




Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
MEETING 1700, ISSUE 45
WEDNESDAY 8th May 2024



Rotary Year 2023 - 2024

District Governor	Alyn Miranda
President:	Brian Logan
Secretary:	Liz Gill
Treasurer:	Dennis Maunder

The Life of Brian

Quote of the week

"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So, throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, and catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Joke of the week

I wanted to help my grandson with a school project so went online and typed in "lost medieval servant boy", but it always comes back with, 'This page could not be found'.

Notes

Dennis Maunder gave us an update on the requirements of the treasurer to have our finances auditable.

Marina Hearne gave us an update on RYLA and our incoming students. If you are able to host a student or know someone suitable and willing to host, please contact Marina.

Terry Robinson gave a quick talk on the weekend's community garden work. Thank you to all those that were able to assist.

Guest Speaker

Rob Lewis from the Quirindi Rotary Club gave an interesting talk on the Quirindi community's project to establish the Silo artwork. As we now know, this has become an Australian award winning tourism project and very well worth seeing. This is such an outstanding result for the town and the committee that brought this to fruition.

Rotary
District 9660



RYLA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

**DISTRICT 9660 CELEBRATES ONE OF
ROTARY'S MOST SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS**

WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE 2024

6PM for a **6.30PM** start

**MACKSVILLE EX-SERVICES CLUB
16 COOPER ST, MACKSVILLE**

HOST CLUB: RC NAMBUCCA VALLEY

\$40 per person
Dress: Cocktail/Jacket & Tie

Guest Speaker

BackTrack
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

DIRECT DEPOSIT | ACCOUNT: ROTARY CLUB OF NAMBUCCA VALLEY


BSB: 533 000 | Account: 1066 5486 | Reference: RYLA, Name, Club

On separate email please advise Kerry Dedman: dkldedos@bigpond.net.au
of payment date, names of guests, seating request and dietary requirements

RSVP: WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY

Rotary 

 **CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**



75 Years of Rotary Service IN COONABARABRAN

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024 FOR DINNER
AT THE COONABARABRAN CLUB, 54 CASSILIS STREET
6PM FOR COCKTAILS
COST FOR DINNER IS \$30

Please remember by Wednesday 8th May
to RSVP to Kevin Barrington via text to 0427421538
or email kevro11@bigpond.com

A lot of good has been done by the members of the Club, come
help us remember and celebrate our past and our future

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!



GUEST SPEAKER – ROB LEWIS, QUIRINDI SILO ART

Notes thanks to John Rouvray.

Rob Lewis from Quirindi Rotary gave an engaging and illuminating presentation on the creation of the Quirindi Solo Art Sound & Light Show [pun too good to use just once!]. A committee formed in 2019 conducted extensive research of other solo art installations before agreeing a course of action to promote their town. The highly motivated team then developed a Business Plan to approach both local businesses and government to secure funding to proceed with the artwork on the town Grain Corp silos.



Rob showed a short video displaying the magnificent artwork mural commissioned from artist Peter Ryan from WA who was selected from 100 expressions of interest, [not a talent associated with our own 'Peter Ryan']. Raising capital from sponsors and backed by government grants, the project commenced in October 2022 to run for 8 weeks.

Peter used the giant canvas to tell the story of Quirindi; its past, present and into the future. As the artist's first mural, the faith placed in him by the panel was richly rewarded by the outstanding result. Commissioned separately is a video narrated in the local Kamilaroi language telling dreamtime stories accompanied by the haunting resonance of a didgeridoo. As the sun sets and darkness descends people gather to watch brilliant images float across the silos. The story is told of Yurrandaaii, the Liverpool Plains tree goanna totem who is the protector of tribal lands. Bandaarr, the grey kangaroo, as the holder of knowledge, bounds across the land warning his kin of threats - and so the message is spread. People look to the laughing kookaburra to guide them to favourable fishing places and reward his laughing advice by sharing their catch. The story then evolves to tell the modern-day history of local industries with panoramic scenic images of crops, working dogs and the significance of the railway. The light and sound show lasts for around 25 minutes. The premiere attracted a street party of 1500 revellers standing in pouring rain - none of whom had seen the production before.

Hailed as an overwhelming success by all, the sound and art show has won many Awards and been proudly adopted by the community. The initial cost of \$800K was fully covered by fundraising and donations. A healthy balance remains to allow local Rotary Club to take over responsibilities from the Silo Art Committee. The show changes annually to update stories of local art, farming, children's activities, and local legends. Accumulated funds will be expended for on site improvements to attract travelling tourists to further stimulate the local community – a 20% uplift is already evident.

Rob's tale is of a vibrant community coming together to produce a 'must see' attraction and in so doing created a lasting tourist attraction for the town. The Quirindi Solo Art is promoted as the "Gateway to the Northwest & Australia's Ultimate Road Trip" and continues to enthral visitors and residents alike.



