

Tamworth First Light

The Bulletin

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This Week

- Clean Up Aus Day
- Interact Charter Dinner



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: Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world. Nelson Mandela.

Joke of the Week: Joker Card, thanks Brett!

Notices:

- Lots of upcoming events! Please locate the details for the following events (in order!) in the bulletin and come along to those that you can:
 - Malin spoke about sponsoring her for cutting 30cm of her hair for the World's Greatest Shave, a Leukaemia Foundation fundraiser at Calrossy today.
 - Sunshine Interact Trivia Evening, 6.00pm Thursday, TCBC, cost \$10. Thanks Marina.
 - Clean Up Australia Day: Sunday 2nd March, 8am, near Hungry Jacks. Thanks Naomi and Peter Ryan.
 - RYAG Sheep: next week, dinner at Walcha Golf Club, Friday 7th March, 6.30pm, cost \$50. Details in the email Courtney sent out.
 - Sunshine Interact Club Charter Event: Saturday 8th March, 6.00pm, Jockey Club, cost \$65. Thanks Marina.

- Combined Rotary fundraising event for School of St Jude, with founder, Gemma Sisia speaking. Oxley HS, 6.00pm Tuesday 11th March, cost \$30.
- District Conference, Narrabri: 15th – 16th March. Register online.
- Science & Engineering Challenge: 17th – 21st March. Lots of volunteers needed please. The dinner on Wednesday night at 7.00pm at Gregorys on Goonoo Goonoo, cost \$50, is in lieu of our morning meeting. RSVP to Jo Lewis. Thanks Glenn.
- Community Garden planting, 8.30am Saturday 5th April. Also a vegetable swap coming up. Thanks Naomi.
- We are still seeking hosts for our next YEP student, please see Marina.

Guest Speakers: Thank you to Claire Paras from the Regional Australia Bank, Community Partner, who spoke very well about the opportunities offered by becoming a community partner with this local bank. This will be further discussed at our next board meeting.

Sue O'Connor
President 2024/ 2025

District Conference



Who's coming
to Narrabri
District
Conference!?!?

Ignite Your Rotary Spirit at the District Conference!

Get ready to connect, inspire, and ignite your Rotary spirit at our upcoming District Conference! This isn't just another meeting – it's an opportunity to:

- * Connect with fellow Rotarians: Share ideas, build friendships, and expand your network within our district.
- * Be inspired: Hear from dynamic speakers, learn about impactful projects, and discover new ways to make a difference.
- * Celebrate our achievements: Recognise the incredible work of individuals and clubs, be part of a vibrant celebration of Rotary.
- * Have fun! Enjoy social events, entertainment, and create lasting memories.

Whether you're a seasoned Rotarian/Rotaractor or new to the family, this conference is for you. It's a chance to recharge your passion for service and discover the power of Rotary in action.

14th to 16th March

Narrabri

<https://www.trybooking.com/CZBAU>

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity! Register today and join us for a truly unforgettable experience.

The conference committee along with the members of Narrabri Rotary and Rotaract clubs look forward to seeing you there!

