

Tamworth First Light

The Bulletin

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This Week

- Join us next week as we recap and hear from our Board
- Fly Swat Olympics in full swing at Voc Visit!!



Rotary Year 2024 - 2025

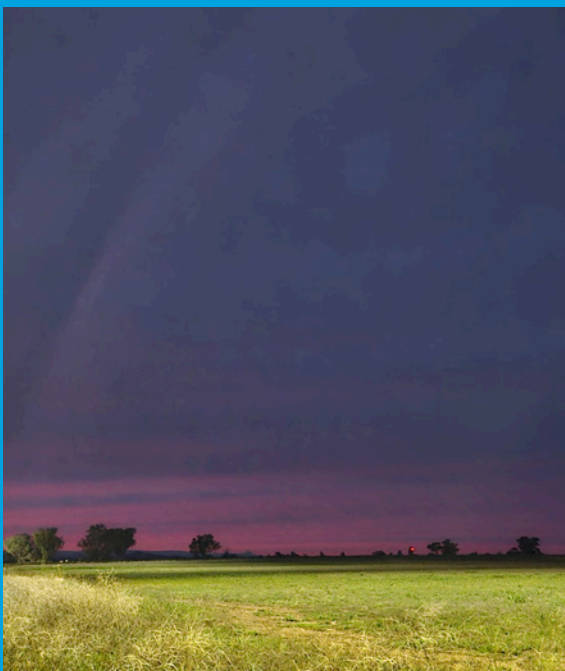
RI President: Stephanie Urchick

District Governor: Bruce George

President: Sue O'Connor

Secretary: Courtney Priestley

Treasurer: Dennis Maunder



Sue's Spark of Rotary Inspiration

Joke of the Week: Thanks Barry.

Notices:

- Peter Ryan let us know that the tree planting activity has been moved to this Thursday afternoon at 3.00pm (and Friday if needed) to beat the rain forecast. It'll be at Illoura Street Park in Hillvue. Thanks Peter for organising this.
- Mitch is still looking for more hosts and guests (mainly hosts!) for the Guess Who's Coming to Dinner at 6.00pm on Saturday 5th April. Please contact Mitch if you can help with this.
- The Community Garden planting and vege swap is also on Saturday 5th April, 8.30am.
- Sending get well soon wishes to Brian Thompson after his shoulder operation 3 weeks ago and also to Roslyn Maunder after her operation on her arm early this week.

Guest Speakers: Many thanks to Dan Coulton and Graeme McKenzie for hosting us at the Intermodal Freight Facility, your very interesting talks and for showing us around the facility. A great morning was had by all. Thanks also to Helen for organising the visit and to Brian and Deb for catering a fabulous breakfast.

Sue O'Connor
President 2024/ 2025



**Who's got the
Marquee??!**

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



Space Center club has the right stuff

By **Arnold R. Grahl**

At the height of the space race in the early 1960s, thousands of aerospace engineers, scientists, contractors, and support crew members flocked to Houston, turning 1,600 acres of what was mostly cow pasture into the bustling research hub known as the Manned Spacecraft Center, now the **Johnson Space Center**. The transplants needed social connection. They needed an outlet to improve their rapidly growing community.

They needed a Rotary club.

When the Rotary Club of Space Center (Houston) formed in 1964, about a third of its 35 charter members were connected to the space program — including a manager in a General Electric department that designed and built equipment for Project Apollo; an executive from McDonnell Aircraft, which supplied the Gemini and Mercury capsules; and the IBM chief in charge of the acres of computers needed to program space flights. The club's early members also included a real estate agent who found homes for NASA families, an assistant superintendent of a burgeoning school district, and a veterinarian who treated astronauts' pets.

It even attracted astronauts L. Gordon Cooper, the youngest of the seven original astronauts in Project Mercury, and Frank Borman, commander of both Gemini 7, which at the time had the longest space flight, and Apollo 8, the first mission to leave Earth's orbit and circle the moon.

"I wanted to become a member because I'm very much interested in the community around here," Borman said in a 1966 cover story about the club in this magazine. "I think a Rotary club is an important asset to housing developments like these."

