

Rotary



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Coming Meetings and other Functions.

MAY BOWEL SCAN MONTH	BOWEL SCAN SELLING MONTH Outside the Pharmacy. Monday 2 nd till Tuesday 31 st or until sold. 250 Kits @ \$15 each.
Friday 20th May	The High School Challenge at Taree Race Course. 8am for workers. 9am start. John Walton and S&E committee require 3 Rotarians from each club to run the day. We need to advise John by Tuesday 17 th May.
Tuesday 24th May Partner's Night 6 for 6.30pm	"High School Debate" Night . Rotary Team vs High School Team. Please email attendance for catering purposes. Cost \$20 pp . Students – no charge
Tuesday 31st May Partners & Guests welcome 6 for 6.30pm	"Transition To Retirement" Seminar at the Bowling Club. Pre-Booking is Essential (Tickets on sale from Bowe and Lidbury) Cost \$25.00pp includes Dinner and Seminar. <i>**Also on our Rotary website under upcoming Event**</i>
Saturday 4th June	Clearance Sale held by Rotarian, Geoff Slack. Venue at "Berrico" . BBQ helpers needed. Please see John Faull if you can help.
Tuesday 7th June	"Unsung Hero" Award presentation and Ida's last Rotary night
Saturday 11th June	Community Markets BBQ – See John Faull if you can help
Tuesday 14th June	Fellowship Night followed by Joint Board Meeting of both incoming and outgoing Boards
Thursday 16th June	"Meet The Candidates" night. Venue: TBA
Tuesday 21st June	Wingham Rotary Club Changeover at RSL/Services Club Wingham
Saturday 25th June	District 9650 Changeover - Maurie Stack to Ian Jackson Venue: Rear of Exchange Hotel "Waterfront Room" Taree
Tuesday 28th June Partners Night	Gloucester Rotary Club Changeover Dinner. Sharee to Ash
Tuesday 19th July	Possible Christmas in July at Stroud Public School with Dungog Rotary

Directors Reports & others:



“Happy 66th Birthday Rotary Club of Gloucester!!”

Meeting opened with **Peter Markey** announcing our Club 66th Birthday since Rotary Club of Wingham sponsored us. We give thanks to Wingham Club for starting us off. Since then, the club has grown in size. We enjoy good fellowships, laughter and fun. And contribution to the town, serving the community has also grown in value. So thank you Wingham Rotary Club and a happy birthday to us!

PDG **Brian Beesley** brought along a special guest he only introduced as “Mike”. Mike brought along a guitar and started serenading us with a little story of his life before breaking into a song.

(Now, no peeking at the name at the end..... Let’s see who can guess who our special guest is just by reading his story and looking at his picture.....)

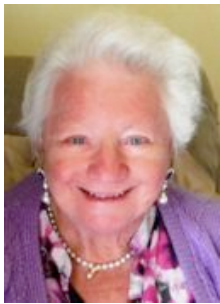
Mike began life in Melbourne and at a young age of 10, he and his family moved to Sydney where he spent most of his life there. He later moved to Armidale begin his education career as a teacher. Much to his dad’s distress, who wanted Mike to be a barrister instead. He has 2 brothers who are a barrister (now a senior Supreme Court Judge) and a lawyer respectively. Later in life, his dad was horrified when Mike announced that he was going to leave his teaching profession and start making a living out of music!! And for most of his life, his dad would often ask him if he was ever going to make money. In 1974, one of his songs was voted ‘Song of the Year’ by the Australian Music Industry. For 15 years, Mike was singing, touring and travelling. During this time, he was approached by a couple of advertising company and asked to use his song for an ad campaign. So Mike, tired of the travelling life, said no, they cannot use that song but he is willing to write them a new song to use for their ads. After travelling for about 18 months overseas, Mike came back to Australia and opened up a company with a couple of his friends called Mojo. So he started freelancing and for the next 2 years, he contributed to some of the most memorable advertising on television, writing the concepts, words and music for clients like the Australian Airlines, Red Rooster, Channel 9, XXXX and Tooheys campaigns. After that, Mike and a partner left Mojo and set up their own ad agency called Kazoo, which grew from 2 staff to over 30. About 5 years ago, Mike sold his shares in Kazoo and set up his own company. He was once more in control of his own destiny again. He misses performing and more time to write for himself so he went back to performing and recording his music. So if you are wondering what Mike’s second name is, this music might give you a clue.....Mike started playing and singing the song “Song and Danceman” who is the 1974 Song of The Year..... Introducing for the first time to our Rotary club stageMr Mike McClellan!!!! *(More performance to follow!!!*



After the wonderful performance, **President Sharee** thanked Mike for the music. She also decorated the tables with lollies in the party hats. There was a beautiful cake as well to celebrate the club’s 66th Birthday. Before President Sharee arrived tonight, she did a little bit of homework as to who would do the honour of cutting the cake. It was decided that the longest serving Rotarian present at the meeting would be cutting the cake. So our lovely Terry Carson got the honour of cutting the cake with his party hat. President Sharee made a list of the longest serving members to the newest joining member. Fred Myers is one of the first members to join Gloucester Rotary Club back on the 1st of June 1981. Next on the list was Grahame Holstein, then Terry Carson, Brian Beesley, Geoff Slack, Grahame Stelzer, Brian Dixon, Ray Martin and Same DeWitte joined at the same time. The newest joining members are Jane Deen and Ernie Abeysekera. *(If you are interested in the list, please see Sharee. Well done, President ‘Detective’ Sharee)*



The University of Newcastle has presented the club with a certificate for the Science Challenge at Taree. Special thanks to Rotarian John Read and his lovely wife, Barbara and Rotarian Brian Dixon and his lovely wife, Sue for volunteering at this wonderful event.



