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Sakuji Tanaka

Rotary Club of Yaghio Saitama, JAPAN

Tonight is a return to the scheduled programme as we invite Gil Gendron as our guest speaker but first lets look back at last weeks' special event; the life of Ken Graham:-

Very early in my Rotary career I went to a Rotary meeting for newly appointed Club Secretaries at Kempsey. One of the guest speakers has an amazing similarity to Ken Graham later in the day I went up to this character and said to him We have our own version of you back at Gloucester, the response; yes that's right it's my twin brother...I'm Eric Graham! I am sorry I missed Ken but we can read together some of his life stories later in this bulletin.

Our President Rick Bowen-Thomas still on the sick list. Denver Webb in the Chair.

Peter Markey opened the meeting, explaining that our meeting which was to be held at the Uniting Church and which was to feature a recital by exchange student Josi, will be rescheduled due to the Uniting Church Hall being unavailable.

- Rod Menzel reported that Judy was operated on at 8.30 am and after a 4 hour operation appears to be comfortable with the surgeon declaring he was very happy with the results.
- A sound system has been purchased which is able to be plugged in to any laptop. Rotary to retain ownership of the equipment, although it will be set up permanently at the Bowling Club enabling others to use it.
- A reminder that we have plenty of Trifecta tickets for sale

Josi Speaks

Josi gave a very informative talk about her trip to Coffs' Harbour with 2 other exchange students. Josi is also changing host parents, from next week she will be leaving the Yates family and joining the Sommervilles.



Directors Speak

- John Watts gave a précis of the minutes from the Board Meeting
- We were reminded that Jack Wilson will be competing in the district public speaking at Taree on 24th October. Ashleigh, Valda and maybe Grahame Stelzer will attend. Please consider coming along to support Jack Wilson (who is also the Captain of Gloucester High School this year)
- The board agreed to sponsor the lighting of a tree during the Christmas festival. Also a Go Kart event.
- Approval has been given for Dungog Rotary Club to borrow our rotary BBQ on 20th October, as dungog is hosting a Rock Festival, featuring the rock band Mumford and Sons. They are expecting crowds of 80,000 over that week-end.
- A new rotary brochure is being printed shortly.
- Denver announced that in future the dinner fees will only be accepted in correct money or \$20. Should you hand over \$50 the change will be considered a donation.

Jim de Silva

The battery muster has not gone as well as expected, as there is competition from out of town companies who actually pay for residents to hand over their batteries. It was suggested we all ask our neighbours if they would consider donating their batteries. Ashleigh has made up some leaflets for this purpose.

Don McLeod

Reminded us of the wonderful work RAWC does with the money collected from the sale of the yellow stickers for \$10 each. A good number were then sold to our members.

Ashleigh Hickman

RYSAP is on 23/24 November, and we will need plenty of hands on deck. The

bbq dinner on the Friday evening, Breakfast Saturday morning, lunch Saturday and help with the dinner on Saturday evening in the form of waiters and waitresses. Please keep the week-end free if you can, it is a worthwhile program for our year 10 students.

Sam De Witte

The bbq at the community markets took overall \$700, expenses to be taken from that.

Grahame Stelzer

Thanked all the hosts for the Nova Scotia Friendship Exchange. The consensus of opinion was that the hosts enjoyed it as much as the guests. Grahame and Kaye enjoyed their time on the bus with the visitors, where Grahame drove and recalled his young years doing exactly that overseas. Grahame urged anyone with an opportunity to apply for a Friendship Exchange to try for it.

Guest Speaker



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

Denver then took great pleasure in introducing our Guest Speaker. Ken Graham on "This is your Life"

Words cannot do this talk justice, it was entertaining and it is a shame if you missed it.

Ken was born the elder of twins in 1931. He resided in Beecroft and when it came time to attend High School his father decided Sydney Grammar was appropriate for Kenno and Eric. Ken participated in Rowing, Cadets ,Rugby.

On leaving school Ken thought a life on the land would suit him, but his uncle turned out to be a cranky old (insert word here) and Ken headed back to the city.

His career as a salesman began at AGE on the trade desk, but when they failed to appreciate his talents he decided to take off on the Orantes for the UK. Seven weeks later e sailed into

Tilbury.

In the Uk he worked for AEI, a company with 90,000 employees, and from all accounts his working life took second place to his social life.

When the celebrity Chef Graham Kerr came into the company where Ken was working and asked Kitchen Aid to design a kitchen for a TV set, the company declined, but Ken saw an opening and started up his own business and Graham Kerr was delivered a wonderful set for his TV show.

Ken opened his company with 6 employees and sold it when he had 100 employees.

A beautiful young woman came to work for Ken, named Lyn Douglas. When Ken's marriage broke down, mainly due to difficulties after losing his eldest son in a car accident, Ken and Elynne became more than the friends they had been for some time, and in 1985 married. Elynne was driving through Gloucester, and stopped at Kia ora lookout, rang Ken and told him she had found where they could retire. They purchased their farm, and the rest is history.

Geoff Slack thanked Ken for his entertaining talk, and added a very funny story regarding Ken, which I would suggest you ask Geoff the details when next you see him if you were unlucky enough to miss the talk.



This weeks' Bulletin has been delayed, waiting for the photo enhancement of our speaker

Dates to keep in mind.

24th 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.

Sunday 28th October Coffs City Rotary Bonville Golf Rotary Challenge
 Sat 17th November 6pm Combined Services BBQ Lions Park in the Park. Numbers to be taken
 23rd – 24th Nov RYSAP weekend
 December 11th Gloucester Rotary Christmas Party to be advised January 1st 2013.

A Thank You to Valda for the preparation of this weeks Bulletin. Editor

Stand in Chair Persons

October 9 th and 16 th Includes Board meeting	PP Jim de Silva
October 23 rd and 30 th	PP Terry Carson
Nov 6 th and 13 th	PP Graham Holstein
Nov 20 th and 27 th Includes Board meeting	PP Brian Dixon
December 4 th and 11 th	PP John Hopkins
December 18 th Christmas Party	

ANNIVERSARIES:

October		
Montgomerie, France	14 th	
McLeod, Lorraine	18 th	
Stenstrom, Janette	25 th	
deWitte, Sam & Megan		25 th
Barron, Valda	31 st	

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**

Our executive for 2012- 2013

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

ROTARY MEETINGS – SET UP AND PUT AWAY	
MONTHLY ROSTER – Necessary to be organized at least 30 minutes prior to Meeting	
OCTOBER	Montgomerie, Menzel, Hopkins
NOVEMBER	Martin, Markey, Benson
DECEMBER	Read, McLeod , Griffin
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
If you can't attend your rostered time please organize a swap.	

Coming Events

Tuesday 9th October	Meeting 2 Bowling Club PP Jim de Silva Chair person Guest Speaker Gil Gendron, Director of Technical Services Gloucester Shire Council. Introduced by Geoff Slack and thanked by Brian Dixon.
Tuesday 16th October	Meeting 3 Bowling Club PP Jim de Silva Chair person for Club Night John Watts to introduce our new club website Peter Markey Trivia night Board Meeting
Tuesday 23rd October	Meeting 4 PP Terry Carson Chair person A Night at the Movies. I Spy produced and directed by Samuel Faull (son of John & Bebbie). Presented by Rod Menzel and thanked by all!
Tuesday 30 th October	PP Terry Carson Chair person Meeting 5 is a POTENTIAL BREAKFAST MEETING TBA
Tuesday 6th November	NO MEETING MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL AT HOME!
Tuesday 13th November	TBA PP Grahame Holstein