RI Article. Read more here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/space-center-club-has-the-right-stuff>



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**

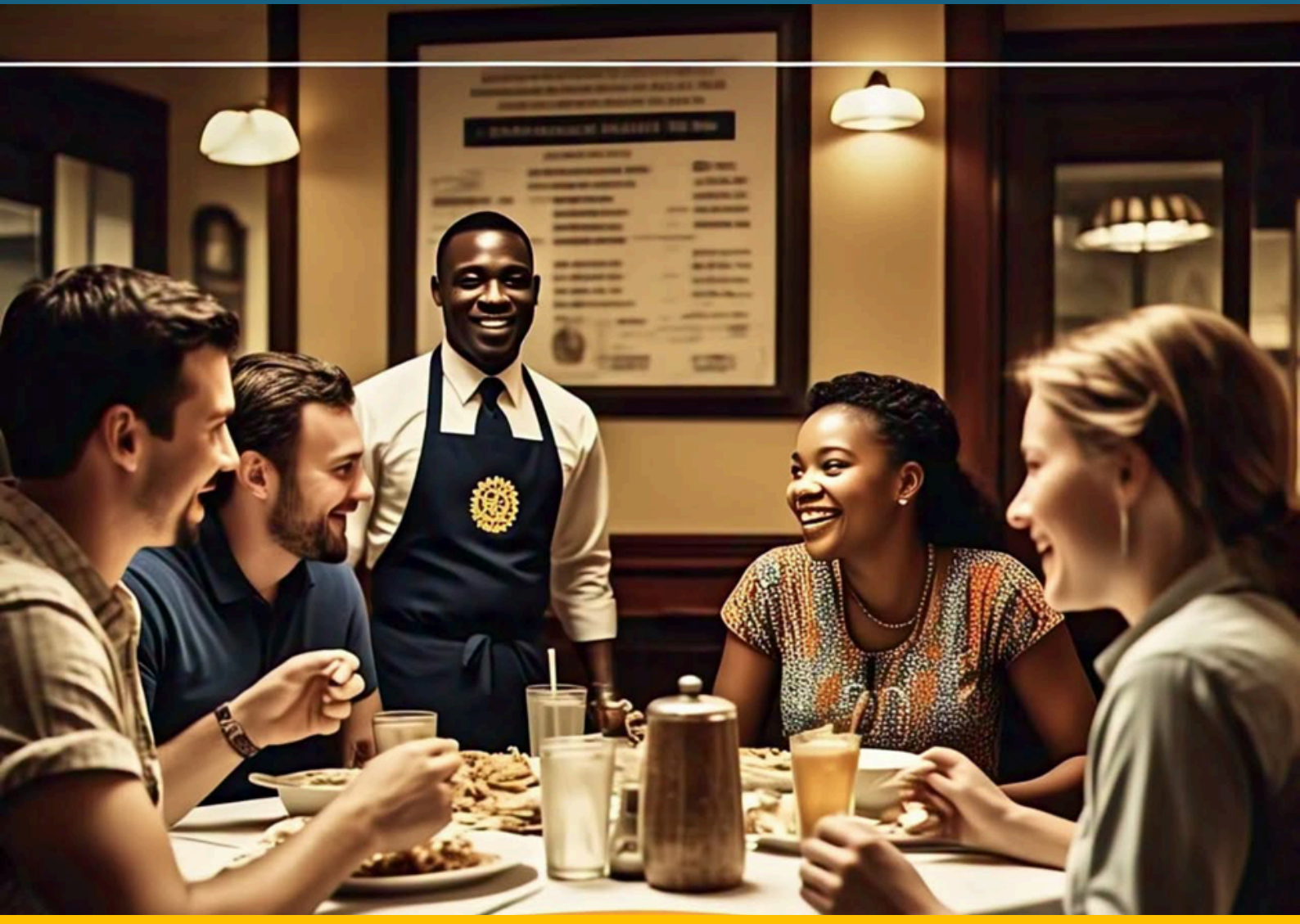
Tamworth First Light Rotary Tree Planting Day



