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February is World Understanding Month

What's on this Evening?

Board Meeting at 5pm Bowling Club

Then we have our own District Governor Elect Brian Beesley speaking to us and he wishes us to appraise the content and his delivery.
Introduced by President Rod and thanked by Ray Martin.

DON'T FORGET, IF YOU CAN'T MAKE A MEETING RING MEGAN DE WITTE 6558 2790 THERE WILL BE AN ANSWERING MACHINE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR MESSAGE IF MEGAN IS BUSY WITH CUSTOMERS. 11AM TUESDAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR GIVING APOLOGIES EACH WEEK. THANK YOU.

Last week 7th February Sergeant Bernie opened the meeting and we sang Grace. President Rod welcomed us including PP Ron West, PP Fred Myers, PP Jim DeSilva and guest speaker Rotarian Sharee Abeysekera. There were 26 Rotarians who attended last week. A great roll up.

Director Reports

DGE Brian Interesting little thing to keep you informed. He has met all the Presidents from each Cluster and most of the President Elects. Personal aim of DGE Brian is to double membership by the end of his year with all Rotarians help.



PP Ashleigh Hickman- Publicity. Ashleigh has been and visited the Narraweema Garden Project and also spoke with the Nurse Unit Manager Deb Kelly. The residents and staff are very pleased with the path. The garden club will plant a garden in the area that borders the circle. Once the garden is completed we will have a plaque made and then a little presentation. She also read a letter of thanks from a former guest speaker Bev Betts.

PP Denver Webb – Gloucester Community Swim Relay Monday 20th February. Get your teams ready. We need the BBQ and some helpers. PP Rod will work in the shed with the computer. Dave Windred is the starter. We are all out to win the trophy from the Pool staff. Denver has been very busy and has 2 terrific prizes. There is a Zoo prize and the Bridge Climb value \$460. These prizes could go to the Best Dressed, worst dressed Denver will decide. Teams from veteran's golf, Rotary team and other Rotarians are in teams.

PP Bill Radford Membership He will bring the list next week to remind members whom they had nominated as prospective members.

Christmas trees it has been too wet to do anything and Bill will go to Copland and check what has to be done soon.

Secretary PP Hans The Australian Day Committee sent a letter of thanks for our assistance in cooking the sausages and using our BBQ.

Treasurer Simon No report.

PP Sam Motorbike Expo There were Expo flyers on the table and thanks to PP Peter Markey for producing them. There was a little discussion and a correction to be made. **Saturday & Sunday 12th, 13th May 2012. BBQ will need to be functioning.**

President Rod reminded us about where the money we gain from the public goes 100% to the project we have nominated. Our administration money comes from dinner fees and dues. So when speaking with the public reassure them that 100% of their donation goes to the cause.

Club Service PP Grahame Stelzer is delighted that Sharee as guest speaker has dragged out a lot of Rotarians tonight. He also spoke about coming events. See calendar.

PP Peter Markey asked the question are we prepared to have the **Duck Races** on Easter Sunday **8th April. Yes. There were a number of hands raised.**

SERGEANT BERNIE HELD A FINE AND RAFFLE SESSION.

Guest Speaker

Sharee was introduced by President Rod and Sharee who is always smiling began. She thought of saying she was born in Toowoomba, grew up in South West Sydney, married her best friend Ernie, lived in the Macarthur area, worked in Sydney City. Moved to Gloucester and here I am thank you. Short and sweet, we can have an early night or another glass of red. This was a very entertaining opening but she decided it needed more than 1 minute.



Dad was a builder in Toowoomba and business was slow in the mid sixties an aunt living in Campbelltown talked of they moved when Sharee was 3 years old.

Not long to go now Rod?

She grew up in a loving home, schooled in the public system, and she was in Interact and the Treasurer for a year. We didn't have everything but we did not lack anything they needed.

