




**Rotary**   
Club of Tamworth First Light  
**MEETING 1705, ISSUE 50**  
**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> June 2024**



### Rotary Year 2023 - 2024

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

## Richard's notes

### Quote of the Week

Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and tolerance is the element which holds it together.

Paul Harris – 1948

### Joke of the week

They told me I would never be good at poetry because I am dyslexic.

But so far, I have made 3 jugs and a vase, and they turned out great.

### Notes

Our thoughts were with President Brian and his family after the passing of his mother last week and with the funeral today in Grenfell.

Numbers were up at the meeting today a late scratching for family reasons I took back the reins to run the meeting for the morning. This was our last Breakfast Meeting for the Rotary year with no meeting next week in preparation for the Changeover Dinner on Saturday 15 Jun 2024. Still time to RSVP to Dimity if your Plan A, B & C have fallen through.

Our guest speaker for the morning was Cr Marc Sutherland, Tamworth Regional Council and with the Gomerai Culture Academy. It was good to hear the different perspectives of both areas Marc is involved in and the great achievements he is making with youth in the Tamworth Region. Read more below.

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

**LAST CHANCE!!! RSVPs CLOSE FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE!!**

# 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- CR. MARC SUTHERLAND

*Notes thanks to Michael Smith.*

Marc is a local Gomerioi man who is born and bred here.

He attended Hillvue primary and Peel Technology High in Tamworth

Marc is a very busy man, He has a family which includes two young children, he is a director of local dance company called Gomerioi Cultural Academy, is involved in the local Youth Centre and is a councillor on Tamworth Regional Council among other things.

Marc first became involved in dance at high school when he noticed that lots of young girls were dancing

in contests and at "Capers". This led Marc to form the Gomerioi Dance Academy some years later to assist other young aboriginal people chase a dream in dance. The academy supports young people, mentoring them, helping with apprenticeships and overall life support. The Academy supports 20 young people at a time with spots in the academy in huge demand.

Marc first became involved in community through his father who was running the local Youth Centre. Through seeing what his father did seemed to enlighten Marc that young people needed a hand. He has a strong desire to improve aboriginal youth and their future which is built on a family history of helping young people. Marc started as a youth ambassador to a local government advisory group and appears has always been involved in local community groups, so was probably destined to end up on Tamworth Regional Council, TRC.

He has been a member of Tamworth Regional Council for two and a half years and says he loves it, finding council exciting, and a great learning experience. He feels he has been thrust into council's big decisions, for example the rates increase issue, Ray Walsh House issue among others. He is the youngest member of council and the first aboriginal member of council.

Marc is also a big advocate of the local youth council. The youth council actually has a voice, advocates to TRC and is helping make a difference for the young people of our district, through its ideas and suggestions.



## MACIEJ IS ACTUALLY LEAVING US!!

From Poland's embrace to Australia's land, twelve months of memories, hand in hand. Now homeward bound, farewells we say, but in our hearts, your spirit will stay.

Maciej's last hurrah will be on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you come along to our meeting to say farewell!

For those who would like to see him off at the airport (make sure he gets on that plane!) he is departing Tamworth on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 16:25.



**Reminder!! June 26<sup>th</sup>: Bring \$1 coins.**

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



**Get your relatives speaking to one another again by sending a heartfelt Christmas card with a picture of your family with an extra child nobody knows.**



Do you know the capacity of the brain? It is estimated at 2.5 Petabytes. Now 1 Petabyte is 1,000 Terrabytes. 1 Terrabyte equals 1000 GB. If you were to put all the brain's capacity on a 16 GB pen drives, it would take 156,000 pen drives. The brain has 10 billion neurons. Such a powerful system is usually hacked by a wife in 30 seconds or less.

That is all I wanted you to know 😊

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

Dear Avid Readers,

Maciek and I have been to Singapore Rotary International Convention and what an experience that was! Youth Exchange Officers attend a pre-convention on Friday and Saturday, which provides us with valuable information on the exchange program. We were able to hear from the 3 RI Presidents - current, incoming and nominee and meet them. What a privilege. There were so many amazing people but, I think our highlight was actually the exchange students and Youth Advisory Council members that we met. They are inspirational and I am sure we will be in contact for a long time. I was fortunate to meet some of my counterparts and Chairs from the Districts we exchange with. It is wonderful to meet in person.

Sunday Maciek was whisked off left, right and centre to meet people, take publicity photos and be mobbed by Rotarians to give him pins, banners and gifts. Rotarians are extremely generous to our exchange students. We eventually had to have the students remove their blazers so we could get out of the building!

