



# Bulletin for Gloucester

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# Coming Meetings and other Functions.

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Melbourne Cup Day & NO ROTARY Meeting.	
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Platypus Festival Billabong Park. Rotary cooking BBQ. Paul Hedditch organiser.	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Tidy Towns cater for possible 100 delegates for breakfast at the Rec Centre. 0730 till 1030. Lions Club involved.	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Guest speaker Grahame Stelzer his thoughts on his Friendship Exchange to Poland. He and Kaye were most impressed.	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	BOARD MEETING	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Barefoot Bowls at the Bowling Club meet at 5.30pm and dinner at 7pm. This will be a chance to show off your bowling skills or learn some?	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Hearing Care by Christine Benjamin [Newcastle]	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Rotary at Tugwood Estate Winery with the Bowden Brothers. BBQ and a fundraiser for Mia Bowden out bounder YEP. Bus transport and more details as they come to hand. Time late afternoon evening.	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Club Assembly Night. No guests please.	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	CHRISTMAS PARTY at Bees home. Theme Hawaiian so lots of colour and lei's. More information as it comes to hand.	
	Christmas Break till Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January.	
	The New Year of 2016. Forward Planning.	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Farmers Market Rotary BBQ	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Bush Poetry In The Saleyards Event	

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Gloucester Easter Duck Races
Tuesday 5th April	Annual Gloucester V Walcha Boules tournament at Nowendoc Hall
Fri Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Rotary 9650 District Conference in Taree.
Fri Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Opera In The Church Event
Sat Sun 30th April/ 1st May	Motorcycle Muster Expo Event

Notes from meeting held at St Josephs School 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Ashleigh will be doing the Bulletin for 3 months while Li is away and weekly as it suits her.

MC Pete Markey commenced proceedings with a Welcome to Rotarians, Partners and the P & F from St Josephs. Guests from Nelson Bay Rotary John Sully & his wife Sheila.

President Sharee – special night of fund raising and thank you for the loan of the hall.

# **Directors Reports**

**Secretary Don** There is still Trifecta Tickets to sell and must be sold by 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Money to Don please as soon as possible.

**Community Service Sam** Li and Young's Pharmacy has had a renovations and a special opening this Saturday and a BBQ 9am till 1pm. Helpers have been found.

**International Service Valda** Operation Cleft – Bangladesh where Rotary has supported over 7700 operations. Barbara and John Reads home Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October saw a beautiful day and a lovely BBQ fellowship, raised enough money for 3 operations.

Rotary Exchange Student Ida came forward and told us of her adventures. Ida's notes as follows.

"Since last I spoke, I had just moved into the Beesley's home.

I spent the rest of last week doing work placement at Hebbies this was for my hospitality course at school.

I caught up with friends on Friday and then with the Beesley's we caught up with friends on Saturday. Sunday was the Rotary Fundraiser lunch, so it was out to the Reads home somewhere in that I think I got some sleep.

Then on Monday I went on a business trip with Brian and Heather, this also included a bit of geography.

This was a good trip; I got to use a lot of skills.

I became a secret shopper for Brian

Market research, price comparison and all the while I was doing my own market research with retail therapy. I noted the exchange rate; the cultural differences while also people watching. I also did some weather watching with a big storm approaching. I did get plenty of exercise, it was quite a big complex an yes, my endorphins were happy........" Well done Ida.

Guest Speaker John Heard spoke about his role in the past present and future with Indigenous students.

He thanked us for the invitation to speak.

He worked with a number of Catholic organisations with his wife Ann.

John's presentation combined power point with his speaking to the display.

### **Educating Indigenous Students in Remote Australia.**

John has visited some 40 indigenous communities in the NT, WA, & Qld in the past 15 years.

The students are generally behind in their education.

Places visited.

Boys Town Beaudesert Qld 2 years.

Kooralbyn International School Qld 2 years.

St Johns College NT Darwin 8 years

Broome Residential College WA

Djarragun College Cairns QLD are the places mentioned.

Boys Town had 7 residential cottages with up to 10 boys per cottage care fro by a Mum & Dad and attend school each day. Many of these kids had been abused.

Kooralbyn International – Cathy Freeman, Adam Scott, Jason Day & Steven Bowditch are all past students.

#### St John's College

John, Ann and staff cared for 140 indigenous student from NT Kimberley and Qld. They had the best time of their lives.

Broome Residential – 60 Kimberley Students.

Djarragun College – State of the art Indigenous Boarding facility.

#### **Historical Education Issues**

Low levels of literacy and numeracy for children from rremote community schools. due to missing school days.

Truancy officer's roles. Will eventually penalise and fine parents who students do not attend school.

#### Roles of Boarding Schools in Developing Young Indigenous Students.

Children must attend school every day, developed life & social skills, nutrition health & hygiene, Encourage self belief.

#### Families as first teachers [FaFt]

To provide early childhood programmes with a focus on early literacy & numeracy. Prepare children & families for successful entry to preschool at 5 years.

National Assessment Programme, Literacy & Numeracy.[NAPLAN] supports this programme. Indigenous people are very clever said John.

Real Life Outcomes & Careers fro Boarding Students.

Mining Industry, Construction Industry, Local Council, Trades carpenter Electrician and Rural & agriculture – Ringers.

Ann would do Christmas & Birthday parties and water slides which they loved and also never seen before.

John told us many interesting stories about his experiences & he is still involved.

President Sharee thanked John after a question time session.

Phil Bowden- Thanked Rotary for sending the Books to the SI.

The money raised tonight will go toward painting, landscaping and library furniture.

Thank you so much for attending.

The ladies in the kitchen were thanked and the 2 waiters Howard Schultz and Stuart Moore.

President Sharee presented Phil with a cheque for \$1500.

.The night concluded with the National Anthem at 2155.

















An air Canada plane is on its way to Toronto when a blonde in economy class gets up and moves to first class. The flight attendant asks her for her ticket she then tells the blonde that she paid for economy class and that she will have to move to the back.

The blonde replies I'm blonde, I'm beautiful I'm going to Toronto and I'm staying right here.

The flight attendant goes to the cock pit and tells the pilot and the co pilot the issue. The co pilot goes back and explains to the passenger. The blonde replies I'm blonde, I'm beautiful and I am staying right here. The co pilot goes back and tells the pilot, you say she is blonde? I'll handle this I'm married to a blonde. I speak blonde. He goes back to the blonde and whispers in her ear, and she say "oh I'm sorry" and gets up and goes to the seat in economy.

The flight attendant and co pilot are amazed ad asked him what he said to make her move without a fuss. "I told her first class isn't going to Toronto.



# November Birthday Celebrations

Bernie Tresidder  $21^{st}$ , Denver Webb  $24^{th}$ , Susan Dixon  $25^{th}$ , Li Meng Wong  $27^{th}$ , Barbara Read  $28^{th}$ .





Bill and Pat Radford 17<sup>th</sup> November.

# Meeting Preparation & Clean Up Please if you do not have time to set up please let one of your team know.

June	Sam de Witte, Wayne Salvestro, Jane Deen,	
July	Vicki Collett, Chris Pritchard Li Meng Wong,	
August	Grahame Holstein, Brian Beesley, Geoff Slack	
September	Lindy Dupree, Ray Martin, John Read	
October	Ashleigh Hickman, John Read, Grahame Holstein.	
November	Karen Miles, Don McLeod, Donnelle Walker	

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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?