

# *Tamworth First Light*

## *The Bulletin*

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### **This Week**

- All hands on deck -  
Careers Expo is on



### *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 judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. Robert Louis Stevenson

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

## **Notices:**

- What a special meeting to have so many young people in attendance! Cody Wilson, who is the Interact treasurer, spoke about his YEP time in Japan. Olivia Fitzpatrick was the visiting Interactor this month. Hector Maxwell is our outbound YEP applicant that we may be sponsoring, and also one of 2 RYPEN applicants that we aim to sponsor; the other one is an Interactor, Azkar Fawaz. Welcome to all and also to Hector's mum Rebecca.
- Also Ela and Malin gave us an update and were presented with their Ozzie hats for the upcoming Central Australia trip by Peter Johnston. Thanks Peter for organising these and great job Marina in organising and attending the YEP trip.
- Well done to Simon on chairing the West Rotary ANZAC Day service in Gipps St. It was a really nice service, a credit to the West Rotary Club, and appreciated by our members who attended. It was great to see so many of our members involved in the march also.
- We're still seeking volunteers for the Careers Expo on 13th and 14th May. If you can help, please put your name down on the list being circulated or see Courtney or Brett.
- Please place your order for club clothing from Monogram It in Bridge St by this Friday to be part of the bulk order. Note that the embroidery is included in the prices quoted. You may order later but it may take longer to receive your order.

- Our sponsorship of a student at the School of St Jude in Tanzania has commenced. Thank you to Courtney and Dennis for getting this under way. It's great to see our club undertake a long term international project that will really make a difference to the lives of underprivileged children in this African country.
- Please see Vicki if you have any donations for the golf raffle.
- Our visit to the Men's Shed for the Sunrise meeting, incorporating the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, our club and our Community Garden is on next Friday 9th May at 7.00am. This is additional to our Wednesday meeting.
- The "Friends of First Light Rotary" group has been formed, thanks to Bruce and Richard for setting this up in DACdb. The initial invitations have gone out to many past members, interested community members, and partners and family of our members. This simply involves receiving the bulletin each week so that they can hear about what's happening at our meetings, projects and events, are encouraged to come along and have the reply details. There's no cost involved. Let me know of anyone who may be interested in joining the group list, just send me their name and email address.


**Guest Speakers:** A big thank you to Cody Wilson for speaking to us about his YEP experience in Japan. Very entertaining, we knew it would be!!


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







Rotary International President 


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Through the Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge, we're expanding efforts in Zambia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, and Nigeria to fight malaria, pneumonia, and diarrheal diseases.

This #WorldMalariaDay, let's stay committed to healthy futures.

 <https://on.rotary.org/3ED7ExH>





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# Careers Expo

## (NWRCE)

Northwest Regional Careers Expo

# 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.



# 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](#)



THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF  
THE ROTARY CLUB OF TAMWORTH  
FIRST LIGHT INVITE YOU TO

# 2025 CHANGEOVER DINNER

Saturday 14th June

6pm for a 6:30pm start

Tamworth Jockey Club

\$55pp

Nibbles on arrival & 2 course meal

Dress: A touch of Scotland

RSVP:

by 6th June

Dimity Betts

0422 268 863

[dimity.betts@outlook.com](mailto:dimity.betts@outlook.com)

Payment to:

Tamworth First Light

BSB 802 298

Account 100 065 200

Reference 'your name'



# *Guest Speaker - Cody Wilson*

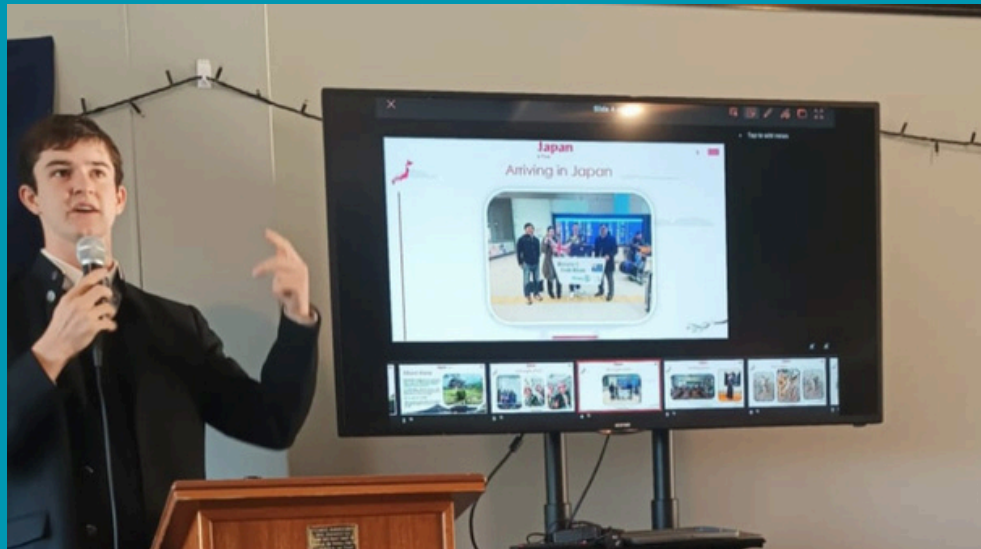
Cody spent 12 months as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from January 2024 to January 2025 in Japan.

