



**Rotary**   
Club of Tamworth First Light  
**MEETING 1704, ISSUE 49**  
**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024**



### Rotary Year 2023 - 2024

District Governor	<b>Alyn Miranda</b>
President:	<b>Brian Logan</b>
Secretary:	<b>Liz Gill</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Dennis Maunder</b>

## Richard's notes

### Quote of the Week

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.  
-Dr. Seuss-

### Joke of the week

I recently invested in a company selling trampolines disguised as prayer mats into Afghanistan.  
Prophets are going through the roof.

### Notes

What a morning for our Club, 34 years young today and with such a vibrant group of members the future is looking bright.

With President Brian a late scratching for family reasons I took back the reins to run the meeting for the morning. We had a good number at the starters gate with a few thinking that the stand in Sergeant Glenn, should have also been a late scratching. Why all the racing references I hear you ask, well straight from the horse's mouth we have our Changeover Dinner coming up on Saturday 15 June 2024 at the Tamworth Jockey Club and there is a theme of "A touch of race day flair" and you don't want to miss it for quids. RSVP's to Dimity no later than Friday 7 June 2024 to secure your place in the winner's circle.

Our guest speaker for the morning has come down with Covid at the last moment and was an apology so our lucky dip stand in guest speaker today, John Rouvray, gave an insight into the life in Alice Springs in the early 1970's with his time with the Commonwealth Bank. It is always interesting to hear the exploits of our own members.

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

# 2024 CHANGEOVER DINNER

Saturday 15th June  
6pm for a 6:30pm start  
Tamworth Jockey Club  
\$55pp | 2 course meal  
Dress: a touch of race day flair

RSVP by 7th June  
Dimity Betts  
0422 268 863  
[dimity.betts@outlook.com](mailto:dimity.betts@outlook.com)

Payment to:  
BSB 802 298  
Account 100 065 200  
Reference 'your name'

## GUEST SPEAKER- JOHN ROUVRAY

*Notes thanks to Diane Petterson.*

Our guest speaker today was John Rouvray, who kindly stepped in to replace the designated speaker who was sick with covid. John kept us entertained and informed about the 3 years he spent in Alice Springs, when he was young.

Arriving in 1970 on a Fokker Friendship at the age of 21, John worked as a teller at the local Commonwealth Bank. For the first 2 weeks he lived in a Hostel, which contained a few "derelicts" as he put it! After that he lived in a house which was later converted into a bank. The bank staff were great mates who played sports and trained together, as well as exploring in their weekends, the many wonderful scenic environments present in the NT. The beautiful gorges, escarpments, deserts, Uluru and the Olga's were just some of the places they investigated. John's mention of the big snake making him run so fast kept us amused!

John talked about the local Aboriginal people, and their terrible living conditions near the river Todd and appalling treatment by police. Not much has changed there in the past 50 years it would seem.

While John was living in NT however, he intensely missed his girlfriend (now wife) back in Adelaide, and travelled to see her when he could. A year after arriving in Alice he married her, a milestone now of over 50 years. Congratulations John and thanks for the fill-in.







Your upcoming Sarg has something different in store. Get ready for a thrilling twist on our fine session! On the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, we're turning it into an exciting game show inspired by The 1% Club. Here's the deal: every time a member misses a question, they'll toss in a \$1 coin. The stakes? All proceeds will be donated to a charity handpicked by Incoming President Sue. Let's make it fun and impactful—mark your calendars and bring those \$1 coins!

