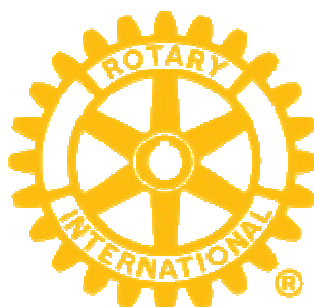


# Rotary



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## Coming Meetings and other Functions.

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Farmers Market Rotary BBQ team arranged from 7am.</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Guest speaker Aaron Kelly</b> a past GSE participant. He will tell his story. Now is the Gloucester Shire Council Town Planner. He is a great speaker.
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Madeline Bignall & Emily Cameron RANZSE student will talk to us how excited they are about going to NZ. <b>Rotary International Birthday</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 6pm</b>	Off site meeting at the <b>SHED</b> . To clean out and have fun. BBQ Bring your gloves, mask, broom and spider spray. Clement Street Gloucester.
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7pm</b>	<b>Bush Poetry in the Sale Yards.</b> Bring your friends, picnic/drinks. \$2 raffle tickets for sale. Rug & cushion. Tickets \$25 available from Gloucester Health Foods, Bowe & Lidrey & VIC. Featuring Greg North, Wyatt, Claire & Gabby. The Bowden Brothers.
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	TBA Students to NZ if not on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.
<b>Friday/Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Gloucester Show and BBQ Probably the Saturday.

<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 6pm for 6.30</b>	Off site meeting at Kings Creek Retreat [Spud & Carla's] Pizza BYOG \$20 Possible bus trip.
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Bucketts Way Neighbourhood. Meals on Wheels at the centre Food tasting.
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Cancelled this year as too many members not available. A Board decision.
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Annual Gloucester V Walcha Boules tournament at Nowendoc Hall a bus will be required.
	<b>FORWARD PLANNING</b>
<b>Fri Sat 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Rotary 9650 District Conference in Taree. 6 rooms available at the In Town Motel. Ashleigh has booked these rooms.
<b>Fri Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Opera In The Church. Uniting Church Cowper Street Gloucester Time 7pm. Helpers for the door needed.
<b>Sat Sun 30<sup>th</sup> April/ 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Motorcycle Muster Expo at the Gloucester Show Ground
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Gloucester Rotary Club Changeover Dinner. Sharee to Ash

### **Meeting notes from 9th February 2016**

Being a Board meeting night we had lots of fellowship and chatter there were 19 members attending. Pete called order and we said Grace.

Pete saw an excavator in the park and could not miss the opportunity to ask for the third exercise station position to be graded for the cement to be laid.

#### **Director Reports and more.**

**Host Mum Vicki** told us Ida is happy and back at school. She is on a Drama excursion as she spike in Sydney with the school and returning about 2am. She caught the school bus to Forster last week visited a friend and went shopping.

She spent Christmas and New Year in Sydney and saw the Manly fireworks only the 9pm ones. Visited Forster, Port Macquarie Koala Park and stroked a Koala & fed a Kangaroo. Things are being ticked on her bucket list. She also visited Thredbo.

Ida would love to have dinner at a Rotarian's house please see Vicki. Also Vicki and Paul away and need a sleep over for Ida 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February please help.

#### **Sam deWitte, Youth RANZSE [Rotary Australian New Zealand Short Exchange]**

Emily Cameron & Maddy Bignall will leave 2nd term for NZ. Both girls will speak to us on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. They are very keen to go to NZ and both will be hosted in the North Island. The 2 students from NZ are Ashleigh Rae Nilsson from Dargaville & Emma Marie Robinson from Kerikeri

**Motor Bike Expo** plans are progressing well. Sam told us a story about a good looking girl he met who rides a BMW as does Sam. If you want to know more ask him.

**Paul Hedditch Community Service** Needed to ask for new volunteers for Farmers Market BBQ as some of the team unavailable. He got some more helpers.

Angela from the Farmers Market has offered us more dates April, July, Nov & Dec. Paul accepted.

**Pete Markey Club Service** After telling us that the main helpers for the Duck Races will not be available a decision will be taken at Board meeting whether to hold.

**Grahame Stelzer, Bush Poetry.** Tickets are selling but need to sell more looking for 300 people.

Greg North. Accommodation is required for Greg on the Saturday night 5<sup>th</sup> March please see Grahame.

**John Read Vocation** Spoke about grants he has applied for and not been lucky enough to receive. There is one more in the wings.

Signage for the exercised stations will be presented to the board.

Progress is in order for Citizens of the Year plaque.

We had a very nice meal and after fines and raffle meeting was closed 8.10pm and Board met.

*Laughter*  
*always the best medicine*

### **Touching Golf Story**

Tony stood over his tee shot on the 450 yard 18th hole for what seemed an eternity.

