



17925 Bulletin

Gloucester

Rotary Club of Gloucester Inc

28th January 2013

Club 17925, District 9650 Chartered 17th May 1950

Secretary – John Watts

President – Peter Markey

Treasurer – Chris Pritchard

Rotary Bulletin for 22nd January, 2013



Sergeant at Arms Bernie Tressider opened the meeting with a minutes silence in respect of Rick Bowen-Thomas who sadly passed away on 17th December 2012.

Bernie has taken over the role from Peter Markey who was inducted as President for the remainder of 2013.

Peter vowed to steer the direction set by Rick and his board.

Peter is now looking for a membership officer, a vice-president and welcomed Bernie as the new Sergeant at Arms.

Director reports

Sam de Witte

- Called for volunteers to cook the Australia Day Breakfast which will be held at the Rec Centre this year. Volunteers are needed from 7 am . Ray Martin, John Read, Brian Beesley Denver Webb Jim de Silva all stepped up to the plate. The breakfast will be available to the public from 8 am.
- A reminder that the Motor Cycle expo will be on 4/5th May this year.

Grahame Stelzer

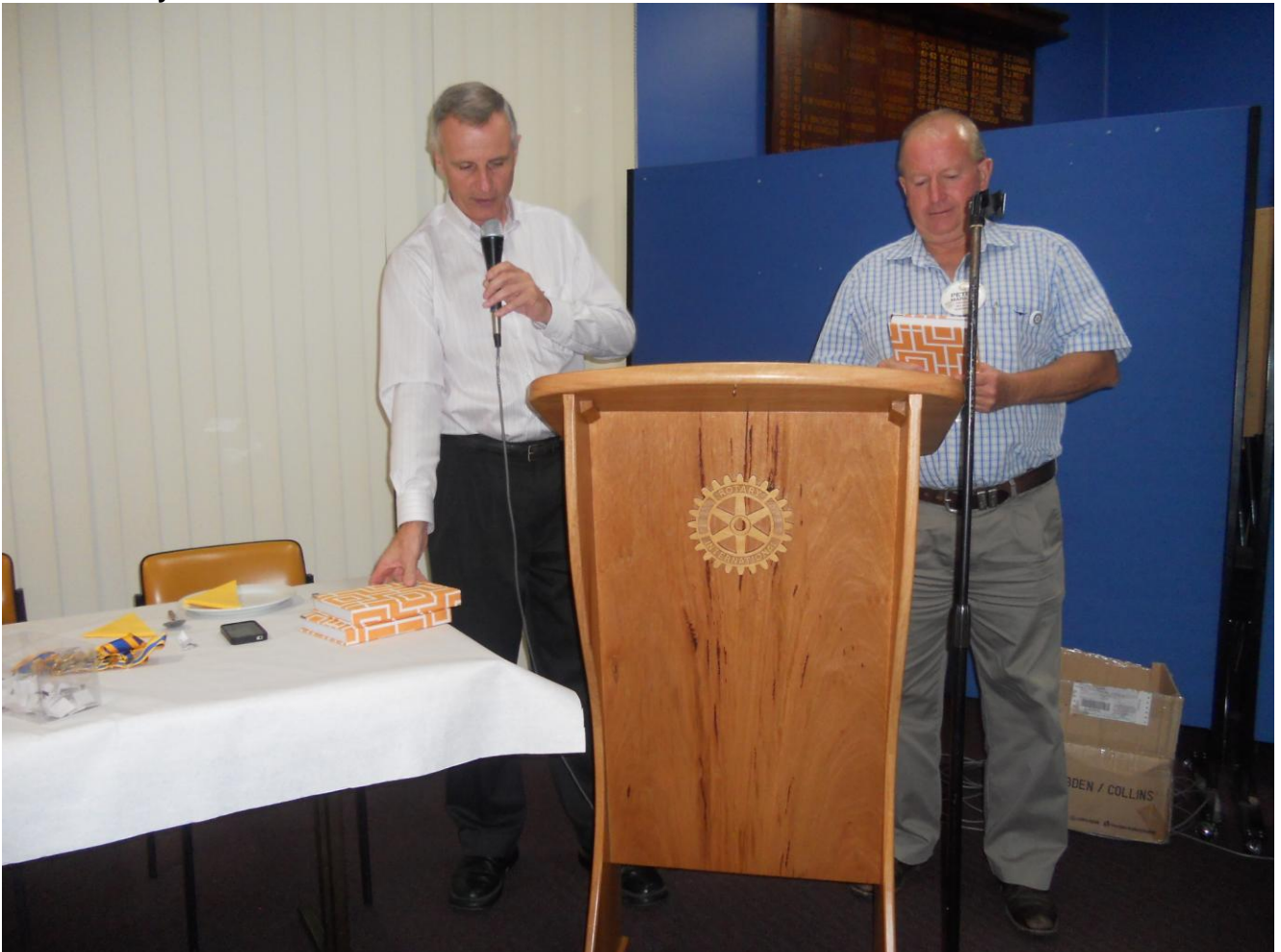
Grahame spoke to David Collett and reports he sounded as though the operation went well. Good luck for your recovery David, we hope to see you back REAL soon.