Since returning, Cody has been running his own business and is the Treasurer of the Interact Club we sponsor. Cody is a member of the Youth Council and the newly formed ROTEX - Golden Wattle Rotex D9660. He hasn't really stopped since returning to Australia. Cody is a valued member of our community and a budding enthusiast of Rotary

Thanks to Brian Logan for the following notes:

Today's guest speaker and 'Interact member' Cody Wilson, gave us a rapid fire talk on his experience as an Exchange Student in Japan. My ability as the Bulletin note taker is impaired by my age, slowness of comprehension and lack of technical acumen thus, I can only express to you what I (and maybe others) have experienced from today's education. It went something like this.

I went to Japan and 'oh no, tech problems' as an exchange student, 'hang on...selfie' stayed at 'stop, start again, Peter, can you help. Oh, it's a short cable and Oh...Selfie.' Nara, a place in country Japan with a population of about 300,000. Hang on...Selfie...Oh, can't swoosh the slides, 'Peter can you help'. The school has about 40 students to a class and I did Kendo as a sport. 'Selfie'. Oh, I need a stick selfie for this. The school seemed so animated, outdated and they still used chalk boards.



# *Guest Speaker - Cody Wilson*

We went to Tokyo on a bullet train and to see the Interactive Museum 'check...selfie' and the horse restaurant (no horses sitting inside) and the meat tasted a little different. There were 60 to 70 exchange students. 'Selfie' (with no horses). We then went on to Mount Fuji (more selfies) and did a 2 day climb. We slept on the side of the mountain. By this time, I had a selfie stick, Kando stick, Fuji stick and mud won't stick. (no selfie.) Roll over, Roll over...seven to the bed (definitely no selfies) Can you see the slides now? Oh no, flat battery. Maybe, a selfie with me and my moustache will help. No... got to shave it off as the girls don't like it and won't kiss me.

Meanwhile, back in Nara, the local Nara deer are a somewhat 'protected' species with a local tradition of being the town alarm clock. The first town resident to wake in the morning gets to slaughter the deer and leave it on some ones doorstep. It can be passed around until the last person rises to find the slaughtered animal and that they are the last to rise and the subject of taunting.

Now, to gain some perspective of the presentation, if you made sense of it, well done. I am left wondering what the outbound applicant (Hector) thought of it.

Regards  
Brian Logan.





