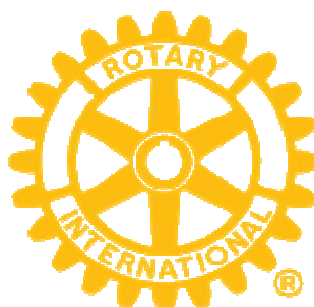


Rotary



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Coming Meetings and other Functions.

Tuesday 26 th January	A wonderful Australia Day. The Rec Centre was the venue the BBQ's were cooking and about 200 people joined in the Celebrations.
Tuesday 2 nd February	Guest Speaker Aaron Kelly [Gloucester Town Planner] Speaking on his GSE Experience of some years ago.
Tuesday 9 th February	Board Meeting.
Saturday 13 th February	Farmers Market Rotary BBQ
Tuesday 16 th February	Meals on Wheels at the Neighbourhood Centre not the Bowling Club. Look into the future.
Tuesday 23 rd February	TBA
Tuesday 1 st March	TBA
Tuesday 8 th March	TBA
	Forward Planning
Saturday 5 th March	Bush Poetry In The Saleyards \$25 per ticket. Already have bookings.
Sunday 27 th March	Gloucester Easter Duck Races
Tuesday 5 th April	Annual Gloucester V Walcha Boules tournament at Nowendoc Hall

Fri Sat 15th & 16th April	Rotary 9650 District Conference in Taree. 7 rooms available at the In Town Motel. Ashleigh has booked these rooms.
Fri Sat 22nd/23rd April	Opera In The Church. Uniting Church Cowper Street Gloucester
Sat Sun 30th April/ 1st May	Motorcycle Muster Expo at the Gloucester Show Ground
Tuesday 28th June	Gloucester Rotary Club Changeover Dinner. Sharee to Ash

Lindy thank you for taking the notes for the meeting on 19th it is a great help.

The Fred Myers and Linda Beesley presentations.

Special night with Fred Myers honoured for 60 years as a Rotary member and President 1959/1960
Sharee invited Fred to join her on the stage so she could ask questions about Fred's time in Rotary – some of the questions and answers

S: How did you join, and what memories do you have?

F: By invitation, I was originally in Manilla for 2 years, then in 1956 I moved to Gloucester – I wanted to be part of Rotary to do something good for the community

All sorts of things happened, I remember Frank Patmore brought in a wild cat in a box; we used to hold Rotary meetings in the CWA rooms, when it was time to leave the cat had shot through. The Middlebrooks were next door – they had chooks – past tense, to this day they still don't know what happened

S: What are the main changes that you have noticed?

F: Advertising now to join Rotary, although Probus which I started does the same and classification selection has changed

Sharee invited Denver to say a few words

D: Remembers how Fred upped the price of dinner fees to 7 shillings from 6, the additional 1 shilling enabled us to achieve 100% level of contribution that year

Fred inaugurated the annual Sportsmanship and Citizenship Awards, still current today

Wives of members used to be called "Annes", they weren't forgotten and we introduced brooches for all Rotary Annes in 1960

1959 the first Mini Minor was introduced, Fred couldn't sell them as he was a GMH man

Denver recalled some of the past members who were also Foundation members and their classifications

Jack Bayliss Rural Bank Manager

Ronald Sork the Doctor

Hector Duff the Baker

Charles Harrop the Dentist

Jim Channell the Newsagent

Roger Garner Grocery

Max Wilson Milk Carrier

Cliff Windred Public Service

Graham Holstein was invited to say a few words also – he remarked on the 40 years that he owned Graham's Garage, so along with Fred there were two trusted car dealers in town

Sharee commented on the many friends that Fred has made over the years, in attendance Jim Olsen and his wife Judy from Dungog – Jim congratulated Fred and remarked that since he also in the car game that made three trusty car dealers, and with reference to the merger talks, he and Judy were really here to take over Gloucester

Grahame Stelzer had a few words of congratulations for Fred

Remarked that there was a big plus in getting older – NO PEER PRESSURE!!