He waggled, looked up, looked down, waggled again, but didn't start his back swing.

Finally his exasperated partner asked, 'What the hell is taking so long?'

'My wife is watching me from the clubhouse balcony, Tony explained. I want to make a perfect shot.'

His mate said, you don't have a chance in hell of hitting her from here.



## **February**

### **Birthday Celebrations**

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



John & Barbara Read 6<sup>th</sup>, Grahame & Kaye Stelzer 29<sup>th</sup> 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, Pete Markey,
March	Grahame Holstein, Brian Beesley, Geoff Slack
April	Lindy Dupree, Ray Martin, Don McCloud
May	Ashleigh Hickman, John Read, Grahame Holstein.
June	Karen Miles, Don McLeod, Donnelle Walker
December 2015	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?

### Our Executive 2015/2016

<b>President:</b>		Sharee Abeysekera	0427 588 158
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<b>Communications</b>	<b>PP</b>	Don McLeod	6558 4297
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<b>Community Service</b>		Paul Hedditch	6558 1471
<b>Vocational Service</b>		John Read	6558 1064
<b>International Service</b>		Valda Barron	6558 2992
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Red Cross Personal Support Group

Dear President and members

I am writing to you because I realise that members of service clubs such as Rotary are community-minded, caring people who support worthwhile activities in our town.

The Red Cross Personal Support Group exists to help in times of emergencies such as floods and fires. We work in Evacuation Centres and in the recovery stages we visit homes to supply information, hear people's concerns and pass these on to Government agencies and other authorities.

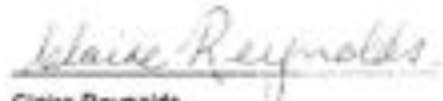
Volunteers must be reasonably fit, have basic training (a one day course) and a police check. As volunteers we each help only if we are available. We meet 4 times a year for discussions and interest speakers e.g. our next one is "what has changed in First Aid treatment".

We were called on several times last year to help after the Dungog/Stroud floodings and we realised that a larger number of people on whom we could call would be needed if such a disaster struck Gloucester.

I am hoping that some of your members may be interested in joining us. I am trying to get enough new people to make it possible to have a training day here in Gloucester instead of our people having to travel to other bigger towns. You can contact me by email [coll.clare@bigpond.com](mailto:coll.clare@bigpond.com) or phone 6558 2310 or 04 2885 2988.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Claire Reynolds  
(Acting Team Leader)

Members please note the 2 letters and act as you feel fit. We should chat about this?



## Outback Links Return to the Ridge Trip - Lightning Ridge April 2016

### About the trip

Outback Links has recently run three successful 'ridge' volunteer trips with qualified 'riders' helping farmers around Lightning Ridge NSW. Farmers are now facing their fourth year of drought and need help more than ever. People are increasingly isolated and the towns are empty. The Outback Links return to the ridge trip in April 2016 aims to provide much needed on the ground, practical support to rural farmers and the community as they manage through the drought. The trip will consist of 20 volunteers working at around 25 farms around Lightning Ridge.

### The volunteers will

- Help farmers with heavy tasks as feed systems, sheds and structures that enable farmers to meet an income
- Do jobs according to their skills: painting, repairs, fixing fences, help with shearing or replacing broken boards or a window
- Update farmers' and community spots by showing the people how
- Help with farm work eg. feeding cattle, water runs

The trip will include an Executive 'Drop In' visit, as an opportunity for special guests and business leaders to see the positive impact of the trip and hear firsthand from farmers about the impact of the drought. We'll also have some 'Thank you' gifts for everyone at the end of the week.

### The project team and volunteers

The experienced project team have run three similar trips and include Outback Links Volunteer Services from professional backgrounds from RMAA, SMT (Supervising and Making Tradesworkers) and Rotary with our Honour Coordinator. Vol. teams will be from MRA, SALT, Rotary and ROCR and include qualified tradespeople and government workers.

### Dates

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### What's involved

- Work on 15-20 farms around the Lightning Ridge area.
- 5 days' volunteer work and 2 days free!
- Vol. teams will stay on the properties, or in simple accommodation (bunk beds, camp or camp beds).
- Vol. roles should match their skills and qualifications as mechanics, electricians, painters, plumbers or 'generalist'.
- All volunteers will need to register with Outback Links and have a National Police Check and MVR (Motor Vehicle) Check.

### About Outback Links

Outback Links is part of Frontier Services, a charity that has been working with people in remote Australia for 64 years. Since 2005, Outback Links has been providing professional volunteer services and support volunteers to help farmers and communities across remote Australia.

### Further information

Please contact Ben Rutherford, National Volunteer Programs Coordinator, Frontier Services  
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