# Malin & Ela YEP Adevntures



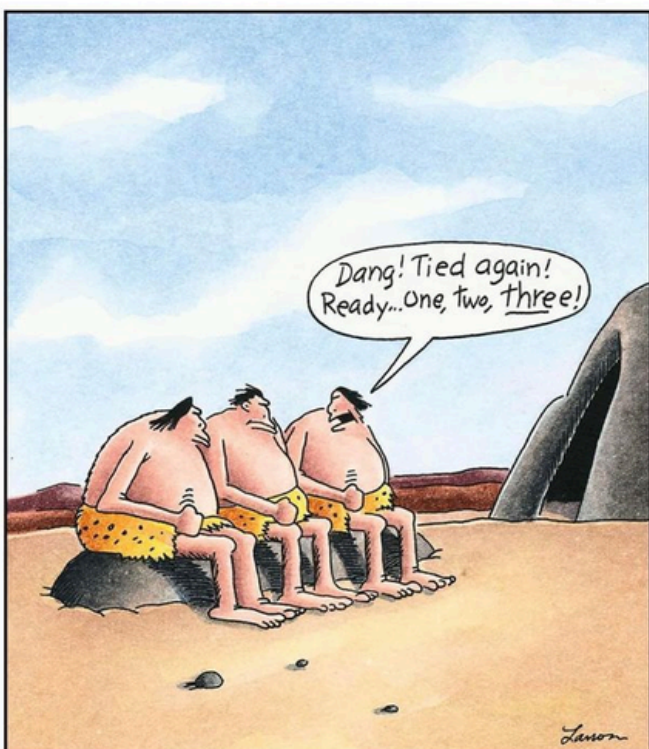


# The Funny Elbow

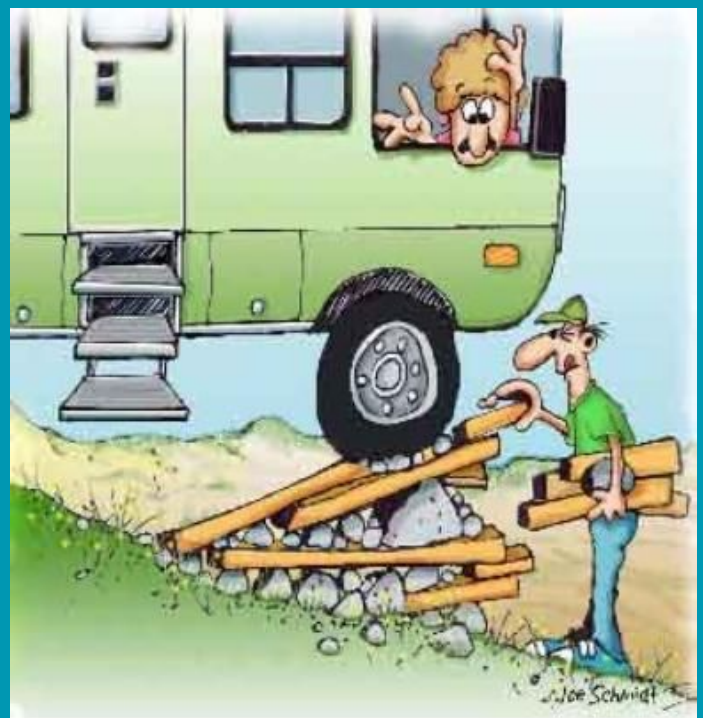
Alligators 🐊 can live up to 100 years which is why there is an increased chance that they will see you later

Has anyone ever noticed that when asked, "What single item would you take with you to a deserted island", no one ever says...  
"A boat!"

 **THE FAR SIDE**  
by GARY LARSON



Before paper and scissors



# *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	7 May	14 May	21 May
Topic	United Disability Inclusion	Careers Expo	RYLA Participants
Location	Tam City Bowlo	TRECC	Tam City Bowlo
Guest Speaker	Ray Tait	UNE – Megan Bourke	RYLArians
Sergeant	John Rouvray	–	John Rouvray
Corporal	Laurence Hearne	–	Brett White
Meeter & Greeter	Louise Matthews	–	Jo Lewis
Door Team	Hannah Woods Deb Barnes	Glenn McIntosh Liz Gill	Vicki Cooper Richard Hardwick
President Assist	Dianne Petterson	–	Helen Tickle
Guest Speaker Intro & Visitor Assist	Peter Johnston	Courtney Priestley	Louise Matthews
Bulletin Notes Vote of Thanks	Brian Logan	Barry Biffin	Alice Elsley

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

9 May	16 May	23 May	30 May
Peter Leonard Peter Bell	Peter Bell Hannah Woods	Hannah Woods Brian Logan	Brian Logan Hugh Raadgever



**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**

<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Jo Lewis 10/5, Brian & Marina 13/5, Courtney Priestley 14/5
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Judy Biffin 13/5
<b>Club Inductions</b>	Nil
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil

<b>Attendance</b>	78%
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	Nil
<b>Visitors</b>	Ela Fiserova (YEP RC First Light), Malin Breivik (YEP RC Tamworth), Cody Wilson - Guest Speaker (Interact Club of Tamworth Sunshine), Olivia Fitzpatrick - (Interact Club of Tamworth Sunshine), Hector Maxwell - (Club Outbound YEP Candidate), and Rebecca Maxwell - (Hector's Mum)
<b>Heads and Tails</b>	
<b>Chook Raffle</b>	Vicki Cooper (free breakfast the following week only, cannot be claimed at a later date)