Photo courtesy of Peter Ryan Art peterryanart.com.au



Photos courtesy of visitsw.com



TAMWORTH COMMUNITY GARDEN – WORKING BEE

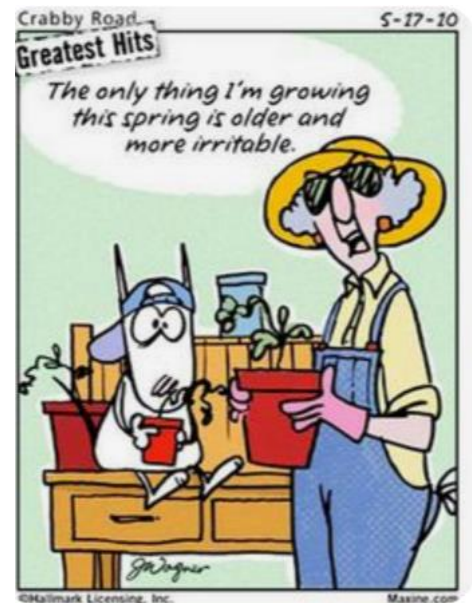


A great day was had on Sunday 28th April for our working bee. Lots of hands made light work with committee members, friends and community members gathering to top up beds with soil, add manure (thanks to Bev for providing the horse poop!), plant winter seedlings and seeds, and a good layer of sugar cane mulch to finish. Thank you to everyone for assisting in one way or another, whether it was picking up supplies, shoveling wheelbarrows full of dirt, planting, watering, advising, etc etc....

If you haven't been to the garden yet, please head up and take a look! It is always open (the fence/gate is always unlocked, but closed to keep wildlife out) and the produce is there for whoever would like to take some, please help yourself! At the moment the selection ready to harvest is limited due to us just planting the winter veg, but LOTS of spinach, kale, and still quiet a bit of basil and eggplants.

Please help us grow! We are on Facebook and Instagram under @tamworthcommunitygarden

FUNNY CORNER - GARDENING



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ NWRCE – Careers Expo	▪ 14-15 May
▪ RI Convention Singapore	▪ 25-29 May 2024
▪ RYLA 2024	▪ 1-8 June 2024
▪ RYPEN 2024	▪ 14-16 June
▪ RC Tamworth First Light Changeover Dinner	▪ Sat 15.06.2024
▪ Red Cross Lifeblood Donation team	▪ Rotary Australia Club of Tamworth First Light
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Social Calendar	Date
• Post Office Raffles Social Night	• 3 rd Friday of the Month
• Marina and Magic's Birthday Shindig	• Friday April 12, PO Hotel from 7pm

Useful links (click to open!)	
• Tamworth First Light Website	• RCTFL Facebook page
• District 9660 Website	• Rotary District 9660 Members Page
• Rotary International Website	• Rotary District 9660 Public Facebook
• DACDB Member and Club Portal	• RYLA Facebook

Board Members 2023-24	
President – Brian Logan	Secretary – Liz Gill
Treasurer – Dennis Maunder	Executive Secretary – Richard Hardwick
Club Admin – Courtney Priestley	Membership – Bev Fletcher
Public Relations – Alice Elsley	Community Service – Peter Johnston
Youth – Hannah Woods	Rotary Foundation – Bruce Hemmett
Youth Protection – Bruce Hemmett	President Elect – Sue O'Connor
Board Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the Month- Tuesday 14.05.2024, 5.30pm, TCBC.	

	8 th May	15 th May	22 nd May	29 th May
Topic	Interact	Careers Expo	RYLA Attendees	TBC
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	TRECC	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker	Vitor- Brazil YEP Student	Marina Hearne	Louise Matthews	TBC
Sergeant	Steve Martin	-	Michael Smith	Glenn McIntosh
Corporal	Paul Stevenson	-	Mal Turnbull*	Paul Stevenson
Meeter & Greeter	Graham Dooley	-	Richard Hardwick	Peter Bell
Door Team	Bev Fletcher Bruce Hemmett*	Graham Dooley James Treloar	Steve Hawkins Peter Leonard	Steve Martin Aurelie Quade
President Assist	Steve Martin	-	Peter Johnson	Graham Dooley
Visitor Assist and Guest Speaker Introduction	Helen Tickle	Marina Herne	Louise Matthews	Barry Biffin
Bulletin Notes and Vote of Thanks	Brian Thompson	Barry Biffin	Paul Stevenson	Michael Smith

*Denotes a change. Roster roles are randomly assigned. If you cannot commit to a rostered duty for your club, please speak to your fellow Rotarians to arrange a replacement and let Dimity know.

POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM				
10 th May	17 th May	24 th May	31 st May	7 th June
Michael Smith Louise Matthews	Louise Matthews Diane Petterson	Diane Petterson Peter Ryan	Peter Ryan Hannah Woods	Hannah Woods Mal Turnbull
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS				
Members Birthdays	Brian Logan (13th), Marina Hearne (13 th), Jo Lewis (10th), Courtney Priestley (14th)			
Partners Birthdays	Judy Biffin (13 th)			
Anniversaries	NIL			
Club Induction	NIL			
Attendance	71%	Lolly Jar Raffle	skinner	
Make-Ups	NIL	Heads and Tails	No one!	
Visiting Rotarians	Rob Lewis (Quirindi)			
Visitors	Fr. Martin Maurcel, Maciej			