

Tamworth First Light

The Bulletin

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This Week

- Mherv Thank you
- CMAA Hosting Assistance needed

6 Nov 2024

RSVP Link



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: The best way to teach your kids about taxes is by eating 30% of their ice cream. -Bill Murray

Joke of the Week: Joker Card: thanks Peter Leonard and Simon!

Notices:

- The Open Garden Trail at the Community Garden on Saturday saw a steady stream of people come for a look. Well done to Naomi and all those who help with this project.

- Our sincere condolences to Dianne Petterson and her family on the sad passing of her mum, aged 97.

- The End Polio Movie "Thelma" has had to be cancelled due to low ticket sales. Thank you to Simon for all your efforts with this.

- Mitch is looking into options for our club Christmas Party, probably on a Thursday evening in early December. So if you have any suggestions, please see Mitch.

- My apologies Paul Stevenson on getting your wedding anniversary incorrect. 1st November is 33 years since your club induction. Susie has actually had the pleasure of Paul's company for well over 40 years!

- We have received a certificate and appreciation email from Susanne Thompson from the mherv team: I am writing on behalf of the 'mherv' Team to say a very sincere BIG THANK YOU to your Club members for the amazing response to our call out for help with raising funds "to keep mherv on the road". Over \$80,000 was raised state-wide through Bunnings BBQs. This will enable us to continue sending mherv to approximately 100 communities each year. Our statistics show that by the end of this year, we will have tested more than 20,000 people and potentially saved over 630 lives since 2017 when the van first set out to offer free health checks. Please pass on our congratulations to your Club members for the wonderful job they did.

Sue O'Connor

President 2024/ 2025

- We have been approached by CMAA (Country Music Association of Australia), initially through Ashleigh Dallas, then from Roger Corbett (General Manager of CMAA and one of the lead members of the Bushwackers) re the possibility of our Rotary clubs helping with billeting musicians participating in the Senior Academy, from 6th – 16th January. They are 18 year old upwards, so have their own transport. It would simply entail providing a bed and shower for 12 nights as the cost of motel accommodation can be very challenging for some. They would be at the academy from 8am to 9pm every day. Roger would make sure that hosts get free tickets to the Graduation Concert on 16th January. Please let me know if anyone is interested.

Upcoming Events:

- Santa Crawl meeting: Monday, 4th November, 5.00pm at the Bowling Club
- Powerhouse Museum BBQ: Saturday 9th November, 10.00am – 1.00pm. See Brian L if you can help with this one.
- District 9660 Showcase and AGM: Forster, 16th–17th November. You can book online if interested.
- Board meeting: 5.30pm, 12th November, TCBC
- TRC Volunteer Expo at the Town Hall: Sunday, 24th November

Guest Speakers: Thanks so much to Steve Martin for filling in for Deb Maes at short notice. We enjoyed hearing more of Steve’s interesting insights and experiences in the airplane industry.

Sue O’Connor
Presiden



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star charity - Charity Navigator's highest level



88%

of funds are spent on program awards and operations

Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to the

Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

Thank you for participating in the
2024 State-wide mherv Awareness Bunnings BBQ
raising over \$80,000

This will enable the
Rotary Men's Health Education Rural Van (mherv)
to continue to provide free health checks
to over 100 communities in NSW each year



Guest Speaker - Steve Martin

No bulletin notes have been received and unfortunately, Marina had to leave prior to Steve's presentation for work.

I'm sure it was another great presentation Steve. Thank you for stepping in on such short notice as the booked guest speaker was unable to attend.



Excerpt from Rotary International

My Rotary Youth Exchange –
transforming pain into purpose



Former tennis player guides others through emotional setbacks
Midway through his collegiate tennis career, Gregor Baum, a former Rotary Youth Exchange student from Germany, suffered a debilitating back injury. After spiraling into a deep depression, he found solace in a campus Rotaract club. Now, he's drawing on his experience to help others.

Exchange Student Adventures - Ela & Malin

Beach and Rodeos



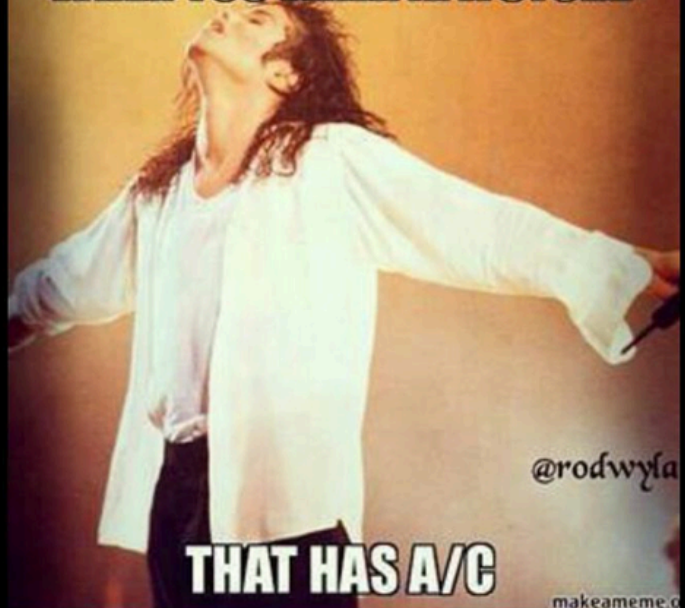
Life was pretty good
last weekend!

