

# Tamworth First Light

## The Bulletin

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### This Week

- RCTFL Changeover

*Welcome to the new bulletin.  
Please send all articles, jokes  
and member photos to  
Marina Hearne.*

*Some regular items are missing from  
this weeks bulletin due to Changeover.*



### 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*

Welcome to RCTFL for 2024 - 2025! I'm looking forward to another great year of fellowship and community service and will be doing my best to fulfil the role of president of such an outstanding club.

I'd like to acknowledge Brian Logan, his board and all the members of RCTFL for such a successful year of Rotary in 2023 - 2024, with lots of good times, and fundraising and projects that continue to give so much to our community.

Thank you to all the incoming board members and those in special roles who willingly stayed in positions or accepted new positions, and to the many people who've supported me in the lead up to the president's role.

Our Changeover last night was a great night. Thank you to Helen and her band of helpers - Dimity, Marina, Liz, Courtney and others that helped too, for organising such a lovely night. The venue setup, meal, MCs and program for the night were all excellent, and I'm sure that everyone enjoyed the mixture of formalities and fun activities. The highlight of the night had to be the parading of the crafty fascinators! Congratulations to our many award recipients, all so well deserved. Thank you to everyone who was able to come, around 65 was a terrific attendance and I'm sure that everyone had a good time.

At our Changeover, we sadly farewelled Brodie Shields and Richard Walker. We acknowledge and thank them both for their amazing commitment and contributions to Rotary, Brodie as Executive Secretary and many other roles, and Richard for his great work with sustainability and tree projects. We wish them well and feel confident that they will stay involved with our club as volunteers.

As we start the new Rotary year, we will be organising our committees shortly, so have a think about your preferences for this. Thank you to Louise Matthews who has offered to be the Welfare contact person and this will be part of the Membership committee roles. So if you are aware of any welfare concerns regarding any of our members, please let Louise, Bev or myself know. Do we have any volunteers interested in organising social events for the year?

We will also be gathering ideas for another project for this Rotary year that will make a difference in our local community. So put your thinking caps on and talk to people in the community about ideas for our project. Thank you to those members who've already started to come up with some great ideas.

Look forward to seeing you on Wednesday morning for our first meeting.

Sue O'Connor  
President 2024/ 2025

# Rotary News

## REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

I AM CONTACTING YOU TO SEE IF YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST ME IN RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE JUSTICE ADVOCACY SERVICE. JUSTICE ADVOCACY SERVICES (JAS), IS DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING CLIENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY RIGHTS (IDRS) FOR 20 YEARS. WE ARE A FREE SERVICE AND A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATION AND SUPPORT PEOPLE WHO HAVE COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT NEEDING HELP WITH LEGAL PROBLEMS. WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS ACROSS NSW WHO WILL SUPPORT JAS CLIENTS AT COURT OR POLICE STATIONS/CORRECTIONAL CENTRES.

VOLUNTEERS NEED TO BE FLEXIBLE AND AVAILABLE AT LEAST ONE DAY PER FORTNIGHT (MONDAY TO FRIDAY'S 9AM TO 4PM). COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING IS AVAILABLE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS, SO NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IS NECESSARY. WE ARE A CENTRELINK APPROVED ORGANISATION. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VOLUNTEERING CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.JUSTICEADVOCACY.ORG.AU](http://WWW.JUSTICEADVOCACY.ORG.AU)

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE GREAT COMMUNICATORS, NON-JUDGMENTAL AND EMPATHETIC. THEY ARE RETIRED PEOPLE, STUDENTS, PEOPLE LOOKING TO ENTER THE WORKFORCE, PEOPLE WORKING PART-TIME, PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE. THE WORK THAT JAS DOES WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS.

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR ONE OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS TO GIVE A TALK, OR SHARE MORE INFORMATION/FLYERS WITH PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR OUR SERVICE?

