Rotary club of Taieri

Rotary Club of Taieri, PO Box 195 Mosgiel
Next Meeting: Mosgiel Railway Station Wednesday 19th May 5.45pm
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Speakers Coming Up:

May 19th Christina Herrick: Taieri College
May 26th TBC Paul King Youth Officer Courts
June 2nd Peter Forman Job Talk
June 9th Jane and Pip RYLA students
June 16th Dave Stevenson Search and Rescue
June 23rd Tick Paulin Oil Exploration North Caspian Sea
June 30th Club Meeting (before changeover)

Duties:

Date	19th May	26th May	2nd June	9th June
Badges	Russell Heckler	Alistair Kerr	Bill Sim	Mel Jack
Host	Ian Spencer	Colin Brown	Bill Botting	Ross Gold
Vote of thanks	Roger Nicolson	John Brieseman	Henriette Rawlings	Graeme Brown
Grace	Ross Gold	Russell Heckler	Brian Stevenson	Colin Brown
3 Minute Talk	Neil Hodgkin	Lew Davie	John Knight	Lindsay Strong
Thought	Mel Jack	Peter Forman	Drew Carruthers	Neil Simpson
Bar Duty	Brian Stevenson	Ross Gold	Neil Hodgkin	Lew Davie

Club Events:

Home hosting, 12 June

Changeover night
See details below
theme of the night

July 3rd
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Statistics (for week 19th - 26th May):

Club anniversaries:	Member's birthdays:
Chris McKay 23rd May 9 years Robert Reid 25th May 5 years	-
Partner's birthdays:	**Wedding anniversaries:**
Nola Brown 23rd May	Gail & Gary Williams 22nd May 34 years
Leave of Absence:	**Attendance: 28th April**
Fay Tikey till further notice Chris Rudd 20 June - 18 July Ant Wither 9 June - 21 July Robert Reid 12 May - 3 June Bruce Cockroft 28 April - 2 July	Attended 31 Apologies 10 Guests - Silent -

3 minute talk

Graeme Brown attended the Taieri High School Formal and was impressed by the standard of dress and noted it was like Cinderella going to the ball: the

outfits were stunning. 250 students gathered in Hyslop Hall and were transported to the Savoy for a meal then to the dancehall. Behavior was exemplary throughout, there was a limit on alcohol, and the dance finished at a respectable hour. It was great to see all having fun without the excess we sometimes see at these occasions; even a student in a wheel chair was made welcome and joined in the dancing. There was an after match function at Wingatui Hall, but this was getting a bit late for some. Graeme noted that some of his special needs students also attended, and told us of one student with a reading age of 6 who has amazing drawing skills.

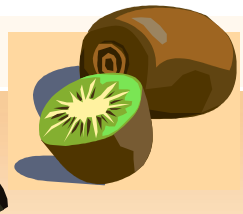
From the chair

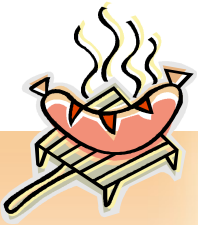
Home hosting, 12 June; please advise Gail if you wish to participate or if you are prepared to be a host.

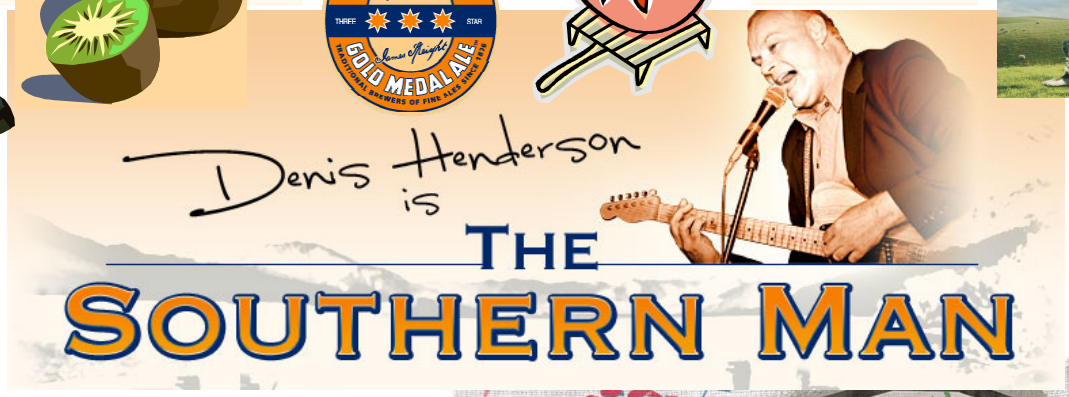
Lew Davie has a new classification: Restaurant Management

Bruce Cockroft has a new classification: Retail management

Changeover this year will be a **Kiwiana night**: everyone will be expected to dress in classic Kiwi Garb. Food will also be classic Kiwi. Music by Denis Henderson at the Presbyterian Church Hall. July 3rd







gum boots: any colour as long as they're black

Guest Speaker

Peter Forman introduced Jan Aitken: the Lower South Island Regional Sports Coordinator from Special Olympics Otago. Special Olympics New Zealand offers a year round programme of sports training and competition for young people and adults with an intellectual disability. Athletes can be as young as five and there is no upper age limit.

Special Olympics New Zealand is a registered Charitable Trust established in 1983.There are over 5,000 athletes training and competing supported by over 2,500 volunteers (Coaches and Supporters) throughout the country.

Special Olympics New Zealand is accredited to Special Olympics International (SOI), who have their headquarters in Washington D.C., USA and is the official world governing body for Special Olympics programmes in over 180 countries. Special Olympics is a voluntary community based organisation offering year round sports training and competition in over 40 towns and cities around New Zealand. Training is organised weekly for 44-46 weeks every year by volunteer committees for adults. Training and competition for school-aged athletes is organised by Special Olympics, with the help of partner organisations.

Special Olympics New Zealands' National Summer and Winter Games are held every four years and bring together teams representing local committees and schools.

- The next National Winter Games will be in Central Otago 2011.
- The next National Summer Games will be in Dunedin in 2013.

Part of Jan's Job is to look for coaches for the games. 11,000 athletes attended the 2009 summer games in Palmerston North, so Dunedin will be fairly busy when the games are here in 2013

Matt is a Special Olympics 'ambassador' or 'Global Messenger' and has won a number of medals and awards in his field. He has given a number of talks about his participation at various venues, and he talked to the club about his activities leading up to his participation in the games and his accomplishments . Thanks were given by Lew Davie

Thought for the week

Stewart Stevenson: *Some days I feel I'm the pigeon, some days I feel I'm the statue*