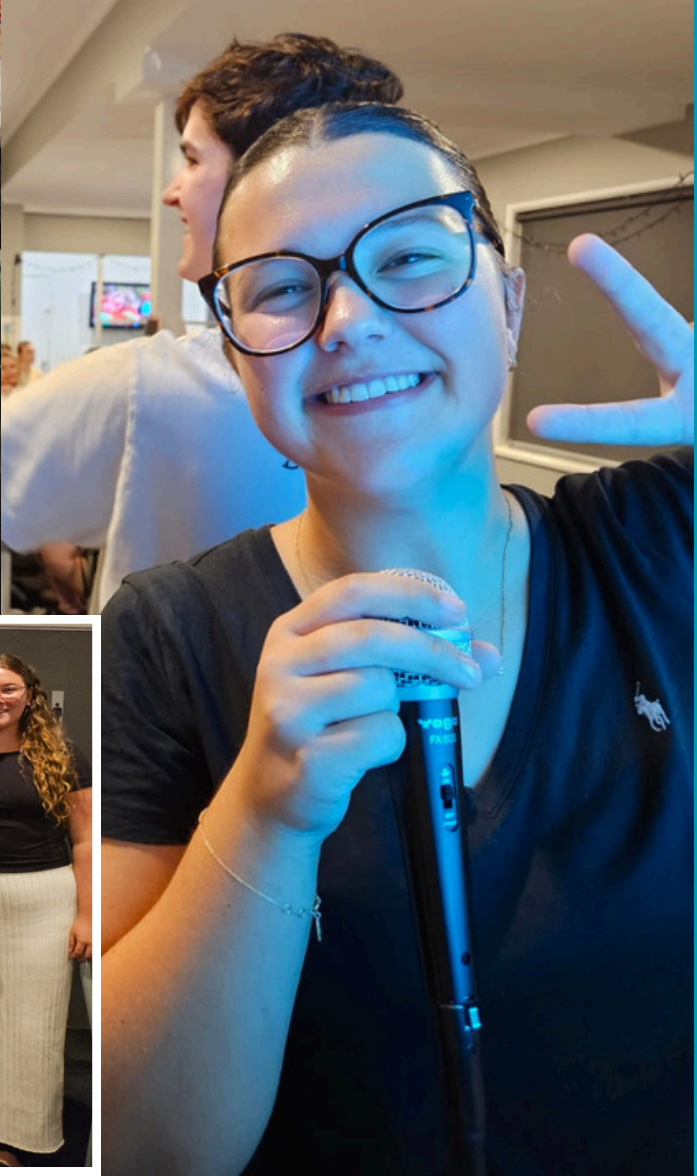
Yours in Rotary,

Bruce George

2024-2025 District Governor



Trivia Night!



Clean Up Aus Day

Sunday 2nd March 8am

Park next to Hungry Jacks (where park run is)
We'll clean up along the parkland near the river up
from Hungry Jacks going towards Paradise.

Please bring/wear:

- Long pants
- Hat
- Water
- Enclosed shoes

Please feel free to bring any family or friends.



LET'S CLEAN UP 2025

AUSTRALIA

JOIN OUR
**BIGGEST EVER
CLEAN UP**
SUNDAY 2 MARCH
CLEANUP.ORG.AU

Clean Up  CELEBRATING **35** YEARS

The poster features a central illustration of the map of Australia, where the landmass is composed of a dense crowd of diverse, colorful human figures. The surrounding water is depicted with light blue wavy lines. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of bold and regular fonts.



Save the Date

Saturday the 5th of April

8.30am

Join the Tamworth Community Garden as we plant our next seasons crops.

As part of this official Taste Tamworth Festival event we will also be hosting a fruit and vegetable swap.

Bring along any excess produce and swap it with someone else's produce.

All welcome.

**Thanks,
Naomi**



SAVE THE DATE

*Interact Club
of Tamworth
Sunshine*

INVITE YOU TO OUR
CHARTER EVENT

[Click here to buy tickets](#)

SATURDAY,
AT 6PM

8TH
MARCH
2025

TAMWORTH JOCKEY CLUB
& FUNCTION CENTRE

COST: \$65 PER TICKET
WITH DINNER PROVIDED

SCAN FOR TICKETS





Since 2002

The School of St Jude

Fighting poverty through education



There will be a Rotary fundraising event for the School of St Jude in Tamworth as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, 11 March 2025
TIME: 6.00 pm
VENUE: Oxley High School
COST: \$30.00
FUNCTION: Fingerfood. Drinks will be available for sale on the evening
RSVP: 4 March 2025 -for catering purposes to Sue-Ellan Nash
(sue_ellennash@yahoo.com.au)

The School of St Jude, Tanzania is a pioneering leader in charitable education within Africa.

The Founder, Gemma Sisia, opened the school in 2002, with a big dream to bring the opportunity of free, quality education to children living in poverty. This remains their mission today.

Gemma Sisia and John Stanley is a Tanzanian entrepreneur, speaker, environmental advocate, and a proud alum of The School of St Jude will be our guest speakers on the evening.

