd your attendance to breakfast yet? This is your polite reminder to RSVP. Now is a good time to do it... while you are reading this... much thanks
[Click me to RSVP](#)

THAT QUIET OLD GUY

3 Feb 2015

by Stewart Elliott

That quiet old guy, who keeps to himself
Ignored by the young hipsters arranging the shelf
Because he's not cool and he gets in the way
He just wants a quick chat, it would make his day
But you'll never know what he did in his prime
As you ignore him and won't give him your time

He's slow in his movements, his old jumper is torn
He bores you with stories, off when he was born
In times long ago when he was young, strong and keen
He spent his whole life out chasing his dream
With honour and integrity and learning his trade
He's sorry that he's wasted your time and your day

The girl that he married was his childhood sweetheart
She passed long ago and it tore him apart
He comes to your shop in the hope that one day
You'll give him some time and he'll be on his way
He feels so alone and counts down the days
When he'll see his dear sweetheart and the memories they made

Did he mention that his dream was interrupted by war?
That he did his duty and answered the call
Of trenches and death and blood and lost mates
Surrounded by men who were brainwashed to hate
He's too modest to mention that he saved his platoon
They gave him some medals along with his wounds

Of killing and dying and flies and disease
The calls from the trenches and ignoring their pleas
He'll never tell you how he got that scar
Why loud noises scare him and you think he's bizarre

The background of the entire page is a soft, painterly illustration of poppies. In the foreground, several red poppies with dark centers are in various stages of bloom. Behind them, the silhouettes and outlines of white poppies are visible, creating a layered, ethereal effect. The overall tone is somber and reflective, fitting the theme of the poem.

Why he walks with a limp and uses a cane
Why he gathers each year to honour the slain

His mates are all gone now; he's out lived them all
Each April the gathered to work at the stalls
To sell badges and poppies and to honour the dead
You stare and you wonder, what's wrong with his head
On two days a year he finally belongs
To a tribe of brave men, not forgotten but long gone

A chest full of medals and a day with the lads
A beer and some two up and a toast to comrades
Yeah his footsteps are shuffled and unsure in his ways
He potters around and wears his beret
The faces get fewer and fewer each year
But right now he matters, he enjoys all the cheers

He sits alone in his home, his joints now inflamed
He was Special Forces and as tough as they came
The horrors he saw and the actions he did
In the name of the queen and country to just earn a quid
Would make most men cry and pray for loved ones
While the young play war games and we still send our sons

But you'll never know what he did in his prime
As you ignore him and won't give him your time
That quiet old guy, who keeps to himself
Ignored by the young hipsters arranging the shelf

<https://anzacday.org.au/poetry>



Save the date

**ROTARY CLUB OF TAMWORTH
FIRST LIGHT CHANGEOVER**

14 JUNE 2025

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



**Still need some
more volunteers!
Thank you**

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



out with the old... in with the new



RCTFL clothing that is...

Order the current RCTFL shirts/ jumper/ jacket

To order & pay, visit:

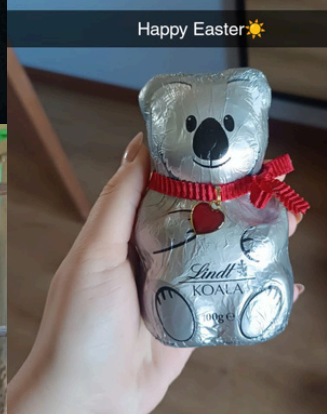
Monogram It – Bridge St, opposite the Family Hotel

New Member - Tony De Tommaso

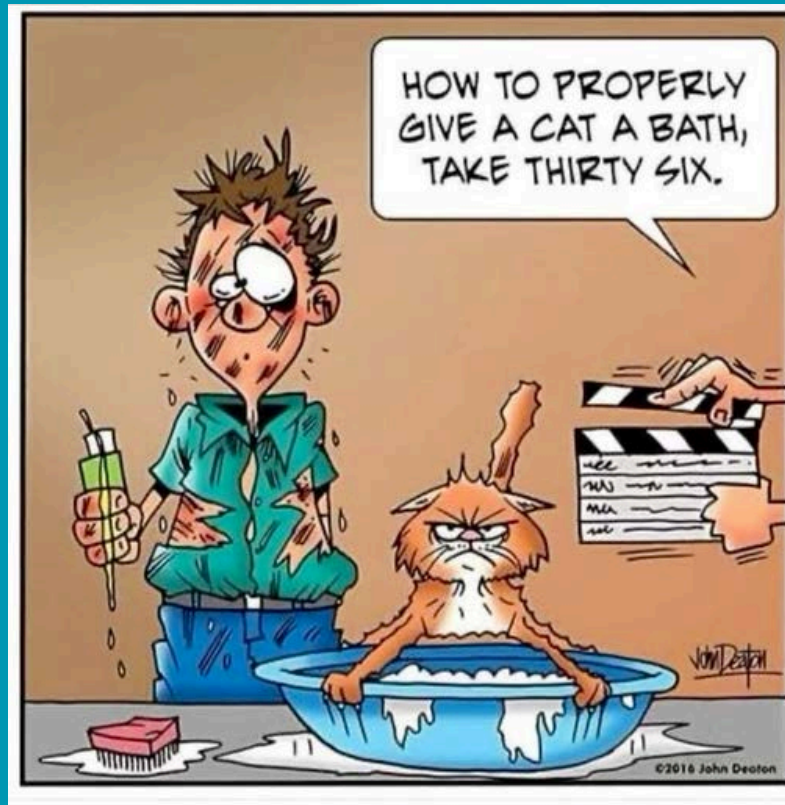
Tony provided an overview of the history of The Salvation Army. Tony also provided information on their involvement in Gallipoli and ANZAC Day as well as some poems.



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 & 14 MAY - NWRCE
14 JUNE - RCTFL CHANGEOVER

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED:

13 & 14 MAY - NWRCE. CONTACT BRETT OR COURTNEY

Roster

Date	30 Apr	7 May	14 May
Topic	Lambruk Solar Project	United Disability Inclusion	Careers Expo
Location	Tam City Bowlo	Tam City Bowlo	TRECC
Guest Speaker	Marie Duffy	Ray Tait	TBC
Sergeant	Glenn McIntosh	John Rouvray	-
Corporal	Steve Hawkins	Laurence Hearne	-
Meeter & Greeter	Peter Bell	Louise Matthews	-
Door Team	Michael Smith Mal Turnbull	Hannah Woods Deb Barnes	Glenn McIntosh Liz Gill
President Assist	Naomi Blakey	Dianne Petterson	-
Guest Speaker Intro & Visitor Assist	Paul Stevenson	Peter Johnston	Courtney Priestley
Bulletin Notes Vote of Thanks	James Treloar	Brian Logan	Barry Biffin

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

2 May	9 May	16 May	23 May
Liz Gill Peter Leonard	Peter Leonard Peter Bell	Peter Bell Hannah Woods	Hannah Woods Brian Logan

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

Mitch Soree 2/4

Partners Birthdays

-

Club Inductions

-

Anniversaries

Debbie & Peter Leonard 4/5 (40yrs) & Susan & Hugh Raadgever 5/4 (46yrs)

Attendance

58%

Visiting Rotarians

- Jane Bradford (HM)

Visitors

- Malin Breivik (YEP RC Tamworth)

Heads and Tails

Dennis Maunder

Chook Raffle

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