

Tamworth First Light

The Bulletin

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This Week

- Post Conference
- S&E week!!!



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

Notices:

- District Conference was held last weekend at the Crossing Theatre in Narrabri, a great venue. We had a number of our members attend – thank you to them. Simon ran the district guest speaking final which our Quirindi representative deservedly won. Marina presented all the YEP students including Ela and Malin, and Brett spoke at the AGM on the Friday afternoon as the district insurance officer. The conference was well-run, with a variety of great speakers and social events. The highlight was the trivia segment run by Narrabri Rotaract at the formal Saturday evening event.

The welcome for the conference was done by the oldest Narrabri Rotary member, Pat Carberry, whose cotton farm has neighboured my family's farm for 50 years. He walked up the steps without any form of support and delivered a very confident welcome. Not bad at 97! So if you ever think you're too old for Rotary, you'll need to rethink that!

-The Science and Engineering Challenge has gone very well again this week. We continue to be delighted by how much nearly 1000 students from 31 local schools enjoy and are inspired by the challenge. Well done to Glenn and all the committee for such a great job organising the event and to Jo for organising the dinner. A big thank you to the members who've come along and volunteered or attended the dinner at Gregory's on Wednesday night. What an enjoyable night, lovely meal, a fitting tribute to our wonderful sponsors, and the table challenge was so much fun.

-Don't forget that next week is our vocational visit to the Global Gateway Park Intermodal Facility. Details are in the bulletin. Thank you to Helen for organising this visit and to Brian for catering.

-Our next tree planting is on Sunday 30th March, 9.00am at Illoura Park. Please RSVP to Peter Ryan.

-Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is on Saturday 5th April, 6.00pm. Please RSVP to Mitch if you'd like to be a host or a guest. It's always a great evening so please consider hosting or coming along.

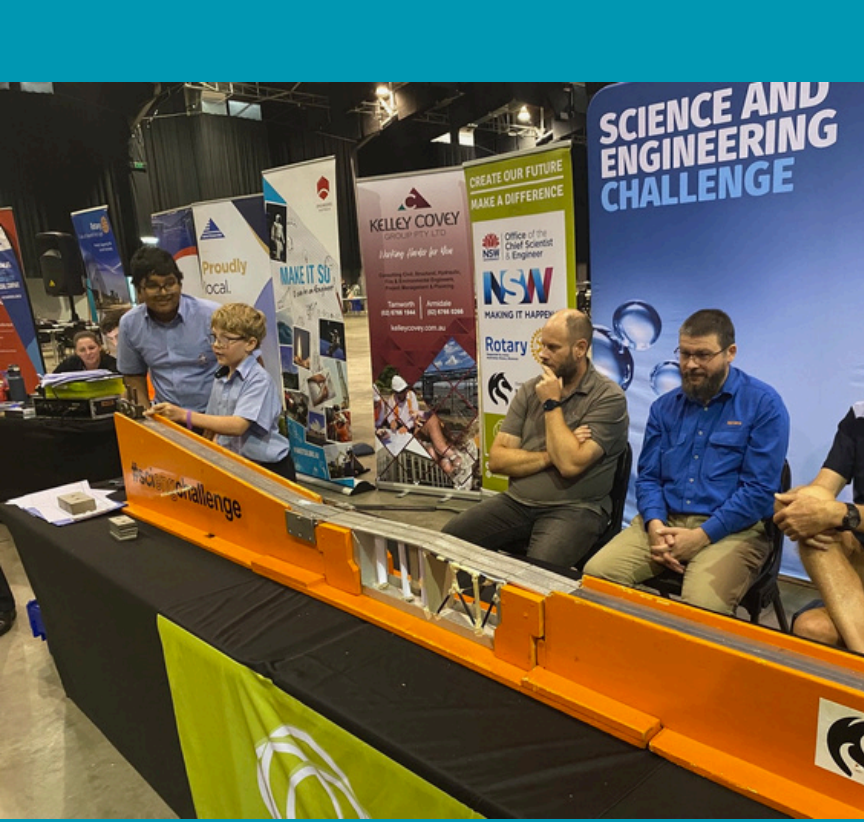
The Community Garden planting and vege swap is on Saturday 5th April, 8.30am.

Guest Speakers:

Pete Newman, our Science and Engineering Challenge co-ordinator from Newcastle Uni, spoke about growing up in Tamworth, then of his career as a teacher starting out in Mungindi, then the Questacon Circus, before joining the team at Newcastle Uni. He always requests running the Tamworth event as he enjoys it so much. Pete spoke about the Science and Engineering Challenge program, the benefits for our students, recent developments and plans for the future of the program. He then introduced the great fun table challenge, Eggciting Eggscapes. A huge thank you to Pete who does an amazing job of organising and running the challenge here each year. His energy and enthusiasm is endless and we hope to see him again next year!

