

# Rotary Club of Taree



Tuesday, September 26, 2023



## Presidents Message - 27/09

Hi everyone.

Have a great long weekend and enjoy next Monday night off. Remember we are not meeting!

Enjoy this time with your friends and family and drive safely.

It is a big weekend with plenty to do.

- Old Bar Festival
- Rugby League Grand Final
- AFL Grand Final

Whatever you do, have fun and keep smiling.  
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## October Calendar

October Meeting Dates

- 2/10/2023 NO MEETING
- 9/10/2023 Stephen Michael King – Childrens Book Author and Illustrator
- 16/10/2023 First Steps Count Vocational Visit then Dinner at The Grill
- 23/10/2023 Robyn and Jacqui local musicians
- 30/10/2023 TBA

## Guest Speaker: Mark Drury - My Canadian Wildfires Adventure

Last night, Mark Drury was our special guest speaker and Mark gave us an exciting outline of his Canadian Wildfire firefighting adventures.

Mark was part of an Australian contingent sent to Canada to help fight their wildfires in Alberta province. He was based at Fox Creek and spent 6 weeks putting out spot fires. They were accommodated in large mining dongas, which was well fitted out and very comfortable.

This tour was also like a homecoming for Mark, as in 2010 he was part of a Rotary group study exchange which toured Alberta province studying their forestry methods and this tour enabled him to catch up with some of his old host families.

## Club Meeting

Taree  
Meets at Club RSL & Golf Club Taree  
Club RSL & Golf Club Taree 121  
Wingham Road  
Taree, 2430  
Time: Monday at  
06:00 PM

## Events

No Events found

## Speakers

**October 09, 2023**  
[Stephen Michael King](#)  
Childrens Book  
Illustrator

**October 16, 2023**  
[Claire Brennan](#)

**October 23, 2023**  
[Robyn and Jacqui](#)  
Talented Local  
Musicians

## Birthdays

Ian R. Dyball  
PDG  
September 29th  
Bruce Moy  
October 1st  
Max Carey  
October 13th  
Warren Blanch  
October 15th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Matthew James  
Anlezark  
September 26th



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## Community Week - MidCoast Council BioBlitz Cattai Wetlands

Last Saturday our club was asked to cook the BBQ breakfast and lunch at the MidCoast Council BioBlitz Cattai Wetlands.

Our team was led by our intrepid BBQ leader Warren Blanch and was assisted by Bruce Moy, David Denning, Diaane and Ian Woollard for the morning shift and Kevin SHarp and Phil Streatfeild on the afternoon shift. We cooked bacon and egg rolls, hamburgers with gluten free and vegan options and provided free drinks.

The BioBlitz was a festival of biodiversity with exciting events and the chance to learn and help discover species living in Cattai Wetlands.



The 24-hour blitz was jam-packed and had something for all ages and interests, from guided spotlight tours after dark, to dawn walks, frog tours, koala walks, birdwatching walks, dip-netting for invertebrates, reptile search, insect investigations, vegetation surveys, and much more.

The Bi-Blitz gave the community to experience the wetlands and a choice of tours around the wetlands were available:

- Bird Watching;
- Reptiles;
- Bugs and Insects;
- Fauna;

Weed Identification;  
Landcare; and  
Koala Sniffing Dog.

About 200 people attended this exciting day.

Thank you to all our members who assisted on the day and our club will receive \$400.00 for our efforts.

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## Presidents Report 25th September

Greetings everyone.

It has been some time since my last report and you will be pleased to know that we are back refreshed and ready to go for the last quarter of the year.

Since we have been away on holidays I am not sure what happened as there are no eStories published on DACdb.

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## Jean Hailes Womens Health Week: Gala Dinner 18/09/2023



Our Womens Health Week Gala Dinner was an outstanding success with about 100 people in attendance.

The theme for Jean Hailes Women's Health Week was 'Grow Your Knowledge'. It is all about supporting women to make informed decisions about their health with information that is easy to understand. [Click here for Jean Hailes Women's Health Week information](#)

Our keynote speaker for the evening was Dr Alice Han. Alice is an Obstetrician who is currently working at the Manning Base Hospital and we are indebted to have such a highly qualified keynote speaker at our dinner.

Alice is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Her research examines the intersection of violence against women (VAW), reproductive health outcomes and health system response. Her TEDx Talks can be accessed through these links:

\* TEDx talk:

[https://www.ted.com/talks/alice\\_han\\_violence\\_against\\_women\\_and\\_girls\\_let\\_s\\_reframe\\_this\\_pandemic?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/alice_han_violence_against_women_and_girls_let_s_reframe_this_pandemic?language=en)

\* LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/alicehan262/>

\* CNN: "The Pandemic That Threatens Women Globally" <http://cnn.it/2HXrGjA>

The presentation was titled 'Violence Against Women - PANDEMIC' and you may watch the presentation at your leisure. It has been copied to our **secure** files on DACdb and the presentation is titled Rotary WHW Jean Hailes Conference Presentation.pptx. [Read More](#)

## Mens Health Van: MHERV

On the 12th and 13th of September, MHERV (Mens Health Education Rural Van) conducted free health check days at Bunnings.

RN Nurse : Leanne Garvey and her son Tom arrived each day at 9 am for a 9: 30 am start , and finished at 3:30 pm.

The service to the community was much appreciated, with 29 participants on Tuesday and 27 on Wednesday.

We saw a mix of both men and women from the community, including some employees of Bunnings and a Police constable.

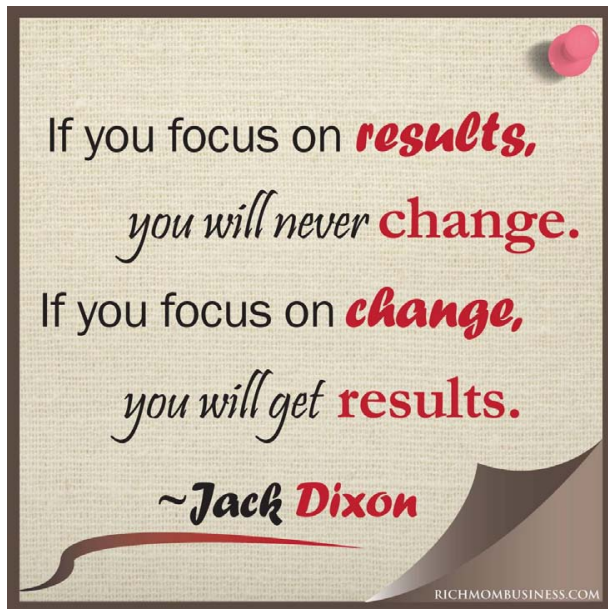
Thanks so much to our Rotary members : Philip Steetfeild, Bruce Moy, John Roetman, Kevin Sharp, Susie and Herb Ploter, David Denning and Ross Tingle, who helped people fill in the registration slips and had good conversations and encouraged people to participate.

A BIG Thank You to Georgina Aldridge "Activities Organiser" from Bunnings, who was very helpful and welcomed us for this activity. Georgine is always helpful at any time for these types of community activities.

Thank you too to the Midlands Motel for providing their accommodation.



## Quote of the Week - 25/09



## Joke of the Week - 25/09