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE,

LARA MANSFIELD

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PLEASE NOTE MY WORKDAYS ARE: MONDAY - THURSDAY



# Guest Speaker - Changeover

Award Recipients:

RI Appreciation Awards:

Naomi Blakey  
Charlotte Moore  
Courtney Priestley

Club Service Awards:

Peter Johnston  
Jermaine Walford  
Maciej Wolanski

Honorary Membership:

Maciej Wolanski  
Brodie Shields

Steve Burrows Memorial Award

Mitch Soree

Paul Harris Fellowship Award

Barry Biffin  
Richard Hardwick

Congratulations to all our award recipients.

Sue even received her own school joke book, so look out Wednesday!

Please enjoy a small collection of photos from the night.





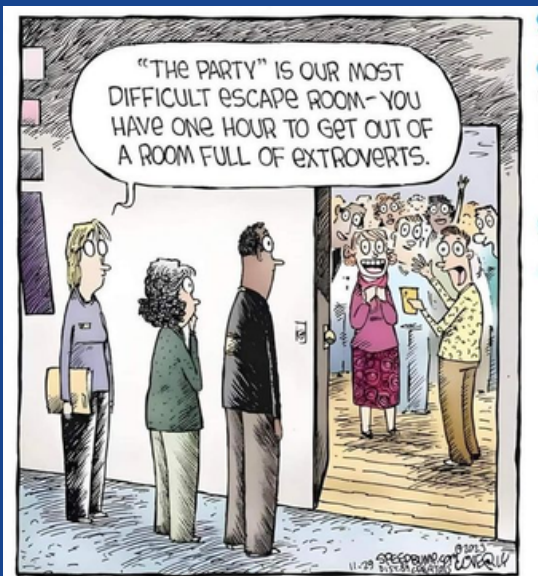




# The Funny Elbow

**Today, I learned that if  
you flip a canoe over  
you can wear it as a hat.  
Because it is cap-sized**

**The first five  
Florists I called  
from the phone  
book knew nothing  
about carpet or  
tile. And suddenly,  
I'm the idiot.**



# Lets Get Quizzical

What 2 colours make up the Polish flag?

What year was Tamworth First Light chartered?

Who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize?

Who won Fashions on the Field at Changeover?

What is 40 in Roman Numerals?

First person to email or text Marina might just win a prize!!

[marina.lawrence4@gmail.com](mailto:marina.lawrence4@gmail.com) or 0403 759 148



# *Important Info*

[Tamworth First Light Webpage](#)

[District 9660 Webpage](#)

[Rotary International Link](#)

[DACdb Link](#)

## *Calendar*

28 JUNE 2024 - MACIEK LEAVES AUSTRALIA



# Roster

Date	19th June	26th June	3rd July
<b>Topic</b>	RYLA- experiences and wrap-up	Final Aussie Hurrah	Rural Teaching
<b>Location</b>	Tamworth City Bowlo	Tamworth City Bowlo	Tamworth City Bowlo
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	RYLA participants 2024	Maciek Wolanski	Lesley Lamb
<b>Sergeant</b>	Brian Thompson	Brian Thompson	James Treloar & 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>	Richard Hardwick Steve Hawkins	Graham Dooley Hugh Raadgever	Brett White Hannah Woods
<b>President Assist</b>	Terry Robinson	Steve Martin	Barry Biffin
<b>Guest Speaker Intro Visitor Assist</b>	Louise Matthews	Peter Johnson	Deb Barnes
<b>Bulletin Notes Vote of Thanks</b>	Peter Leonard	Marina Hearne	Naomi Blakey

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

21st June	28th June	5th July	12th June
Bruce Hemmett Helen Tickle	Helen Tickle Peter Johnson	Hannah Woods Steve Martin	Hannah Woods Peter Bell

## Birthday, Anniversaries, and Inductions

### Members Birthdays

Brodie Shields 21/6

### Partners Birthdays

Nil

### Club Inductions

Brett White 20/6 (26yrs), Hugh Raadgever 24/06 (2yrs)

### Anniversaries

Dennis & Roslyn Maunder 24/6 (47yrs)