Sue O'Connor

President 2024/ 2025



Science and Engineering





Vocational Visit - 26 March

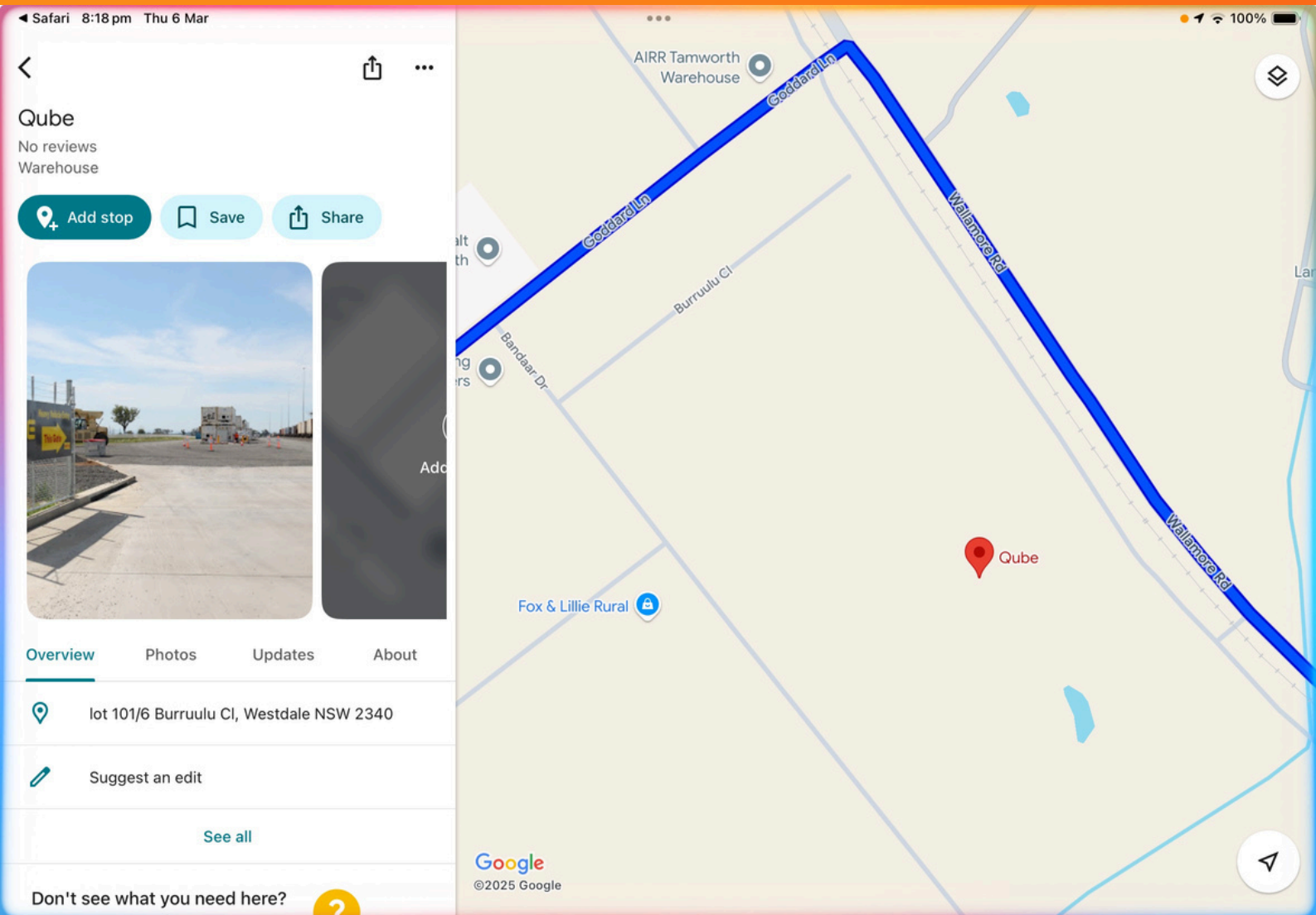
Location Info

Qube Logistics:

Buuruulu Close Westdale

Follow Wallamore Road to the end of rail line.

Turn left into Goddard Lane, then left again into Buuruulu Close.



District Conference





Rotary Districts 9660 and 9685 presents...

TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW

a combined conference



FRIDAY 20TH and SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2026

NEWCASTLE CIVIC THEATRE AND CITY HALL

Discover the Rotary of tomorrow with visionary speakers and inspiring performances. Register at www.togetherfortomorrow.com.au

Rotary 
Districts 9660
and 9685





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**

Tamworth First Light Rotary Tree Planting Day



- When:** Sunday 30th March 2025
9.00 am – 12.00 pm
- Where:** Illoura Park – Illoura Street
South Tamworth
- What to bring:** Gloves, Sunscreen, Hat, Spade & Water
- RSVP:** Peter Ryan – 0409458065
pryan@inlandtechnology.com.au



Guess who's Coming to dinner – 2025



Saturday April 5, 2025 at 6.00PM

RSVP by 29th March

“A night of unexpected food, friends and festivities”

RSVP: mitchell.soree@gmail.com or text 0401719332 by 29th March.
If there are any dietary needs, please advise.

The Funny Elbow



Devices used to find water



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	26 Mar	2 Apr	9 Apr
Topic	Intermodel Freight Facility	Club Assembly	Trekking in Albania
Location	VOCATIONAL	Tam City Bowlo	Tam City Bowlo
Guest Speaker	Dan Coulton Graeme McKenzie	The Board	The Board
Sergeant	-	Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh
Corporal	-	Peter Ryan	Graham Dooley
Meeter & Greeter	-	Alice Elsley	Vicki Cooper
Door Team	Peter Leonard Mal Turnbull	Naomi Blakey James Treloar	Paul Stevenson Barry Biffin
President Assist	-	Hannah Woods	Charlotte Moore
Guest Speaker Intro & Visitor Assist	Sue O'Connor	Sue O'Connor	Brett White
Bulletin Notes Vote of Thanks	Richard Hardwick	-	Vangel Christov

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

28 Mar	4 Apr	11 Apr	18 Apr
Alice Elsley Deb Barnes	Deb Barnes Diane Petterson	Diane Petterson Liz Gill	Easter

**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	Our fearless Leader - Sue O'Connor 27/3
Partners Birthdays	Nil
Club Inductions	Laurie Hearne - no April Fools joke - 1/4, 30 years! Peter Ryan 2/4 (17 yrs)
Anniversaries	Nil

Attendance	-
Visiting Rotarians	• -
Visitors	• -
Heads and Tails	-
Chook Raffle	- (free breakfast the following week only, cannot be claimed at a later date)