In the early days Grahame met Fred and Joy 25 years ago. Memories of how the Church ladies used to provide dinner, and Rotary members had to lay the tables from scratch.... they faced Fred's wrath if they weren't just right, he was a hard taskmaster

He concluded with complimenting Fred as a thorough gentleman, a gentle man and congratulations

Brian Beesley added that Fred was responsible for him joining Rotary because of his skills and the service given

Fred showed us his first Paul Harris fellowship original badge, so heavy compared to today
Sharee: Presented Fred with a Certificate of Appreciation and Honorary membership for Life
Meeting continued

No meeting next week, only Australia Day BBQ – Paul organising – has plenty of volunteers, but all welcome to come along and assist – commences 7am

Diary notes

2nd Feb GSE

9th Feb Board meeting

16th Feb Meeting Look into the future, meals on wheels for dinner at the Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Centre – note address, not at the Bowling Club

Sam de Witte

Mia has travelled safely to France and all ok with her new host family

Students from Gloucester – Emily Cameron and Maddie Bignall – will be travelling to New Zealand in Term 2 on a matched exchange

Sam also commented on Fred contribution whilst at Rotary, noting that Fred used to organise wool bags to collect aluminium cans that were sold through Simsmetal for cash, a great way of earning funds in those days for Rotary

Linda Beesley has returned from 12 months in Rendsburg, Germany. She gave an inspirational speech about her life in the last 12 months, noting how she felt she had changed from someone who was introvert, uninspired and directionless, to a person who knows where she is going, is now bilingual and outgoing.

Some key highlights of life as an exchange student, a year to learn about yourself, the friends you make and the bonds that will never break. She had 3 host families during her exchange, and was lucky enough to participate in a trip to Rome with her school, didn't understand everything as in German or Italian..... then a 3 week Euro tour visiting Czechoslovakia, Austria, Netherlands, Italy and France. These trips were detailed in her blogs.

Sam de Witte congratulated her years exchange and how she had made Rotary Gloucester very proud of her endeavours and conduct during her time in Germany

Linda then presented the following with a gift from Germany - Sam as her youth exchange leader/Valda Barron for being the person who posted the most comments on Linda's blog/Ray Martin for being the first person to comment on her blog and Sharee as president of Rotary Gloucester

We then had the opportunity to look at some of the special mementos brought back from Germany as part of the year's exchange

Meeting ended

Just a reminder from The Gloucester Shire Council there is a public meeting Thursday 28th January [that is tomorrow] at the RSL 6pm subject the amalgamation with Dungog Shire.

Then Tuesday February 9th at the RLS Hall another meeting but you must register for this through www.councilboundaryreview.nsw.gov.au

Time is 3pm till 6pm.



Sam & Linda Beesley after her presentation of her exchange.



Fred Myers being interviewed by President Sharee.

Laughter

always the best medicine

God Loves Drunk people Too

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 AM by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

"Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3:00 AM in the morning!"

He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife.

"Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers.

"Did you help him?" she asks.

"No, I did not, it's 3 AM in the morning and it's bloody pouring rain out there!"

"Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself! God loves drunk people too you know."

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pouring rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"

"Yes," comes back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband.

"Yes, please!" comes the reply from the dark.

"Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here on the swing," replied the drunk.



February

Birthday Celebrations

Jillian Carson 1st, Di Pritchard 3rd, Chris Pritchard
4th, Anne Martin 4th,
Catherine Webb 15th, Pete Markey 23rd, Bruce
Montgomerie 28th.



John & Barbara Read 6th, Grahame & Kaye Stelzer 29th Feb.

Meeting Preparation & Clean Up

Please if you do not have time to set up please let one of your team know.

January 2016	Sam de Witte, Wayne Salvestro, Jane Deen,
February	Vicki Collett, Chris Pritchard, Young,
March	Grahame Holstein, Brian Beesley, Geoff Slack

April	Lindy Dupree, Ray Martin, Don McCloud
May	Ashleigh Hickman, John Read, Grahame Holstein.
June December 2015	Karen Miles, Don McLeod, Donnelle Walker Terry Carson, Ashleigh Hickman



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?

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