Students from Oxley High School will also be involved on the evening. We would like to see all Rotary Clubs in Tamworth attend the evening, perhaps making it their meeting night for this week.

The School of St Jude will be taking donations on the night.

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SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Sponsor's Dinner

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2025

7:00PM

Gregory's on Goonoo Goonoo,
191 Goonoo Goonoo Rd, Tamworth

\$50 pp

RSVP: 14th March 2025

Call Jo Lewis 0478 037 150

Scan the QR code



Date: 19th March 2025

(instead of our breakfast meeting)

Start time: 7 pm

Location: Gregory's on Goonoo Goonoo
South Tamworth NSW 2340

Details: Join us at Gregory's on Goonoo Goonoo
for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Cost: \$50 pp.

RSVP via the ticket link below – payment at the
door on the night.

Get tickets:

<https://forms.gle/3rY4sG3hh2oTU67y7>

Claire Paras - Regional Australia Bank

Claire Paras is the Business Development Manager for the Regional Australia Bank. She covers the 38 branches in the North & North West. The Regional Australia Bank is about to merge with another Mutual Bank adding another 10 branches.

The Regional Australia Bank is owned by the people and started in Armidale approximately 50 years ago.

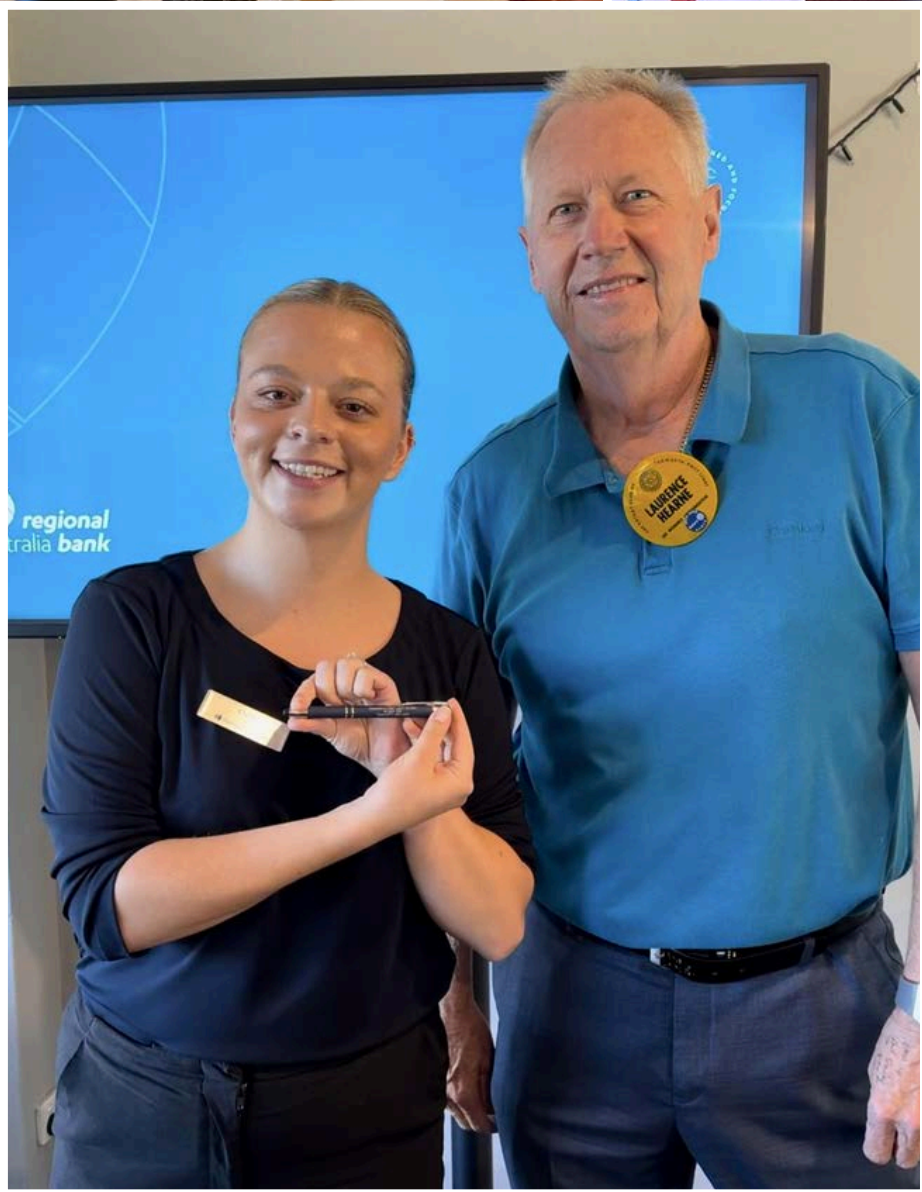
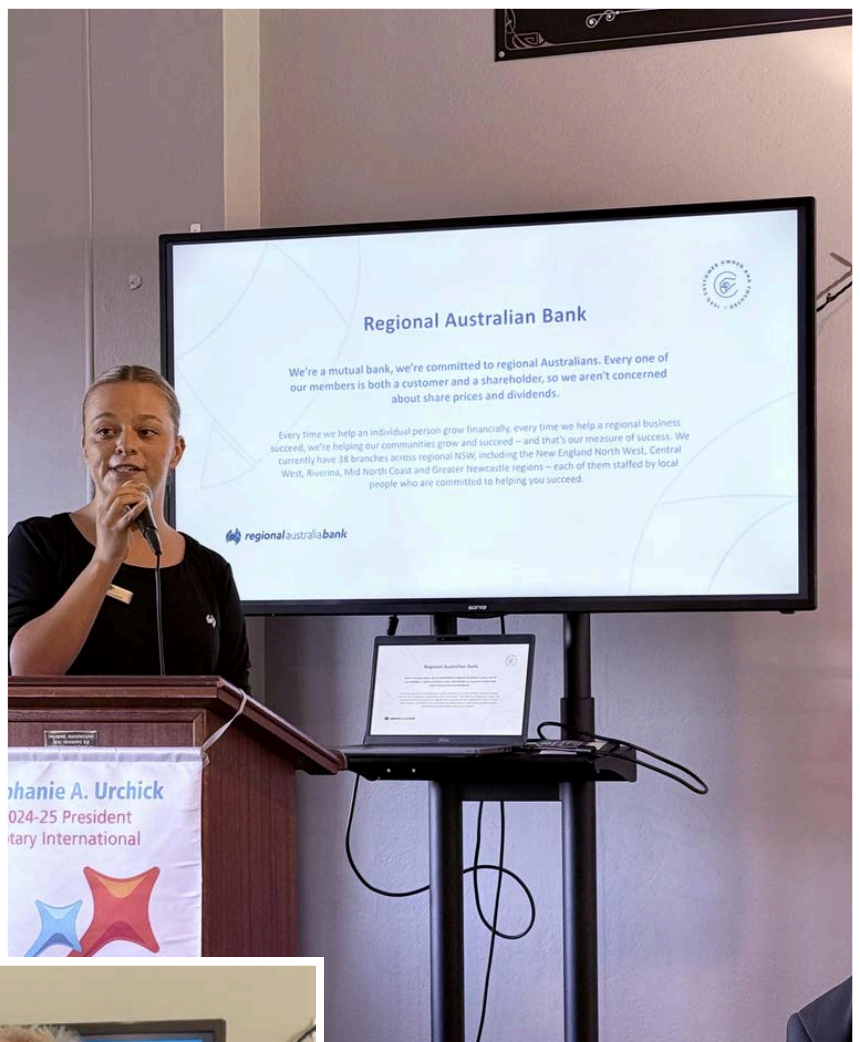
What is the Community Partnership Program:

1. Purpose: Regional Australians for Regional Australia
2. Community Growth & Development: Thriving through direct financial contributions
3. Grassroots Initiatives: Donating over \$2.7m with a goal of \$3m in 2024/2025
4. Long-term Partnership: Sustainable, Business Support, Marketing, Development, Strategies

Process:

1. Open organization's Community Partnership Account and complete CPP recipient application
2. No fees, competitive interest rates and real relationships
3. Current sponsors, local businesses, personal banking, social media, family, friends, events & more
4. Set goals. Ask for help, coffee catch up, how much do you want to raise

The more support Regional Australia Bank has the more they can support the community!