- Josie, our exchange students leaves our shores on 11th February. Josie's farewell will be held on next Tuesday evening 29th January. It will be a partners night at the Bowling Club. Please advise Megan of any guests you are bringing.
- A reminder that Lyn Slack will be speaking of cruising in West Africa on 5th February
- 19th February will be at the Slacks property starting in the cattle sheds and progressing later to the house. Please bring your own plates, glasses knives forks and salad. There will be meat cooked on the bbq.
- Stelz still has 4 boxes of rotary wine to be sold. 1 white, 3 red. Proceeds to Prostate cancer. \$240 per dozen.

Denver Webb

Denver reminded us of the community swimming relay to be held on Monday evening 18th February. Dust off those Budgie Smugglers and organize your team. Please advise Denver of your intentions.

Brian Beesley our DG then addressed the club



Brian presented Peter with a Crown Seal Rotary Badge to honour his time as President this year.

Bees also presented W diaries to the Directors and President Elect.

- There are Raffle Tickets to be sold with the proceeds going to Rotary Foundation. First Prize is a beautiful Quilt valued at \$1,500.00 designed and made by Francis Griffiths.
- A reminder from our DG of the conference to be held on 11-14th April at Taree.

Three Guest Speakers of some note have been lined up.

Dan Gridley
Peter Sharp
Stuart Heale

The topics include “acting Small Looking Big” and having a “Serious Look at Ourselves as how our Rotary Club is evolving”

Thursday evening 11th will be a Seafood Night, Friday a formal dinner and Saturday evening make sure to wear something from around the world.

Bees told of his experience after talking of the bush fire disaster when a lady came into his shop to ask how much of her donation goes to the victims of the fires. When Bees told her 100% she wrote a cheque for \$5,000.00

Nick Wright of Dorrigo told of 4 or 5 young Rotarians who delivered 2 loads of fodder to Coonabarabran. He reminded us that so many people have no idea what rotary is all about. Let's make a point of telling people.

A few facts and figures included

- 1.2 million worldwide turnaround of Rotarian every 7 years
- Our district raises 1.6 million per year for community
- 56 skilled presidents are turned out each year

We need to look at how we do it. Think of what our Gloucester Club will be in 10 years.

Old Bar is bending the rules by using Taree North as their Club but meeting in Old Bar each week. They have 6 people and are looking forward to 20 in the year.

We impose rules at club level; let's look at what we can do to attract new members. Approach Council and ask if they would send a representative to our meetings each week, no need to be the same person but within that group someone may be interested long term.

The meeting concluded with the National Anthem.