

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.
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 Partners & Guests welcome 6.30pm for 7pm	"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 6.30om for 7pm	"Meet The Candidates" night – Lyne Electorate Venue: The Senior Citizens Centre, Hume Street Gloucester
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:

President Sharee opened the meeting by inviting non-Rotarians to stand up and introduced themselves and who had invited them to the Great Debate night. There were many supporters from the school and relatives of our two student speakers, Cohen and Ben.

John Read reported Dr David Gillespie came to Gloucester on Tuesday 24th May and made a presentation to the Rotary members for the \$7000 grant approved for the 3rd Exercise Equipment. He has upload a short video clip on his Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/DavidGillespieMP/?fref=ts>) of him and a few of our Rotarians utilizing the exercise equipment. This project was started two years ago with PDG Ray Martin, and then carried over to PDG Brian Beesley and then to President Sharee.

John has also been successful in the \$5000 grant from the Holiday Coast Credit Union. The presentation of the Cheque to our president will take place outside the Gloucester Brand of the Holiday Coast Credit Union. It will be on Thursday 9th June at 10.30am. CEO of the Bank, Neville Parson, is a great supporter of our club and also to the community. Please come along to show our appreciation for his support and also get your photo taken!!

The Rotary Panel has selected the “Unsung Hero Award” winner.

Nominees are : Shirley Patmore, Bob Tebbet, John Hughes, Ollie Rinkin, Toni Laurie

It was a tough decision. The presentation will be on Tuesday 7th June. So please keep that date available and come to the meeting to congratulate the winner and all the nominees for giving so selflessly back to the community.

John Faull will be organising the BBQ for the Berrico Clearance Sale at Geoff Slack’s property. Please see John if you can help. BBQ will start at 8am (Geoff will be giving free beer, but not til 4pm.)

Valda Barron is speaking on behalf of Grahame Stelzer (as he is away). We still have 40 Bowelscan kits left to sell. As there are not enough volunteers, the remaining kits will be sold at the pharmacy. Another wonderful Rotary Project – see below

BOWELSCAN UPDATE REPORT – (Courtesy Of Taree Rotary Bulletin)

Max Carey has received an early progress report from Clinical Genomics as of Friday 13th May. Some of the highlights are :

- * Kits processed at that date 3,604 with a positivity rate of 6.8%
- * Just over 200 have been received from “Under 50’s” with 13 positives
- * 1506 have been received from “over 74’s” with 138 positives (9.2%)
- * Male = 44% Females = 56%

This just shows how worthwhile the Bowelscan Project is each year.

Brian Beesley reminded everyone of the “Transition to Retirement” night. We need accurate numbers of attendees for catering purposes. Please see additional flyer below with the time allocations.

“High School Debate Night”

Topic ‘That Students be allowed to access the internet during the HSC examinations’



President Sharee reminded the debate teams of the rules (as outlined in the invite) before passing the mic on to PDG Brian Beesley. There are 3 speakers and 1 student on each Debate Team. Brian will be going around each table and selling ‘black’ colour tickers. These black tickers are the bribery tickets. (On this note, one of the Rotary Debate team player, Ray, was very busy handing out chocolates and lollies to try and sweeten the crowd!!) Bribery tickets are \$2.00 per ticket and there is no limit to the quantity sold!! Each speaker has 2 minutes to speak and there is a warning bell at one and a half minutes.

Topic for the Great Debate is “Students be allowed to access the internet during the HSC examinations.” Rotary team is debating ‘AGAINST’ and the Gloucester High School team is debating ‘FOR’.

The Gloucester High School Speakers



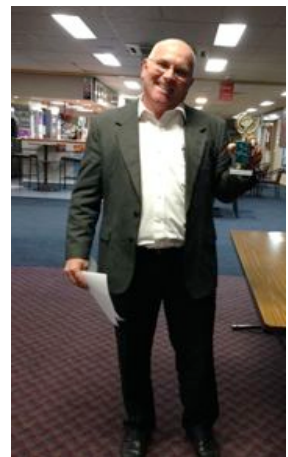
Colleen Sorrensen



Ben Reynolds



Mark Green



Principle Pat

In Summary, the School Team argued that Internet is part of an integration of our Life. Colleen argued that Googling is part of our life now. Ask Siri, said Speaker Ben. Mark pointed out that internet helps us to progress and think better. Quoting from George Carlin, “Govt don’t want well-informed, well-educated people that do thinking. They want obedience and dumb enough to accept the pay. The Internet open up possibility to Youth so they can exceed expectation. And as Principle Pat candidly concluded, to argue against using the Internet will result in being run down by the Train of Progress. Technology has been invented for us to progress.