Update on our beloved late Don McLeod's lovely wife, **Lorraine McLeod**.

Lorraine is now at Kimbarra Lodge, Gloucester Nursing Home. She loved it there. So if you have time, please drop in for a visit. Both children, Craig and Leanne, are finding it hard at the moment. They will start the process of cleaning up Don and Lorraine's house this week. So if any Rotarians and Friends can lend a helping hand, the clean up process will be starting on Thursday 19th May to Sunday 22nd May. Please see President Sharee if you need more details.

Brian Beesley gave an update on the "Great Debate" next week and the "Transition to Retirement" expo the following week. Please invite as many people to come along to both events. For the Retirement Expo, all members and the public will need to **book in advance at the Bowe and Lidbury Real Estate**. Cost is \$25 per person for the evening. There will be a letterbox drop leading up to the event and our local radio station will be advertising the event as well. So book your tickets in advance please!!

Peter Markey was asked by Rotarian Lindy Dupree to let people know of the launching of Author Peter King book, *The Challenge of the Commons*. This event will be held at the Gloucester Bookshop on Friday 20th May from 5.00pm. Peter King is a former President of the World Heritage Committee and of the Australian Heritage Commission, Rhodes Scholar, a former Member of the Australian Parliament and Mayor of an urban Sydney Municipality. His book, *The Challenge of the Commons*, proposes a broadened and updated sequel to the Kyoto Protocol under the Climate Change Convention to which Australia is a party. Please RSVP Lindy at email: info@gloucesterbookshop.com.au by Friday 13th May for more information and booking.

Sam de Witte gave an update on the outbound students. All of the students are having a great time. They have made some really great friends. Both NZ students are doing well. They have swapped living arrangement.... The one that lived in the country has gone to the city of NZ and vice versa.



Jane Deen wanted to commend our Inbound Exchange Student, **Ida Sevon**. Ida spent the weekend on Jane and Wayne's Farm. With some instructions from Farmer Wayne, and a bit of translation from Jane, Ida participated in rounding up about 65 cows!! Up the road, into the next paddock, into the pen, our cowgirl Ida was very hands on with the herding of the cows and the only thing she backed out on was tagging a cow!! After that, she made a pannicotta for Wayne and Jane and her host parents, Sharee and Ernie. Well Done Ida!!

Before she goes back, Pete is going to teach her how to crack a whip!!



Yee Haw !!!

John Read gave an update on the “Unsung Hero Award” evening (7 June). The club’s committee has decided on the winner. More details will be disclosed closer to the day. The 3rd Exercise Equipment is on its way. The concrete Slab is completed.

Grahame Stelzer reminded everyone that it is still Bowelscan May Month. There are 60 remaining kits to be sold. We need a volunteer for about 2 hours every weekday please! If you can, please ring Grahame. Volunteers Needed!!

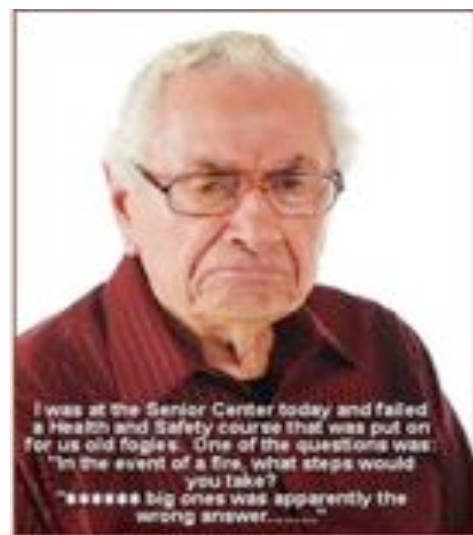


After the reports, dinner and cakes were served. And the meeting closed with more marvellous singing from our special guest, Mike McClellan. President Sharee presented Mike with a Rotary Glass as a Thank You Gift. Those that were present had the chance to buy some of his CDs and DVDs. Ray Martin started the autograph signing and before you know it, there’s a queue of Rotarians waiting to get their CDs and DVDs signed by Mike. If you were not able to come to this meeting and would like to purchase a CD or DVD, please see Brian Beesley. He’s the connection. And also I have selected one of his performing song tonight, with his permission, to put onto our Gloucester Rotary website. So keep an eye out on that!! What a beautiful singer and a kindred soul..... Thank you Mike!!



Meeting closed with our guest leading us in the National Anthem.

Laughter
always the best medicine





May Birthday Celebrations



Lynn Slack 4th , Jan Tresidder 8th , Hildegard Griffin 16th ,
Doug Barron 14th , Heather Beesley 23rd



Geoff & Lyn Slack 3rd ,

Liane & Peter Markey 22nd

Meeting Preparation & Clean Up

Please if you do not have time to set up please let one of your team know.

May	Bruce Montgomerie, John Read, Li Meng Wong
June	Karen Miles, Young Rustandi, Grahame Holstein
July	Sam de Witte, Wayne Salvestro, Jane Deen
August	Vicki Collett, Chris Pritchard, Pete Markey,
September	Ashleigh Hickman, Grahame Stelzer, Geoff Slack
October	Denver Webb, John Faull, Brian Beesley
November	Brian Dixon, Sharee and Ernie Abeysekera
December	Terry Carson, Ashleigh Hickman, Donnelle Walker



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?

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