



# Bulletin Gloucester



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RI President 2013 -14:  
Ron Burton; Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma

Ring Megan de Witte 6558 2790 for apologies no later than 11.00 on Tuesdays. Additionally, please advise number and name of guests for each meeting.

Whilst there is an answer phone to take your message, it would be more appropriate if you would email absentee numbers to Megan at [imeldasshoes@bigpond.com](mailto:imeldasshoes@bigpond.com)

## PREVIOUS MEETING



- Christmas Party – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at the Showground. 6.30 for 7pm. \$20, BYO drinks
- Santa's Sleigh Ride – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – turn up and help Pete out on the night!

President Ray welcomed the special guests; our District Governor, Rob Anderson, his wife Kerry, Assistant DG Bruce Moy and President Elect of Taree, Laurie Easter.

A welcome was also extended to Oceane, Partners of Rotarians and a mention that it was good to see Fred Myers for dinner.

A surprise followed, as hyperactive Ray, nearly bursting with having kept a secret, announced a presentation of a Paul Harris Fellowship to Peter Markey.

**Kerry Anderson introduced her Partner's Projects.** These are

1. Rotary health research Grant for Butterfly Children. These children have a rare genetic condition and are known as 'cotton wool babies'. Kerry hopes to raise \$33,000 for a research grant.
2. ROMAC – Kerry hopes to raise \$20,000 towards this project.



**DG Rob Anderson, from Coffs Harbour** was introduced by President Ray.

Rob spoke to the this year's theme 'Engage Rotary – Change Lives'.

Remember why we join Rotary – to get involved  
Some changes are

- Rotary website
- Rotary Foundation – now getting 50% back from money raised 3 years prior and we can determine who/what gets the grants.
- GSE has been replaced by VTT but it is still a cultural mutual exchange but the focus is now specified.
- Zone membership plan
- Public Relations – huge promotion & advertising has been organised
- Rotary Foundations donations

Fellowship activities for District 9650 in 2014 include Rotary Conference – 29-30<sup>th</sup> March at Opal Cove and Coffs Race Club. Rob Pennicott of the Polio Boat Race fame will be there.

International Convention – 1-4<sup>th</sup> June at Olympic Park. 25,000 Rotarians are expected so Book early. All public transport is included in registration.



**NOTICES:**

- **Public speaking finals** were held at Taree last week with our entrant, Sophie Kingston speaking well but outshone by the Taree entrant who was excellent.
- Last Friday night some members went to the new **Old Bar club charter** night. This new club has 26 members. Gloucester Club donated flags and badges.
- Gloucester Rotary BBQ is not allowed to be part of the **Farmer's markets**.
- **Meeting between Rotary, Council and Fitness equipment** representative during last week to choose areas for the exercise stations. The warm up station will be between Farley Gates and the Croquet Courts and the second, Cardiac station to be near the turnstile down to the river. Quotes are being organised and savings can be made if Rotary do the installation of the equipment.
- **Santa will be in Gloucester** from Saturday 30 November to Saturday 14 December 2013 to have photo sessions with you. Santa's House will be at the old NRMA Building opposite the Roundabout. This is a Fund raising project so all Businesses, Clubs, Sporting Groups, Schools, Churches, Charities and Adults are encouraged to participate.
- **Transfer meeting Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014.** Dungog Rotary Club has invited Gloucester and Patterson clubs to a combined meeting. The guest speaker is John Boag from Tamworth who is RI Director. Brian is organising a 'bus trip with extras' to transport us to Dungog for the meeting.

## SOMETHING FOR FUN

**This one comes from the Rotary Club of Kempsey, via Bees.**

An elderly couple was having dinner one evening when the husband reached across the table, took his wife's hand in his and said, "Martha, soon we will be married 50 years, and there's something I have to know. In all of these 50 years, have you ever been unfaithful to me?"

Martha replied, "Well Henry, I have to be honest with you. Yes, I've been unfaithful to you three times during these 50 years, but always for a good reason.

Henry was obviously hurt by his wife's confession, but said, "I never suspected. Can you tell me what you mean by 'good reasons?'"

Martha said, "The first time was shortly after we were married, and we were about to lose our little house because we couldn't pay the mortgage.

Do you remember that one evening I went to see the banker and the next day he notified you that the loan would be extended?"

Henry recalled the visit to the banker and said, "I can forgive you for that. You saved our home, but what about the second time?"

Martha asked, "And do you remember when you were so sick, but we didn't have the money to pay for the heart surgery you needed? Well, I went to see your doctor one night and, if you recall, he did the surgery at no charge."

"I recall that," said Henry. "And you did it to save my life, so of course I can forgive you for that. Now tell me about the third time."

"Alright," Martha said. "So do you remember when you ran for president of your golf club, and you needed 73 more votes?"

<b>Coming Events</b>	
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Apex Carnival. Rotary is helping run the Santa Sleigh Ride as we did last year.
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014</b>	Fellowship evening to commence the year. Venue TBA
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Transfer meeting to Dungog
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Bush Poetry in the Saleyards
<b>22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	Opera in the Church

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### **Rotary meetings – Set up and Put away**

Pleased have organised at least 30 minutes prior to Meeting

<b>December</b>	Grahame Holstein, Vicki Collett, Sharee Abeysekera
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## Important Dates for December and January

	<b>Birthday December</b>	<b>Anniversary December</b>
Stuart Benson	11 <sup>th</sup>	
Brian & Sue Dixon		18 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Radford	19 <sup>th</sup>	
David Collett	23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Liane Markey	24 <sup>th</sup>	
	<b>January</b>	<b>January</b>
Marvin West	1 <sup>st</sup>	
John & Debbie Faull		3 <sup>rd</sup>
Debbie Faull	4 <sup>th</sup>	
Paul Collett	5 <sup>th</sup>	
Vicki & Paul Collett		5 <sup>th</sup>
John Faull	8 <sup>th</sup>	
Kaye Stelzer	12 <sup>th</sup>	
Bernie & Jan Tresidder		19 <sup>th</sup>
Brian Dixon	24 <sup>th</sup>	
Leonie Benson	30 <sup>th</sup>	

## Our Executive 2013.-.2014

<b>President:</b>	Ray Martin	65581455
<b>Vice President :</b>	Sam de Witte	65581734
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<b>Community Service</b>	John Faull	65581722
<b>Vocational Service</b>	Sharee Abeysekera	65588158
<b>Public Officer</b>	Don McLeod	6558 4297
<b>International Service</b>	Valda Barron	6558 2992

## 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?