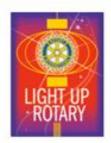


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Ring or email Ray Martin's Office for apologies and to include guests before 10am Tuesdays Phone 65582200 or email rms@midcoast.com.au

#### **Coming Meetings**

31 <sup>st</sup> March Partners night	Wingham Rotary Club Dinner at Krambach Hall. Fundraiser for the School. \$20pp. Entertainment by schoolchildren & a Bush Poet. 6.30 for 7pm. Meet at Bowling Club 5.45 for car pooling
5 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday	Duck Races at the river. Volunteers needed for ticket sellers & BBQ See Pete (coordinator)
7 <sup>th</sup> April	How Buckett's Radio operates and what we can do to support it. Shane & Calida Holstein and Lorna Tomkinson.
14 <sup>th</sup> April Partners Night	Thankyou to our Sponsors
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Board Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup> April Bring your Partners	Off site visit to Moppy. Norm Bartlett will supply the spit roast. BYO drinks, picnic tables & chairs and nibbles, salads and desserts to share.
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Promotion of Forster Film Festival screening in Gloucester 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Мау	Bowel Scan month
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Motorcycle Muster – Volunteers needed for BBQ and selling of Pies etc
5 <sup>th</sup> May Partners Night	Unsung Hero Award presentation 6.30 for 7pm
8 -9 <sup>th</sup> May	Opera in the Church – Volunteers needed for each night as well as hosts for singers.
12 <sup>th</sup> May	The Great Debate Gloucester Rotary Club's 65 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Transfer meeting to 21 <sup>st</sup> at Taree Racecourse for S&E Challenge dinner????
19 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Science & Engineering Challenge – No charge for Mid North Coast Schools due to sponsorship. Helperds needed

16 <sup>th</sup> June	Combined Board meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Changeover Dinner. Celebrate Gloucester Rotary's 65 <sup>th</sup> . Helena's 17 <sup>th</sup> .
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Ambrose Golf day

#### Other important info:

Australia Rotary, now have a **Registered Rawcs Number specific to the Vanuatu disaster** with tax deductible status. All Districts or individuals can now contribute to this one donation site knowing that the funds will go to the affected communities.

https://donations.rawcs.com.au/Default.aspx?ProjectID=845&ReturnTo=4

**Rotary Friendship Exchange**: District Committee is currently communicating with the following countries with a view to exchanging with some of them in 2016. This is just an advance notice of what " might " happen in 2016.

Countries involved are: Scotland, Sweden, Turkey, Korea, South Africa, England, Malaysia, Canada and Mauritius.

If any members of our club are interested in Friendship Exchange and/or wish to visit any of these countries please contact Grahame Stelzer.

Quota's 50<sup>th</sup> year celebrations – see info opposite

#### Opera in the Church - see below





#### Previous meeting – Special Hong Kong Dinner





Li organized a game with cheezels to tutor us in chopstick use, a test on the chinese Zodiac and trivia questions about Chinese etiquette. A huge thankyou to Li for all her efforts and congratulations to her for translating Sandy's stories.



## Wine Tour – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March

The rotary wine tour was a great success.

The weather perfect, the crowd boarded the bus headed for John Dugas vineyard. John gave a lively presentation and tasting, lots of nicely presented nibbles whilst we sat in the grape covered pergola. A taste of Johns latest wine out of the big stainless steel barrels, and then we were ready to purchase. We wandered through the vines to get to and from the bus. A great start.

Noël and Lyn Monro's Olive farm was a snapshot out of Tuscany. Crisp white tablecloths, with olive branches complete with olives, decorated the tables, which were set around their pool. The tasting had us gathering at the product stand to purchase the olives, olive oil and olive paste. Noël conducted a lively quiz and then we were back on the bus headed for Tugwood

wines with our arms full of goodies.

Tugwood wines with its beautiful buildings (all built by Rendall and Faull) was a picture of perfection. The grounds pristine, even the distillery room pristine. John told us the history of the land and his reason for settling in Gloucester, how he makes his wine and even prints the labels for the bottles. In his tasting room, we were treated to platters of different cheeses and fruit. A line up to purchase his wines and his liqueurs.







Then, onto Faulls. What a treat. The tables set up under their big trees which form a canopy. White tablecloths and wine glasses (naturally). A professional bar overlooking the stunning mountains, we knew we were in for a treat. The wine tasting went on longer than what it should have but they just kept lining up!!! Their cheese platters were accompanied by Chambourcin and Shiraz jelly made for the occasion by none other than our bulletin editor Vicki Coombes. Beautiful! You will need to

ask John and Debbie how many bottles of wine they sold. They then donated \$5 per bottle back to rotary...how generous is that.

Then the dinner!!!! Debbie and John had been cooking for days. The yummy food was set out on the verandah, Debbie and John and Steve and Karen serving each of us. I can't tell you how good it was, it would rival a Thai restaurant any day. Home made bread, pappadams, Thai beef red curry, Thai green chicken curry, seafood, vegetarian. Then came the desserts. John had made

lemon/lime pies (yes, even the pastry) an ice cream cake and Megan de Witte supplied fruit soak in Cointreau.

Tea and coffee was set out on their verandah overlooking the pool. Debbie and John and their band of helpers clearing up, washing up but still smiling.

Words cannot express how beautiful it was, just ask anyone who was privileged enough to attend. Thank you John and Debbie. Final figures for our rotary club not in yet, it will be published next week.

Thanks also go to John Dugas, Noël and Lyn Monro, John Tugwood, Bruce our Newcome bus bus driver as well as Newcombes, who gave us a great deal on the bus. Will from Roadies who donated half the raffle prize when I asked for a \$100 voucher (popular winner Ashleigh Hickman), the Rotarians who couldn't make it but supplied cheese and chocolates for the dinner and of course all those who attended including the 8 Tree Change participants.



It could not have been a better day.

#### Rotary meetings –New Roster being organised!!!

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Public Officer	PP	Don McLeod	6558 4297

### Our Executive 2014.-.2015

# Four Way Test

Of all the things we say and do: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and friendship? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?