**FUNNY CORNER- ITS BACK!**



**A friend suggested putting horse manure on my strawberries... I'm never doing that again, I'm going back to whipped cream.**



**My Kid: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.**

**Me: Like what?**

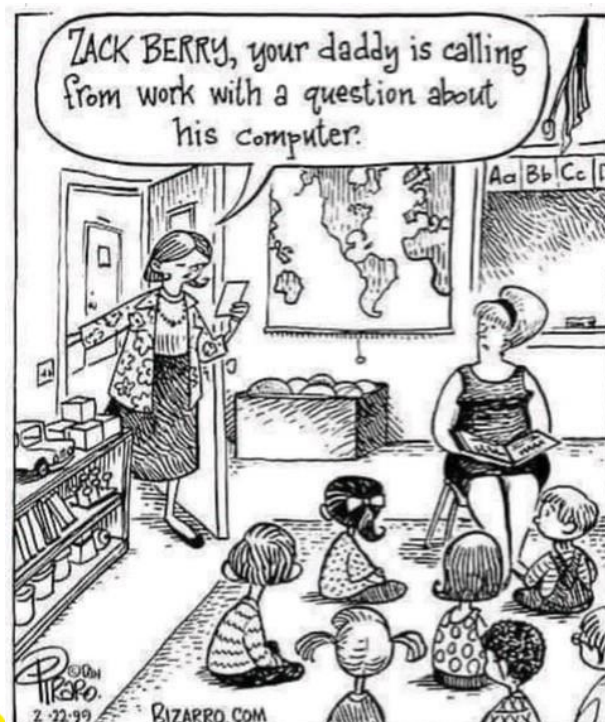
**My Kid: Like if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.**

**Me: Well that's what happened to your older brother.**

**My Kid: What older brother?**

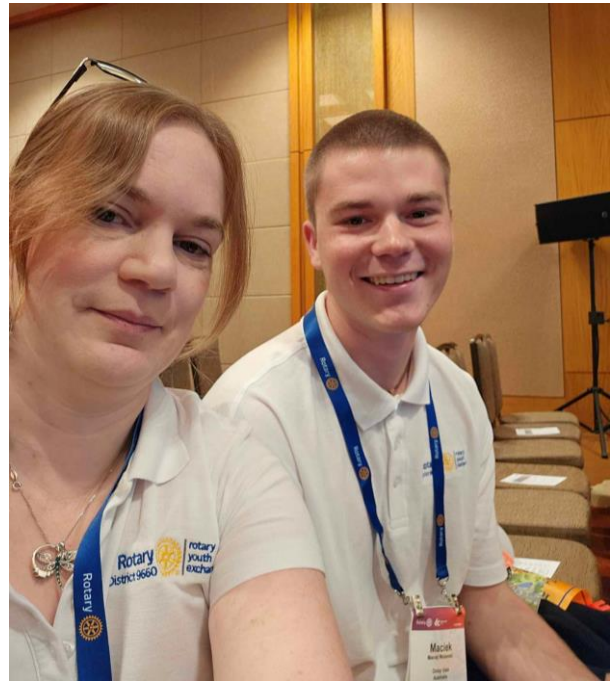
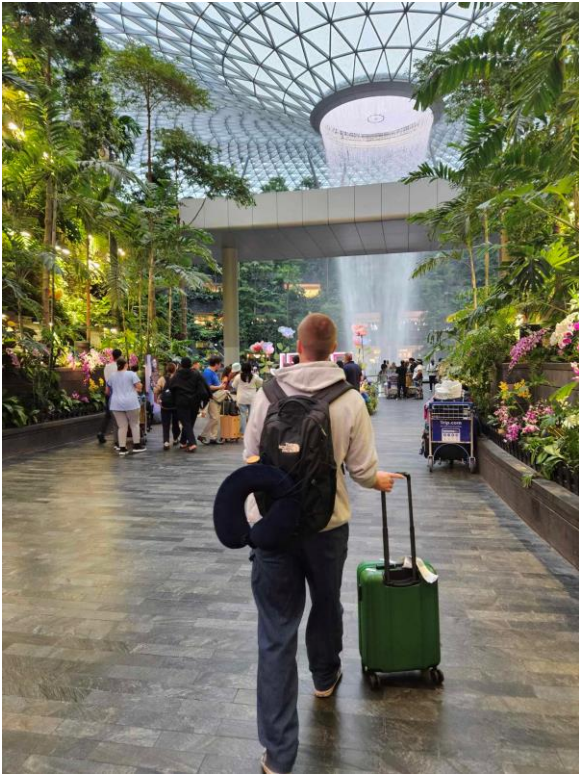
**Me: Exactly.**

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# MARINA AND MAGIC ON TOUR- RI CONVENTION SINGAPORE (PART ONE)!!