Thank you to
Claire.
Claire has been
fantastic
with our Interact
Club
& we look
forward to
working with
RAB
in the future.

Malin - the hair got chopped!



**Congratulations
Malin!**

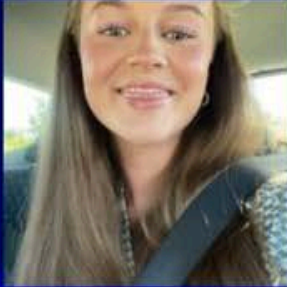


**Live Auction
raised a
further \$220
which makes
over \$2,000
raised.**

**Thank you to
all who
donated to
Malin and also
Molly**

Leukaemia Foundation

**World's
Greatest
Shave**




Malin Breivik

I'm cutting my hair on Feb 26, 2025 to raise awareness for blood cancer.

I'm part of Calrossy Year 12 2025 →

Raised	My Goal
\$1,927	\$1,000



The Funny Elbow

If this guy gets a suntan he'll have a lot of explaining to do.



**I was going to
cook alligator for
dinner but
realized I only had
a croc pot.**

**WHY SHOULD YOU NEVER BRUSH
YOUR TEETH WITH YOUR LEFT HAND?**

**I don't know who
needs to know this
but even if a bear
wears socks and
shoes, he still has
bear feet.**



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PUNster
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**BECAUSE A TOOTHBRUSH
WORKS BETTER**

Important Info

[Tamworth First Light Webpage](#)

[District 9660 Webpage](#)

[Rotary International Link](#)

[DACdb Link](#)



Calendar **FIRST LIGHT** *Social Night*

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

27 FEB - TRIVIA WITH INTERACT TMW SUNSHINE

8 MARCH - INTERACT CHARTER DINNER

14 - 16 MARCH - DISTRICT CONFERENCE

17 - 21 MARCH - S&E CHALLENGE

5 APRIL - COMMUNITY GARDEN

13 & 14 MAY - NWRCE

14 JUNE - RCTFL CHANGEOVER

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED:

2ND MARCH - CLEAN UP AUS DAY

17 - 21 MARCH SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Roster

Date	5 Mar	12 Mar	19 Mar
Topic	YEP Update	RYAG Sheep	S&E Challenge Dinner
Location	Tam City Bowlo	Tam City Bowlo	<u>Gregory's</u>
Guest Speaker	Ela Fiserova	RYAG Attendees	S&E Committee
Sergeant	Graham Dooley	Graham Dooley	-
Corporal	James Treloar	Barry Biffin	-
Meeter & Greeter	Peter Leonard	Deb Barnes	-
Door Team	Naomi Blakey Liz Gill	Steve Martin Brian Logan	-
President Assist	Jo Lewis	Diane Petterson	-
Guest Speaker Intro & Visitor Assist	Hannah Woods	Michael Smith	-
Bulletin Notes Vote of Thanks	Brett White	Laurence Hearne	-

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

7 Mar	14 Mar	21 Mar	28 Mar
Peter Ryan Peter Johnston	Peter Johnston Vicki Cooper	Vicki Cooper Alice Elsley	Alice Elsley Deb Barnes

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 Secretary, Courtney

Birthday, Anniversaries, and Inductions

Members Birthdays	Nil
Partners Birthdays	James De Ferranti 10/3
Club Inductions	Nil
Anniversaries	Brenda & Michael Smith 11/11 (19yrs)

Attendance

64%

Visiting Rotarians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane Bradford (Honorary)
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ela Fiserova (YEP RC First Light), Malin Breivik (YEP Student RC Tamworth), Jamie Hunt
Heads and Tails	Simon Guest
Chook Raffle	Skinner (free breakfast the following week only, cannot be claimed at a later date)