- 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

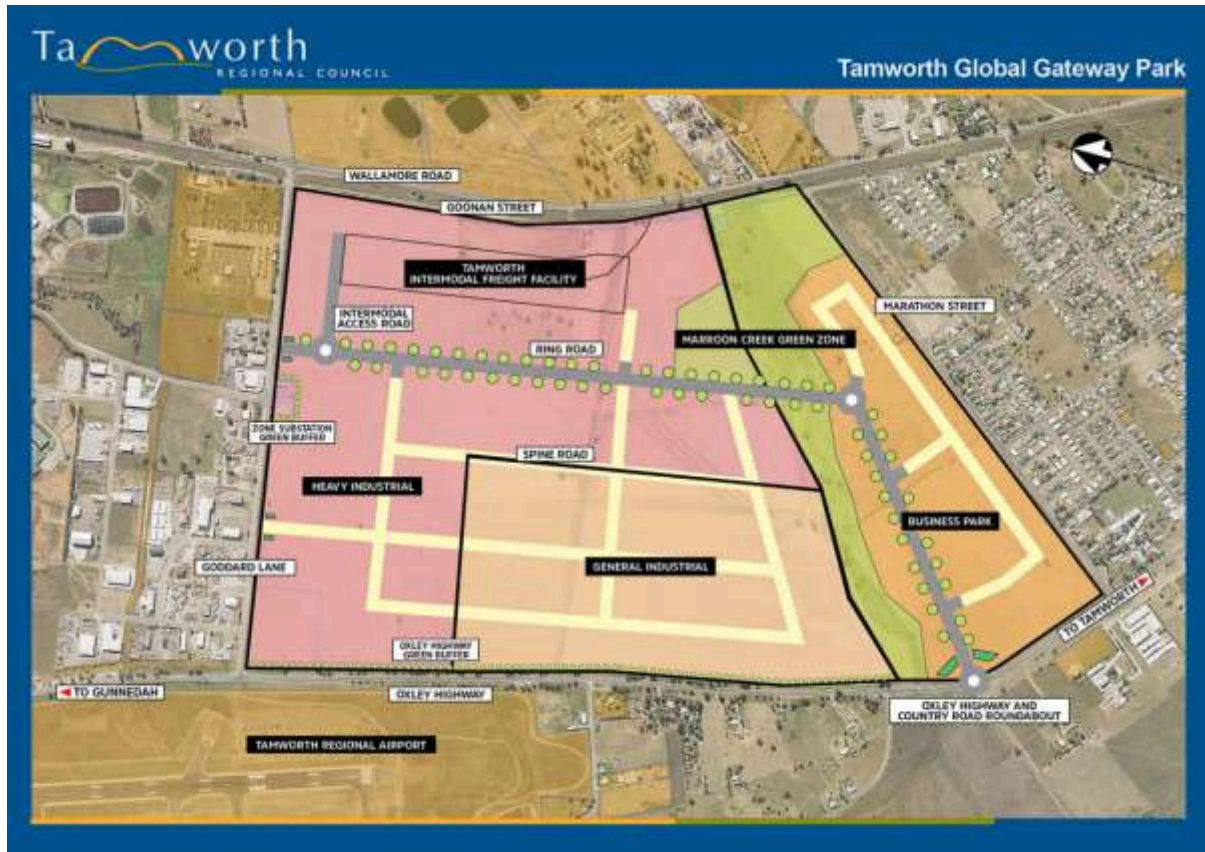
RSVP by 29th March

“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.

Rotary First Light Meeting at TGGP and Intermodal

History of the TGGP and Intermodal



- 246 Hectare site – Larger than all of existing Taminda Zone
- Bounded by Oxley Hwy, Goddard Lane, Wallamore Road and Marathon Street
- Murroon Creek
- Intermodal Concept was developing from 2014
- Land adjacent to the Barraba Spur Line was Favoured
- Difficult to Purchase Sufficient Amount for the Intermodal
- Full 246 Ha of Robson Property Purchased in February 2016 for \$16M

- Masterplanning for the Site started late 2016
- Draft Development Control Plan Exhibited December 2018
- Structure Plan developed in 2019
- DCP Amendment 15 Adopted 26 October 2021

Funding Applications

Funding to Reactivate Rail Line to TGGP

- Protracted Discussions to Attract Funding \$7.42M
- announced in November 2017 Funding used to develop design to form more detailed estimate \$27.83M funding
- announced November 2020 for Construction

- inclusive of \$3.26M of works to be delivered by TRC

TGGP Activation Funding (GLE Funding)

