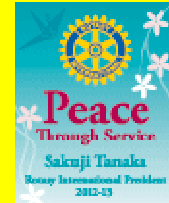


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Sakuji Tanaka

Rotary Club of Yaghio Saitama, JAPAN

**Tonight is a change from the advertised event as the venue selected became unavailable at short notice however we will enjoy a club meeting nevertheless but first lets reflect on last week as we welcomed local footballer Wade Penfold to our club as our guest speaker :-**

## Denver makes a stand!



Denver gets the night off to a rollicking fun night with his usual ease, stand in comic routine, for the evening, sorry stand in Chairman for the evening, Denver did a stirring job of introducing the nights events' and also Wade.

## Guest Speaker



Denver in full flight. Perhaps a re-tread as Club President not too far away?

Denver Introduced Wade Penfold as a member of the Australian Deaf Rugby Union team recently visited Japan and has been selected to tour New Zealand soon.

Wade explained that he had an ocular ear implant in one ear as a small child and with years of speech training, he is able to stand and give such an impressive presentation of his road to selection in the national team.

- Wade is a twenty year lad, now working in Gloucester. He has grown up in the Gloucester area, went to local schools and played his early football with the Magpies.
- Having moved to Coffs Harbour Wade started playing Rugby Union with Southern Cross Rugby Union Club.
- He was approached by Doug Piper to trial for the Australian Deaf Rugby team and was successful in obtaining a trip to Japan. A knee injury on tour took many months to overcome and this weeks game against a Gloucester team was the first opportunity to test the cured knee and all went well.
- Wade spoke of the need to raise funds to enable his up coming tour of New Zealand. Fund raising is usually up to the players to organise.
- Gloucester Rotary was happy to assist with a donation.

We wish Wade well in his future games and generally in his career. It was a great story to see how adversity has been faced head on and with such success. An inspiration to us all!





Later that night ... when I say 'your off side son', believe me! Or do I have to get my son to sort you out?



Having sorted out differences with the 'ref', Wade greatfully accepted a club cheque from PP Ashleigh for his forthcoming trip to New Zealand, all the best to you Wade!

## Directors Speak

- It was announced that RYSAP would be held this year on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012

## Dates to keep in mind.

- 24<sup>th</sup> October Cluster Final Public Speaking at Waterfront Room Taree. Located rear of Exchange Hotel Cnr Victoria and Manning Sts, Taree. Run by Taree North Club 6:00 for 6:30pm and we look forward to our representative for the event.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Nov RYSAP weekend

## General News

- The yearly staple event that was to be held last Tuesday evening was held over for another year! The club was able to 'out source' this activity at the last minute. We all thank Pres Rick and Chris for stapling the remaining tickets after PP Stelzer had gallantly stapled about five hundred of them.
- On what appeared a slow market day at the Rotary BBQ hot plate with few people to cook or buy, we somehow managed to raise more than \$700. A great reward for the efforts of the few who battled the cold boredom and windy extremes of the October morning.
- While Rick is away the Board has decided the following Roster be set up to assist with Chairperson duties in his absence.

## Insert here with Filler!

On what Bob Newhart calls a **slow news day**, the editor thought a small look back at the beginnings of the club bulletin writer..... Starting as a brash teenager David and his mate Greg produced a small newspaper that served a large church community they attended ( and funded Gregs' pursuit of 'girls'). The church provided the youth with four soccer teams, four netball teams, Boy Scouts including cubs, scouts and adventurers; Girl guides of similar age groups and an active young adults group that still achieve nearly 100 people at reunions even today. My task was to cut the stencils, prepare art work, write small articles and run off about 500 copies of which we generally sold out over the monthly publishing period. I continued with writing and editing a few school magazines and nearly getting expelled for what was considered a politically incorrect article in the school magazine (the principal didn't like what I wrote about his management techniques or lack of it) ...further negotiations converted the threatened suspension into a school prefect position. A position I cherished for eighteen months, particularly given how it was achieved! See the power of the printed word!

Greg developed his skills from these humble beginnings into an award winning journalist of various media; news Director at Radio 2UE; news reader at Channel 9 and producing many travel programs you might have seen titled 'The World Around Us'.

I have developed my drawing skills into a financially viable product although my writing skills seem to be destined to technical specification and report writing. However, I thank President Rick for re-kindling my past glories into editing his bulletin. I thank those who from week to week give me encouragement, we all need it!

Finally, I very often take advantage of you all by plying you with poor jokes and taking the 'micky out' of people who happen to fall in front of my camera. Please, I mean no harm, ( I hope none has been done! ); it is all in an attempt to give a bit of fun to our life.