The convention commenced on Sunday with a grand opening ceremony. Over 14,000 Rotarians attended the convention from Sunday to Wednesday. The Sands Expo Convention Centre is gigantic. Breakout rooms were on levels 3 and 4, and the House of Friendship was way down on the Basement level. Needless to say, we got our steps up. If you have not been to a convention before – House of Friendship is filled with many, many booths that are related to various causes, programs, district information and much more. It was information overload. With all the fabulous people we met, we barely made it to the breakout sessions. The sessions we attended were informative and well-presented.

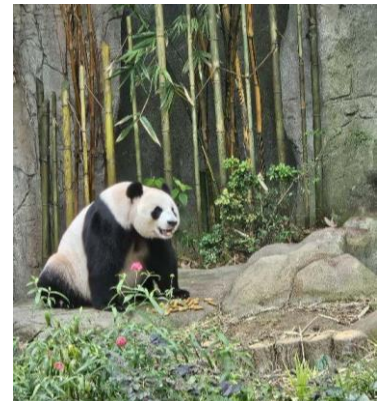
Our sightseeing included the 4 Singapore Zoos, a food tour through the Turkish, Indian and Chinese quarters, a cable car to Sentosa Island and Mount Faber, attending a concert by TENG, the Gardens by the Bay – the Flower Dome and the Cloud Forest, Botanical Gardens, we found the Polish Bells, frequented many food hawker centres and if anyone knows Maciek, yes we found Uniqlo.

It is amazing to feel the passion of all Rotarians around the world, all working together to achieve great things. If you have not been to an International Convention before, consider going. It is worthwhile to see the International perspective of Rotary and meet others outside of our District and Australia.

Fun facts:

- Chewing gum is not allowed in Singapore as people were placing them on the train sensors which impacted the train times.
- The National language is English, as well as Malay and Singaporean Mandarin
- The right to own a car is not automatic. You are required to hold a certificate of entitlement which only lasts for 10 years.
- Currently Singapore has an extreme heat rating – the humidity levels are very high. We survived. Just.
- Maciek came home with his hat. It has not been lost in Singapore.

Marina Hearne



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.	

	<b>SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> June</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Changeover dinner</b>	<b>RYLA- experiences and wrap-up</b>	<b>Final Aussie Hurrah</b>	<b>Rural Teaching</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Tamworth Jockey Club</b>	<b>Tamworth City Bowling Club</b>	<b>Tamworth City Bowling Club</b>	<b>Tamworth City Bowling Club</b>
<b>Guest speaker</b>	<b>Changeover</b>	RYLA participants 2024	Maciej	Lesley Lamb
<b>Sergeant</b>	-	Brian Thompson	Brian Thompson	James Treloar and Paul Stevenson
<b>Corporal</b>	-	Bev Fletcher	Barry Biffin	Helen Tickle
<b>Meeter &amp; Greeter</b>		Alice Elsley	Peter Bell	Malcolm Turnbull
<b>Door Team</b>	Courtney Priestly Dennis Maunder	Richard Hardwick Steve Hawkins	Graham Dooley Hugh Raadgever	Brett White Hannah Woods
<b>President Assist</b>	-	Terry Robinson*	Steve Martin	Barry Biffin
<b>Visitor Assist and Guest Speaker Introduction</b>	-	Louise Matthews*	Peter Johnson	Deb Barnes
<b>Bulletin Notes and Vote of Thanks</b>	-	Peter Leonard	Marina Heame	Naomi Blakey

\*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.

<b>POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM</b>				
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Mal Turnbull Bruce Hemmett	Bruce Hemmett Helen Tickle	Helen Tickle Peter Johnson	Hannah Woods Steve Martin	Hannah Woods Peter Bell
<b>BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS</b>				
<b>Members Birthdays</b>	Hannah Woods (12 <sup>th</sup> June)			
<b>Partners Birthdays</b>	NIL			
<b>Anniversaries</b>	NIL			
<b>Club Induction</b>	Louise Matthews (19 years- 18 <sup>th</sup> June), Courtney Priestley (2 years- 18 <sup>th</sup> June)			
<b>Attendance</b>	63%	<b>Lolly Jar Raffle</b>		Mitch Soree
<b>Make-Ups</b>	NIL	<b>Heads and Tails</b>		Paul Stevenson
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	NIL			
<b>Visitors</b>	Cr. Marc Sutherland, Maciej			