



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

NOTICES and DATES for your DIARY

- **North Western Muster** – Rotary caravan group will be in Gloucester this week and will attend Tuesday's meeting.
- **Taree on Manning Exchange Students Dinner 8th March at Waterfront Room.**
- **Bush Poetry at Saleyards 15th March** – please advertise and organise a group of friends. \$20 and bring a picnic and drinks
- **District Conference 28/30th March** – Coffs Harbour – Registration is now open on the web
- **Gloucester Show 4/5th April** – Gloucester AH&P have asked us to run the BBQ
- **Duck Races 20th April**
- **Ambrose Golf Fun Day 27th April.** Chris, Valda, Bill & Denver are organising this fundraiser for ROMAC and exercise stations.
- **Motorcycle Muster 3/4th May** Sam has been approached by a Vintage Motorcycle club who want to run a race event – this will increase our numbers.
- **District Training Assembly** dates are now – Gunnedah 4th and Port Macquarie 18th May – therefore the clash with the Motorcycle Muster has been solved.
- **May is Bowel Scan Month.** We'll have a stand outside the Chemist shop as in previous years.
- **MUNA** – 16-18th May in Inverell
- **Rotary World Convention** – June 2-4th Log onto the website to make your bookings
- **Opera in the Church 22nd-23rd August**

Last Week's Meeting

Those attending the transfer meeting assembled at Brian & Heather's for a welcome drink before boarding the bus. Brian drove us to Stroud Country Club collecting a few others along the way.

Dinner was not the 'Chinese' we expected but a baked dinner! Gloucester Rotary Club far outnumbered the Dungogians and the Patterson club was a no show.





Jim Olsen, from Dungog got up to introduce the guest speaker but he entertained us with a story of a pilot 'from out west' renewing his licence with 3 poddy calves in the back of the Cessna. Poor Ron, the instructor was lucky to survive the horrendous journey.

The Guest Speaker was John Boag, a member of the Rotary International Board for the past nearly 2 years. All clubs belong to Rotary International. We are in the Zone with NZ and Philippines. All Rotary Clubs can make suggestions to the Board for consideration. The Rotary Foundation funds, of about \$100m are managed by trustees and \$50-60m are managed by RI.

In Australia, clubs are declining and the Districts have been reduced to 21. Plans are around to encourage new members. The RI Board has 4 meetings a year.

Geoff Olsen thanked John for his information and service to Rotary.



We played Dungog's 'Heads and Tails' and Brian won. This was followed by Gloucester's raffle but we had to explain to the Dungogians to 'share the prizes'. A lively fine session by both groups was sure to raise some money. Lucky our Kookaburra was delivered to the bus as we were leaving!

Romac Lunch at the Radfords.

Pat and Bill provided lunch for 12 guests last Sunday and raised \$500 for ROMAC



Coming Meetings, as organised by Brian	
4th March	Visiting Rotary Caravan Group
11th March	Krambach
25th	Nowendoc – Walcha providing food and Speaker, Gloucester providing drinks
22nd April	Dallas Spokes – offsite visit

Email any messages or contributions for the bulletin to vcoombes54@gmail.com

Something for Fun – pinched from the Walcha Bulletin

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?'

The mother replied, 'Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.' The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'

Rotary meetings – Set up and Put away

Please have organised at least 30 minutes prior to Meeting

March	Donnelle Walker, John Faull, Brian Dixon
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Important Dates for March

	Birthday	Anniversary
David & Margaret Collett		5th
Ray & Anne Martin		9th
John Read	13th	
Young Rustandi	15th	
Ron West	16th	
Sue De Silva	16th	

Our Executive 2013.-.2014

President:	Ray Martin	65581455
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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?