Her Dad had loads of work. Lend lease opened a suburb in Campbelltown called "Sherwood Hills" they advertised land and house packages in England. 90% of the packages bought were from England. And some years later when Sharee was working in travel she booked these same English people tickets to London.

Sharee was expected to become a School Teacher as there were generations of school teachers. After consideration travel was her choice of career.

She started working for CYTA travel at Strathfield in 1981 and apart from the first 4 years after moving to Gloucester, she has always worked in the Travel Industry.

Ernie and Sharee married young and built houses in the Macarthur area.

They had a dream to live on a property and get away from the city. Ernie worked long hours in the Treasury (Foreign Exchange) of the Commonwealth Bank. The plans to move out of the city were put on hold.

In the early 90's they realised that they didn't want to wait until they were 60 to move to the country. So they sold their big house and bought something smaller and started looking for a property.

After nearly 10 years of looking mainly southern highlands they realised it would be too cold so looked north.

They found Gloucester in 2002 after they looked at a property at Comboyne. They took the Bucketts Way and loved the scenery. Had lunch at the then Magic Pudding and PP Jim de Silva was the first local they met? They visited an agent and within 6 months Sharee moved to their property at Spring Creek. Ernie followed 4 months later.

The property was in need of repair and the late Ray Hartmann neighbour was a great help and they are still mending fences and hanging gates. John Walton was also a neighbour and friend to these city slickers. They have a small beef cattle herd and love to escape to their property.

Last year they opened their own travel business Harvey World Travel as they are the travel professionals. Sharee said if you haven't visited the agency we would love to see you.

Also she breeds toy poodles.

Why did they move to Gloucester? They couldn't think of living anywhere else.



PP Ash presents Sharee with her Rotary glass.

PP Ashleigh thanked Sharee and we are proud to have you as a member of our club. She was presented with a Rotary glass. President Rod closed the meeting and we sang **Advance Australia Fair**.

The Friendship Dinner on 25th February at the Fairway Restaurant.

Numbers and any dietary preferences by Wednesday 22nd February. There will be 22 Rotarians and partners from Kempsey.

Rotary Club Kempsey West & Gloucester Rotary Club D9650 and Exchange team from Pennsylvania D7430 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

PP Grahame Stelzer will take numbers Tuesday 14th.



A shot gun wedding is a case of wife or death?
A man needs a mistress just to bread the monogamy?
A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
Dancing cheek to cheek is really is really a form of floor play?



PP Terry reading the form after Sharee completed her presentation. Next holiday coming up.

Three old guys are out walking. First one says, 'Windy, isn'tit?' Second one says, 'No it'sThursday!' Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer?'



Snakes alive and one brave sole Terry to the rescue. John Watts found the python but could not bring himself to touch it. And by the way he had seen it swallow a rabbit. Look closely at the bulge. There was not harm done to this snake.



International Service Update

Rotary International

December 2011

The International Service Update provides news about Rotary Service Connections, partnering opportunities, and disaster relief and recovery. Visit the [Service and Fellowship](#) pages on the Rotary International website, www.rotary.org, for more information.

Upcoming newsletter changes

The Rotary Service Department is excited to announce the 2012 launch of the Rotary Service Update. The new newsletter will combine the International Service Update

Get involved with project fairs

[Project fairs](#) — regional events hosted annually by Rotary districts worldwide — offer opportunities for clubs and districts to share information about service projects in need of support. Participants in these two- to three-day events discuss

with the Community Service Update to highlight effective service practices, project resources, service-related events and news, Rotary Community Corps updates, and information on disaster relief and recovery initiatives. The Rotary Service Update will be a bimonthly publication available in seven languages, and will be sent automatically to current subscribers to this newsletter.

service interests or concerns and establish partnerships. Many fairs offer workshops on effective project planning and implementation, and connect attendees with additional resources and area-specific experts.

Is your district hosting a project fair in 2012? We can help spread the word. Email Rotary Service with details.

Comments and Questions

Please e-mail your questions, comments, and suggestions for future issues to rotary.service@rotary.org. Inquiries about disaster relief should be sent to relief@rotary.org.



