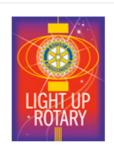


# **Bulletin Gloucester**



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#### **Coming Meetings**

11 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Oktoberfest to celebrate the visit of our Exchange Student, Helena. Opening on 11 <sup>th</sup> at the Roundabout Inn and closing event at the Avon Valley Inn on 18 <sup>th</sup> . All food outlets in main street will have something German inspired so please visit as many as you can! Black red and gold balloons adorn the main street.		
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Public Speaking competition. Board meeting 8pm		
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Bruce Sun – offsite BBQ at the SES shed in the industrial estate. 6pm		
4 <sup>th</sup> November	No meeting due to Melbourne Cup		
11 <sup>th</sup> November	John Farley and Bob Murray will talk about the lost soldiers from WW1 printed on the Clock Tower. Bob will deliver and Ode. Also the Polish Exchange team X 5 will be at our meeting.		
18 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul><li>? RYAG dairy students. And another idea for a meeting not yet decided.</li><li>? Board Meeting</li></ul>		
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Anne Keen from CBA talking on online card security		
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Club AGM and Assembly. Need a nomination for President to follow Sharee. See President Brian or Sharee.		
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Champagne and canapés on Ashleigh's deck – 16 Barrington St as a fundraiser for Interplast. \$15 pp. Bring partners. Please bring bubbles and a plate of canapés to share. Ham, chicken and bread rolls/turkish bread provided if you are hungry later on. Gluten free choice available.		
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party at Heather and Brian's. Bring your partners. More details later. There new home will be a great venue.		
13 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	First meeting for 2015. Details as they come available		
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Guest Speaker Board meeting		

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Barrington School Dinner and fundraiser.	
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Bush Poetry in the Sale Yards.	
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Rotary Club Wine tour. John Faull and Valda organising.	
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting at Nowendoc Hall with Walcha Rotary. Hall is booked & food arranged. Boules tournament. More details later with time and travel arrangements.	
13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> . March	Rotary District Conference in Inverell. DG Greg Moran.	
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Board meeting.	
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Rotary at Krambach Hall for the School. Wingham and other clubs invited.	

#### Other important info:

November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Visiting Friendship Exchange from Poland will be visiting Gloucester. Only 5 people coming now.

**Trifecta Roster** – Selling of tickets outside pharmacy. Please add your name to the roster.

**Mental Health Survey.** Peter Lindsay from Coffs Rotary Club is conducting research for his Master of Psychology, exploring the barriers people with mental illnesses have in seeking help. Data needs to be collected from the mentally well as well as those with symptoms of illness. Therefore he is seeking help from Rotarians to complete the survey before the end of October. The link is

https://www.psychdata.com/s.asp?SID=161506

## Previous meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> October was held at the Roundabout Inn to welcome Helena Groeblinghoff and hear her story.

It was a cold night and we arrived at the Inn and there were about 50 people all snuggled in the back room it was cozy.

President Bees welcomed us and we introduced our guests. Host parents the Halls and next host parents the Edwards were present.



A special welcome to Helena who was dressed in a maid/servant outfit but now it is a fancy outfit she said. As we know German culture is very precise and Bees said

numbers were nearly precise.

A special event, the induction of a new Rotary Member. Paul Hedditch who was sponsored by PP Sam deWitte and inducted by PDG President Brian Beesley. Dinner badge clipped to Paul's shirt by Bees and Helena pinned the little Rotary badge. We all welcomed Paul.

Dinner was served and in the German theme chicken Snitzel and Pork Snitzel with sliced red cabbage and diced potatoes.

#### Guest Speaker when Germany meets Australia.

Helena was introduced by PE Sharee Abeysekera who is her councilor.

Her presentation was shown on the TV and she spoke about the photos. German Flag is Black Red and Gold with an Eagle which represents, Bravery, Strength and vision.

**Germany** fits 21 times into Australia and borders 9 countries in Europe and 4 times the population of Australia.

**Stereotypical Germans** Harsh language, never laugh [Helena did] Tall strong and blonde. Hard working, following rules and always on time or even early. Football lovers and car lovers. Love beer and sausages & sauerkraut.

Green landscape, Castles and Churches.

Dress the Lederhosen & Drindl. [apron] [Dirne -young girl, maidservant.

Bow on the left single Bow on the right Relationship Bow on the back Widow.

This explanation caused much laughter.

Werne is where Helena lives. Situated in the West of Germany.

First building a chapel built in around 800 ad. First wall and moat in 1302. Received its town

charter in 1385. Burned down in 1400.

Stone wall and watch towers in 1415 [sold the bricks 1777] Historical Town hall built in 1512-1561

1636 about 1000 inhabitants, 313 dead because of black death/pest

1858 round about 1.900

Started coal mining in 1899

1922 round about 5.300, 1925 about 11.600 [community gathered to one town]

Today round 30.000 people live in Werne.

Family is huge average amount of children 1,4. I have my Mum, Dad, 2 brothers. My home is made of stone. No house with just one floor also half houses and small gardens. Family business. Groblinghoff Bonen Food market. Employ Checkout girl, packing shelves. Weinabenteuer Sudafrika, Best wine book for overseas wine in the world,

WaidmannsWein - labeling bottles and exhibitions all over Germany.

Hobbies Piano, Guitar, Singing, Band and concerts, Also Dancing class.

School is a Catholic school sometimes home from school 3pm or 5.15pm. Just finished 10<sup>th</sup> grade when I go back 11 and 12 grade. 11 subjects. Main meal at lunch at school. Nobody shares food. Great in Australia as the students share.

Legal drinking age 16 snaps' home by 10pm when under 14 years. At 18 you can do anything?! [laugh]

Sports played Tennis, Volley ball, Riding & skiing in Austria as no mountains in Germany. Travelling to many countries in Europe, Cruise – Denmark, Sweden and Russia. Favorite place is South Africa. I was so far away from home but felt welcome.

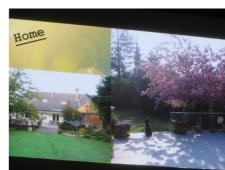
Why did I become an exchange student?



To visit Australia so far it has been friendly, funny people have visited Coffs Harbour and the Gold Coast and I do not wish to miss a thing in the next 10 months.

Sam thanked Helena and it was a wonderful presentation with much humour. She is a very busy girl indeed and accomplished.

Welcome to Australia and Gloucester Helena we are delighted to host you.



#### Rotary meetings - Set up and Put away

October	Ray Martin, Bruce Montgomerie, Young Rustandi,	
November	Grahame Stelzer, Donnelle Walker, Terry Carson	
December	Don McLeod, Vicki Collett, John Faull	

#### Our Executive 2014.-.2015

President:	PDG	Brian Beesley	65581429
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Vocational Service		John Read	6558 1064
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Public Officer: -Don McLeod & the holder of the Child Protection Forms [internet version with your

number]

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### **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?