- \$20.25M State Government Funding made up of:
 - \$4.06M for Country Road Roundabout
 - \$10.3M for TGGP Trunk Drainage
 - \$5.89M for Jewry Street Extension

Federal Government Funding

- \$4.53M for Country Road Roundabout
- \$2.2M for Intermodal Access Roads

❖ Total Government Funding to Activate TGGP = \$62.23M



Sales History





Indigenous Themes

- Project Team worked with members of the local Aboriginal Community
- Goal was to build links between the traditional owners, the land and future opportunities TGGP brings
- Road Naming based on Aboriginal names for local fauna
- Aboriginal Art used for entry statements into TGGP

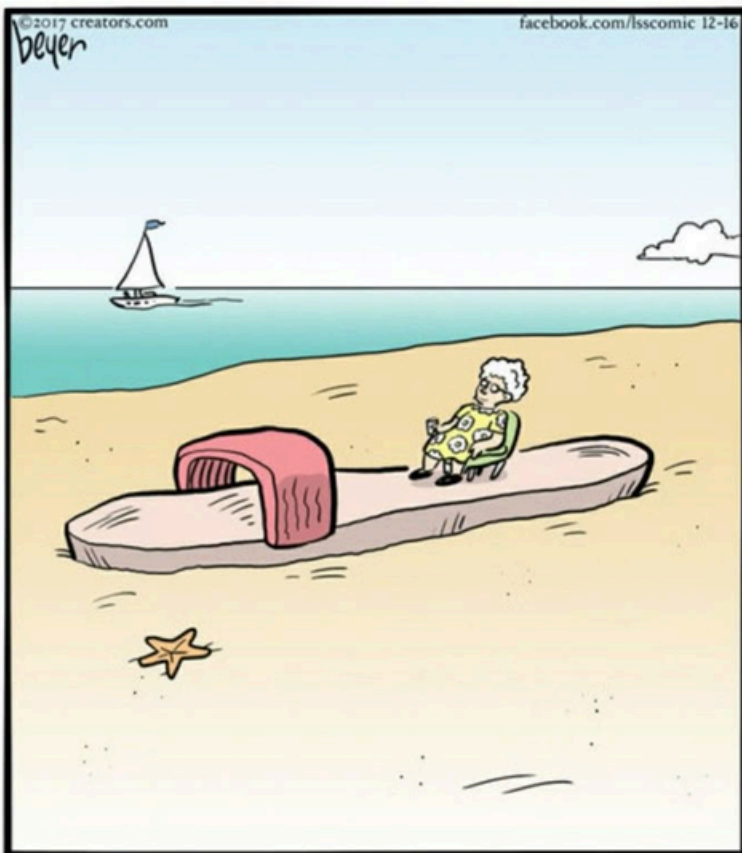




The Funny Elbow

I'm looking to sell my Delorean. Good shape, low mileage...

Only driven from time to time.



The Little-Old-Lady-Who-Lived-in-a-Shoe's Summer Home

You ever look at someone and think, "maybe it's best if we continue to social distance."



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	2 Apr	9 Apr	16 Apr
Topic	Club Assembly	Trekking in Albania	TBA
Location	Tam City Bowlo	Tam City Bowlo	Tam City Bowlo
Guest Speaker	The Board	Brian Lincoln	TBA
Sergeant	Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh	Glenn McIntosh
Corporal	Peter Ryan	Graham Dooley	Michael Smith
Meeter & Greeter	Alice Elsley	Vicki Cooper	John Rouvray
Door Team	Naomi Blakey James Treloar	Paul Stevenson Barry Biffin	Steve Hawkins Hugh Raadgever
President Assist	Hannah Woods	Charlotte Moore	Mitch Soree
Guest Speaker Intro & Visitor Assist	Sue O'Connor	Brett White	Peter Ryan
Bulletin Notes Vote of Thanks	-	Vangel Christov	Dianne Petterson

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

4 Apr	11 Apr	18 Apr	25 Apr
Deb Barnes Diane Petterson	Diane Petterson Liz Gill	Easter	Anzac Day

**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	Nil
Club Inductions	Nil
Anniversaries	John & Janet Treloar 9/4 (49yrs)

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