The Rotary Debate Team



Ray Martin



Cohen Durbridge



Geoff Slack



Peter Markey

In Summary, the Rotary argued that eventually, students are so reliant on the Internet that no one has thought of what will happen if the internet went down? Ray argued flippantly that gone are the days where students were forced to be inventive and skilful and well prepared when it came to using various devious cheating methods. Cohen argued there will be OH&S issues in exams room where cords of technology trail along the floor. And that who has the fast Wi-Fi ultimately has the most advantage. Geoff argued that Internet will take away the ability for students to argue and influence using their own brain and not some technology. Peter concluded by asking if the world has gone stark raving mad! He pointed out that not everyone had equal opportunity to the same technology, city kids vs country kids. Whoever has the fastest Wi-Fi wins. And when the internet goes down during an exam, students will be forced to use their brain but unfortunately, they didn't retain any because they were too reliant on the internet access!!

Sergeant Peter Markey then lead a 'Fine Session' Interlude while the Judges were counting tickets and Wendy deciding whose team cheered the loudest (keeping in mind there are 3 Rotary table supporters to the 1 High School table supporters....)



Claire Reynolds & Grahame Holstein counting the tickets

Wendy Hughes – Applauds Judge

Winner of the Award goes to the Rotarian Team. The High School team also won a \$500 donation to their SRC program from the night's fundraising. President Sharee presented the cheque to Mark, who is one of the management team of SRC. With this donation, SRC can continue to run some of their projects, like providing food for Lunchtime, for the Athletes & Swimming Carnival, the School Social, and others. So it is a Win Win competition, good fellowship night and plenty of laughter.



Meeting closed with the National Anthem.

Laughter
always the best medicine

When I was young I decided I wanted to be a doctor so I took the entrance exam to go to Medical School. One of the questions asked us to rearrange the letters PNEIS into the name of an important human body part which is most useful when erect.

Those who answered 'SPINE' are doctors today. The rest of us are sending jokes via email. (^_^)



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ROTARY DISTRICT 9650 CHANGEOVER



Be a gift to the world

2015-2016

Maurie Stack DG 2015-2016



2016-2017

Ian Jackson DG 2016-2017

Venue: The Waterfront Room, rear of the Exchange Hotel, 1 Manning St, Taree

Time: Saturday 25 June 2016, 6.00pm for a relaxed 7.00pm start—time to catch up with friends and Rotarians

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Dress: Smart casual

Booking on line through **Trybooking**, link is <https://www.trybooking.com/LJGO>

RSVP by Tuesday 14 June please for catering numbers.

If unable to use Trybooking please send acceptance to District Secretary Elizabeth Tollis by 14 June, email elizabeth.tollis@gmail.com and pay at the door. Please also notify Elizabeth for any dietary requirements.

Your company, and your club's involvement is most welcome on this occasion, with entertainment and some special presentations on the evening.

Please take this opportunity to wish DG Maurie Stack and De all the best following their incredible year with our District, and congratulate incoming DG Ian Jackson and Barbara as he enters his year of being District Governor of D9650

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Transition to Retirement Seminar

ONE EVENING ONLY

Everything you wanted to know about Retirement yet still enjoying your lifestyle.

6.00 for 6.30 Dinner Tuesday 31st May
Bowling Club Function Room.

Professional representatives to speak on:

- How much money do I need to retire? (The BIG question)
- How do I plan for my Retirement? (Getting it all set up)
- Planning a Will to look after my family? (Wealth Protection)
- How do I prepare mentally to retire? (Not driving my partner mad!!)

Evening Agenda:

- 5.30 pm Guests and Presenters meet informally (over a drink and Pre dinner)
- 6.25 pm Call to be seated. (Guests spread amongst the tables)
- 6.45 pm Keynote speaker
- 7.00 pm Dinner
- 7.30 pm Deciding how much Money do I need (7 Minutes) Shane
- 7.45 pm Look after the Books—Role of the Accountant (7 Minutes) Michael
- 8.00 pm Dessert
- 8.10 pm How not to drive your Partner mad (Dr. Col)
- 8.25 pm Wealth Protection (7 Minutes) Josh
- 8.40 pm Getting it all Planned (7 minutes) Alan
- 8.50 pm Making your money work (7 Minutes) Neville
- 9.00 pm Keeping Good records (7 Minutes) Steve)
- 9.10 pm Wrap-up of the topic (7minutes) Warren
- Open forum questions from the floor.

Presenters are available from 5.30pm for an informal chat before dinner.



Any questions ... Brian Beesley (Gloucester Rotary 0419634275)



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?

Gloucester Rotary Club Executives

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