## Stand in Chair Persons

Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> and October 2 <sup>nd</sup> Includes Board meeting		PP Denver Webb
October 9 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> Includes Board meeting		PP Jim de Silva
October 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup>		PP Terry Carson
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup>		PP Graham Holstein
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> Includes Board meeting		PP Brian Dixon
December 4 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>		PP John Hopkins
December 18 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Party		

## Our Rotary Family News

- Our thoughts and prayers continue for the improved health of President Rick as he rests up at home.
- Our thoughts and prayers extend to Judy and John Hopkins as Judy prepares for surgery ( perhaps, some day soon).
- Our thoughts to all club members who are ill or unable to meet with us on a regular basis.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

<b>October</b>		
Collett, David & Margaret		1 <sup>st</sup>
deWitte, Sam	6 <sup>th</sup>	
Montgomerie, France	14 <sup>th</sup>	
McLeod, Lorraine	18 <sup>th</sup>	
Stenstrom, Janette	25 <sup>th</sup>	
deWitte, Sam & Megan		25 <sup>th</sup>
Barron, Valda	31 <sup>st</sup>	

## 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?

**Ring Megan de Witte 6558 2790 for apologies no later than 1100 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 Megans at [imeldasshoes@bigpond.com](mailto:imeldasshoes@bigpond.com)**

### **Our executive for 2012- 2013**

<b>President:</b>	Rick Bowen-Thomas	6558 1610
<b>President Nominee:</b>	Ray Martin	6558 1455
<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Rod Menzel	6558 4190
<b>Secretary:</b>	John Watts	6558 9769
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Chris Pritchard	6558 9991
<b>International/Rotary Foundation</b>	PP John Hopkins	6558 4231
<b>Club Service</b>	PP Grahame Stelzer	6558 4370
<b>New Generations</b>	PP Ash Hickman	6558 2031
<b>Public Relations/Club membership</b>	PP Peter Markey	6558 2550
<b>Community Service</b>	PP Sam deWitte	6558 1734
<b>Vocational Service</b>	PP Jim DeSilva	6558 9248
<b>Public Officer</b>	PP Don McLeod	6558 4297

### **Club Meeting Times / Places in our Rotary Cluster 4 District 9650**

Forster- On – Wallis	Tuesdays 7am
Great Lakes	Mondays 6:30pm at Club Forster
Taree	Mondays 6:15 pm at Club Taree
Taree North	Wednesdays 6:30pm at Waterfront Room, Exchange Hotel
Taree	
Taree-On-Manning	Wednesday 12:30 pm at Exchange Hotel Taree
Tuncurry/Forster	Wednesday 6:30pm at Club Forster
Wingham	Tuesday 6:30pm Bowling Club Combined St Wingham

## Coming Events

<b>Tuesday 2nd October</b>	<p>Meeting 1</p> <p>Off site Meeting to be held at Uniting Church Hall, Cowper St HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES!</p> <p>Substitute Meeting Bowling Club for Club members</p> <p>Peter Markeys' Trivial Pursuit!</p>
<b>Tuesday 9th October</b>	<p>Meeting 2 Bowling Club</p> <p>Guest Speaker Gil Gendron, Director of Technical Services Gloucester Shire Council.</p> <p>Introduced by Geoff Slack and thanked by Brian Dixon.</p>
<b>Tuesday 16th October</b>	<p>Meeting 3 Bowling Club</p> <p>This is My Life Ken Graham Introduced by Ken Graham and Thanked by Ken Graham ..... obviously in keeping with his life?</p> <p>Board Meeting</p>
<b>Tuesday 23rd October</b>	<p>Meeting 4</p> <p>A Night at the Movies. I Spy produced and directed by Samuel Faull ( son of John &amp; Bebbie ).</p> <p>Presented by Rod Menzel and thanked by all!</p>
<b>Tuesday 6th November</b>	<p>Meeting 5 is a POTENTIAL BREAKFAST MEETING TBA</p>

ROTARY MEETINGS – SET UP AND PUT AWAY	
MONTHLY ROSTER – <b>Necessary to be organized at least 30 minutes prior to Meeting</b>	
OCTOBER	Montgomerie, Menzel, Hopkins
NOVEMBER	Martin, Markey, Benson
DECEMBER	<b>Read, McLeod, Griffin</b>
JANUARY	Graham, Faull, Dixon
FEBRUARY	De Witte, De Silva, Collett
MARCH	Carson, Benson, Bowen-Thomas
APRIL	Barron, Abeysekera, Hickman
MAY	Read, Radford, McLeod
JUNE	Montgomerie, Menzel, Hopkins
<b>If you can't attend your rostered time please organize a swap.</b>	