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ RYLA 2024	▪ 1-8 June 2024
▪ RYPEN 2024	▪ 14-16 June
▪ RC Tamworth First Light Changeover Dinner	▪ Sat 15.06.2024 RSVP NOW!!
▪ 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 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month

Useful links (click to open!)	
 • <a href="#">Tamworth First Light Website</a>	 • <a href="#">RCTFL Facebook page</a>
 • <a href="#">District 9660 Website</a>	 • <a href="#">Rotary District 9660 Members Page</a>
 • <a href="#">Rotary International Website</a>	 • <a href="#">Rotary District 9660 Public Facebook</a>
 • <a href="#">DACDB Member and Club Portal</a>	 • <a href="#">RYLA Facebook</a>

Board Members 2023-24	
<b>President</b> – Brian Logan	<b>Secretary</b> – Liz Gill
<b>Treasurer</b> – Dennis Maunder	<b>Executive Secretary</b> – Richard Hardwick
<b>Club Admin</b> – Courtney Priestley	<b>Membership</b> – Bev Fletcher
<b>Public Relations</b> – Alice Elsley	<b>Community Service</b> – Peter Johnston
<b>Youth</b> – Hannah Woods	<b>Rotary Foundation</b> – Bruce Hemmett
<b>Youth Protection</b> – Bruce Hemmett	<b>President Elect</b> – Sue O'Connor
<b>Board Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month</b> - Tuesday 11.06.2024, 5.30pm, TCBC.	



	5 <sup>th</sup> June	SATURDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> June	19 <sup>th</sup> June	26 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Topic</b>	TRC- local community	Changeover dinner	RYLA- experiences and wrap-up	Final Aussie Hurrah
<b>Location</b>	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth Jockey Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Cr. Marc Sutherland	Changeover	RYLA participants 2024	Maciej
<b>Sergeant</b>	Mal Turnbull	-	Brian Thompson	Brian Thompson
<b>Corporal</b>	Jo Lewis	-	Bev Fletcher	Barry Biffin
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>	Vicki Cooper		Alice Elsley	Peter Bell
<b>Door Team</b>	Vangel Christov Bruce Hemmett*	TBA	Richard Hardwick Steve Hawkins	Graham Dooley Hugh Raadgever
<b>President Assist</b>	Louise Matthews	-	Terry Robinson*	Steve Martin
<b>Visitor Assist and Guest Speaker Introduction</b>	Helen Tickle	-	Louise Matthews*	Peter Johnson
<b>Bulletin Notes and Vote of Thanks</b>	Michael Smith*	-	Peter Leonard	Marina Hearne

\*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**

7 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> June	28 <sup>th</sup> June	5 <sup>th</sup> July
Hannah Woods Mal Turnbull	Mal Turnbull Bruce Hemmett	Bruce Hemmett Helen Tickle	Helen Tickle Peter Johnson	Peter Johnson Steve Martin

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS**

<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Alice Elsley (8 <sup>th</sup> June), Glenn McIntosh (5 <sup>th</sup> June)
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	Leonie Bell (11 <sup>th</sup> June)
<b>Anniversaries</b>	John and Chris Rouvray (7 <sup>th</sup> June- 53 years)
<b>Club Induction</b>	David Hinwood (11 <sup>th</sup> June- 27 years)

<b>Attendance</b>	59%	<b>Lolly Jar Raffle</b>	Glenn McIntosh
<b>Make-Ups</b>	NIL	<b>Heads and Tails</b>	Brett White
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	NIL		
<b>Visitors</b>	NIL		

**NOW YOU'VE READ THE BULLETIN** - EMAIL YOUR CHANGEOVER RSVP THROUGH TO DIMITY  
[dimity.betts@outlook.com](mailto:dimity.betts@outlook.com)