February	Birthday	Anniversary
Jillian Carson	1 st	
Di Pritchard	3 rd	
Chris Pritchard	4 th	
Anne Martin	4 th	
John & Barbara Read		6 th
Catherine Webb	15 th	
Rod & Zan Menzel		16 th
Peter Markey	23 rd	

Geoff Teece	25 th	
Bruce Montgomerie	28 th	
Grahame & Kaye Stelzer		29 th

Our executive for 2011- 2012

President:	Rod Menzel	6558 4190
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Public Relations	PP Ashleigh Hickman	6558 2031
Membership	PP Bill Radford	6558 9452
Public Officer	PP Don McLeod	6558 4297

Coming Events

February 2012

Monday 20th	Rotary Gloucester Community Swim Relay. 6pm Olympic Pool. BBQ available. Bring drinks and nibbles and support the teams. Team forms are in the local paper and at the pool. \$20 per entry.
Tuesday 21st	Partners night and joint meeting with Dungog Rotary at Stroud Golf Club. Time 6.30 for 7pm. Probably car pool. Fun and Friendship.
Wednesday 22nd	Taree Business House Swim Relay. 6pm. Are we sending a team?
Saturday 25th	District 9650 Semi Finals Public Speaking. Walcha Rotary Club Beau Hebblewhite participating. The winner will speak at District Conference in March. Prize a Trip to NZ. Pres Nominee Ray Martin in charge All arranged with those members participating.
Friday and Saturday 25th, 26th	Friendship Exchange 9 members will be billeted Friday and Saturday. Members involved are aware of details..
Monday 27th	Group Study Exchange visit from Forster. Perhaps 12 people. Picnic in the Park. David Collett will organise some BBQ chickens, tomatoes. Lettuce, Bread Rolls, mayonaise. Soft Drinks, Fresh Fruit. Tea & Coffee in thermos. A Club member to help David please.
Tuesday 28th	Helen and Alan Lyness. "Destiny Rescue" Partners Night. Time 6.30 for 7pm. This will be very intersting presentation. Presentation is about 35 minutes Introduced by Ray Martin. Thanked by Sharee Abeysekera. Also Helen will bring jewlery made by rescued children in S. E . Asia..
March 2012	
Saturday 3rd	Pioneer Clasic Motor Cycle member visit. BBQ drinks T & C. See Bill Radford.
Tuesday 6th	Partners Night with John & Sue Terny "Angel Flight". This is a must hear evening. Introduced by Hans and thanked by Bruce Montgomerie.
Wednesday 7th	Mental Health with Rick van de Zwan at the High School Auditorium. 7 for 7.30pm. Rotary providing Supper. Topic Adolescent Brain.
Thursday 8th	Breakfast with Rick van de Zwan. 0800 Bucketts Way Motel. \$10. Topic the difference between male and female brains. All welcome.
Friday, Saturday & Sunday 9th, 10th and 11th	District Conference 9650 at Inverell. DG Barry and Bronwyn will be our hosts. Book on line via the District website.
Tuesday 13th Board Meeting 5pm Bowling Club	Rotary Members Special dinner meeting at the Golf Club. Chef Matt has invited us to taste his culinary delights? 6 for 6.30pm. Usual cost.
Tuesday 20th	Partners Night and meeting with Walcha Rotary at Nowendoc to meet "Malcom" \$250.000 on offer. ? Bus as transport.
Tuesday 27th March	5pm Croquet on the green. Come and learn this game. Zan and croquet members are catering. Bring your own refreshments.
Saturday & Sunday 23rd and 24th	Gloucester Show and we cook the BBQ. We will need a roster and members to attend. It is a good couple of days.
Saturday 31st	Bush Poetry in the Sale Yards. 6pm. Bring your picnic basket and drink. A cushion will be good. Cost \$20. Donation to Hillcrest Nursing Home. See Grahame Stelzer.