The Funny Elbow

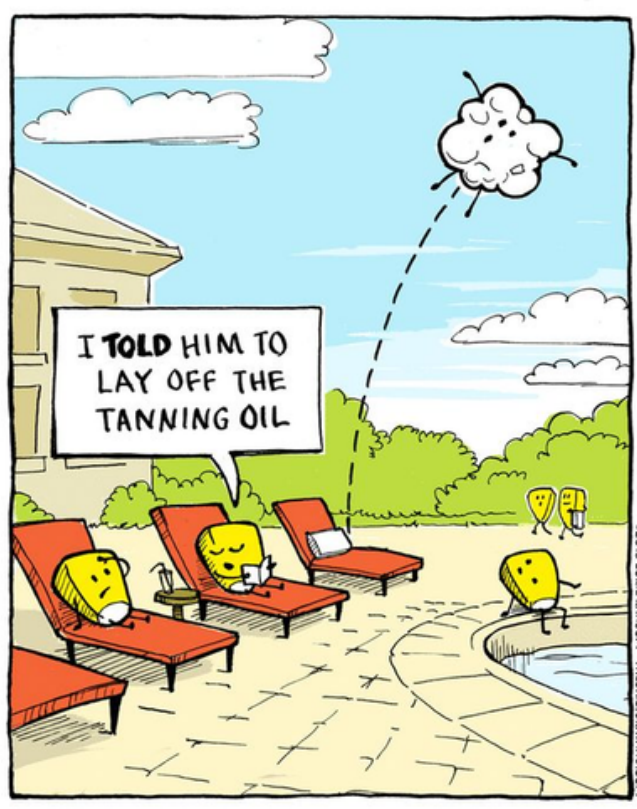
When you go on vacation and pack everything for your family except your own hair brush



WHEN YOU WALK IN A STORE



THAT HAS A/C



"This is great camping weather"



I really miss complaining about the cold.



Important Info

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[District 9660 Webpage](#)

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Join us
every 3rd
Friday of
the month
at The PO
Hotel

16 & 17 NOVEMBER 2024 - DISTRICT SHOWCASE
24 NOVEMBER 2024 - TRC VOLUNTEER EXPO
5 DECEMBER 2024 - TBC RCTFL XMAS PARTY
20 DECEMBER 2024 - SANTA CRAWL
14 - 16 MARCH 2025 - DISTRICT CONFERENCE
MARCH 2025 - S&E CHALLENGE
13 & 14 MAY 2025 - NWRCE

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED:

9 NOV - BBQ AT POWER STATION MUSEUM
24 NOV - TRC VOLUNTEER EXPO
20 DEC - SANTA CRAWL VOLUNTEERS

Roster

Date	6 Nov	13 Nov	20 Nov
Topic	YEP Student Japan	Military Peacekeeping Service	Life Experience of a Refugee
Location	Tamworth City Bowlo	Tamworth City Bowlo	Tamworth City Bowlo
Guest Speaker	Wakana Nishimura	Brian Logan	Gai Phanoraj
Sergeant	Brian Logan	Brian Logan	Brian Logan
Corporal	Richard Hardwick	Vangel Christov	Diane Petterson
Meeter & Greeter	Peter Johnston	Hannah Woods	Brian Thompson
Door Team	Glenn McIntosh Laurence Hearne	Paul Stevenson Terry Robinson	Steve Martin Luke Massey
President Assist	Naomi Blakey	Graham Dooley	Peter Bell
Guest Speaker Intro & Visitor Assist	Marina Hearne	Alice Elsley	Peter Leonard
Bulletin Notes Vote of Thanks	Michael Smith	Mitch Soree	Dimity Betts

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

8 Nov	15 Nov	22 Nov	29 Nov
Charlotte Moore Richard Hardwick	Richard Hardwick Vicki Cooper	Vicki Cooper Hugh Raadgever	Hugh Raadgever Vangel Christov

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 the Secretary

Birthday, Anniversaries, and Inductions

Members Birthdays

Dimity Betts 8/11 & Peter Leonard 10/11

Partners Birthdays

Nil

Club Inductions

Bev Fletcher & Helen Tickle 11/11 (4yrs)

Anniversaries

Bruce & Julie Hemmett 12/11 (19yrs)

Attendance

77%

Visiting Rotarians

Nil

Visitors

Ela Fiserova (YEP RC First Light)
Malin Breivik (YEP Student RC Tamworth)

Heads and Tails

Mitch Soree

Chook Raffle

Terry Robinson
(free breakfast the following week only, cannot be claimed at a later date)