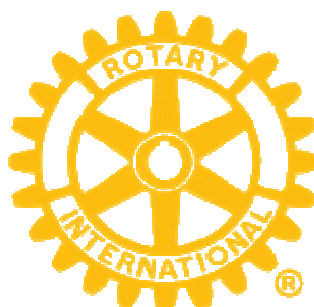


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Ring or email Ray Martin's Office for apologies and to include guests before 10am Tuesdays
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Coming Meetings and other Functions.

Tuesday 1st March 6pm	Off site meeting at the SHED where the BBQ trailer is housed, Clement Street. Come with your drink of choice. There will be a good steak BBQ & coleslaw on a bun. Suggest gloves, broom and spider spray. As there is going to be a big clean up and installation of shelves. It will be fun!!!!
Saturday 5th March 6.15 Bowden Brothers & 7pm the Poets	Bush Poetry in the Sale Yards. Bring your friends, picnic/drinks. \$2 raffle tickets for sale. Rug & cushion. Tickets \$25 available from Gloucester Health Foods, Bowe & Lidbury & VIC. Featuring Greg North, Wyatt, Claire & Gabby. The Bowden Brothers.
Tuesday 8th March	NO guest speaker as a Board meeting night. Still come along for fellowship.
Friday/Saturday 11th & 12th March	Gloucester Show BBQ Cooking on the Saturday. Ashleigh will do a roster starting from 0700.
Tuesday 15th March Partners Night	Off site meeting at Kings Creek Retreat [Spud & Carla's] Pizza BYOG \$20 Bus will leave Bowling club at 5.30pm Pete will be the driver. Numbers required by Thursday 10th March for catering. To Ashleigh

Tuesday 22nd March	Annual visit to Krambach Hall with Cluster Clubs. No bus self drive more details when they are available. Guest speaker Time etc.
Tuesday 29th March	Possible Aaron Kelly and definitely Madalyn Bignell and Emily Cameron to say good bye they leave for NZ 2 nd April.
Tuesday 5th April	Annual Gloucester V Walcha Boules tournament at Nowendoc Hall a bus will be required.
	FORWARD PLANNING
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 Time 7pm. Helpers for the door needed.
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

Meeting notes from 23rd February 2016

Sergeant Pete called order and tonight we are focusing on Youth it is also Pete's Birthday and Rotary's 111th Birthday so streamers were thrown and a happy time was had.

Sam introduced Madalyn Bignell her parents Narelle and David, Emily Cameron and her Mum Therese they were welcomed with acclamation. Thank you for supporting the youth programme. The girls brought their gear and see photo. A lovely kit, indeed.



President

Sharee Welcomed all the partners and Happy Birthday Rotary.

Next week is clean out the shed. Bush poetry will need a couple of helpers on the night Grahame will sort that out and then helpers for Opera in the Church. Brian Dixon will sort that out.

PDG Bees talked about the District Conference which is on our door step. The Rotary International Rep is from India and will be a great speaker.

Check out the District Website

Bees is away for 10 days. Libby & Flo [Australian Federal Police Officers] are walking from Sydney to Canberra and Bees will accompany them on his postie bike. They are raising money for a PCYC in Timor Leste \$300K.

YEP Student Ida spoke to us she has spent 3 days with Ray and Anne as Vicki was away. She survived the chickens and they were in a cage. "School not special this week so that's about it".

Ash spoke about Grahame Holstein being taken ill and is now recovering from surgery. She visited him in Taree just this afternoon. Grahame was happy for Ash to tell the club.

Secretary Don Spoke about the Lightning Ridge Drought appeal raised \$30K and \$8K was spent in Lightning Ridge.

Outback Links is a national recognised group who are affiliated with the Uniting Church are having a help the farmers from 16th to 23rd April. Can you help? Please see Don.

Director Reports and more.

Rotary District Conference: - 7 rooms available at In Town Motor Inn. Please let Ashleigh know. ASAP. Please register online and see Sharee if you have any difficulties.

NB Ashleigh has decided since there has been minimal interest in attending conference well booking the rooms this is the last request as it is not fair to hold the rooms if no one is using them. I need to release back to the Motel.

Sam Mia Bowden [YEP] was a little homesick and that vanished with a skiing holiday. Sam spent the weekend doing promotional work for the M.C.Expo. There is a swap meet this year. Also Dianne that sells Biekie Chic gear is going to help with promotion. The students Singing Europe will be at the Motor Cycle Expo helping on the BBQ and singing.

FINES AND RAFFLES

Sam introduced Maddy Bignell and here is her story that she will present in NZ.

Hello everybody, my name is Madalyn Bignell and I live at Rawdon Vale near Gloucester, NSW, Australia.

I am sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gloucester, District 9650 and will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Waipapa, New Zealand. I will be living in Kerikeri (Bay of Islands).

I am 15 years old. I live on a beef cattle farm about 40 minutes West from Gloucester with my Mum, Narelle who is a secretary in town and Dad, David who works at home on the farm. I have an older sister Laura who is 18, she has just started studying Rural Science at the University of New England at Armidale this year.

Gloucester has a population of around 2500 people in the town and 5000 in the Shire. It is a pretty town on the Gloucester River with the Bucketts mountain Range on one side and the Mograni range on the other. Gloucester has a beautiful park area with many sporting facilities such as netball, tennis, cricket, bowls, soccer, football, basketball, an Olympic sized swimming pool and more. Gloucester's main industries are beef, dairy, tourism and a coal mine on the outskirts of the shire. When people come and visit Gloucester they enjoy camping, bushwalking, kayaking and swimming in the rivers.

I attend Gloucester High School which has about 360 students. I am in year 10.

I am looking forward to the exchange and getting to meet my match, Emma Robinson and her family in person. Thank you Rotary for making this opportunity possible for me. Thanks for sponsoring me and purchasing my Rotary Uniform and gear.

From Maddy

Sam introduced Emily Cameron.

Hi, my name is Emily Cameron and I am currently in year 10. I live at home with my mum and my dog, Belle. My interests include sports, in particular netball and spending time with my friends, and I am a huge dog person.

I applied for this exchange because I thought that living in a different country, with a different culture would be an amazing experience. I think it would be a great experiencing a different school and home environment as well as meeting a new people and making a bunch of lifelong friends. I also think it would be great to share my family, home, school, country and culture with somebody else.

Both of my sisters have done this exchange, Ashlea in 2010 and Lauren in 1012. They both had an amazing time in New Zealand and we enjoyed hosting both of their exchange students over here. Hearing all of their stories and experiences made me want to experience it firsthand, knowing full well that there is the possibility of mine not turning out as well as both of theirs, but I have been talking to my match quite a bit and she seems lovely so I'm sure it will. My match's name is Ashleigh Nilsson and lives on a dairy farm in Dargaville with her dad, Grant, her mum, Tracey and her sister Jessica who did the same exchange in 2013. She also has an older brother but he doesn't live at home. She loves soccer, the outdoors and wildlife.

By doing this exchange, I hope to gain more confidence and independence through having to live without constant contact with my family and friends. I also hope to gain more knowledge of different lifestyles and cultures. I hope we can give Ashleigh as good a time over here as I think I will have over there and I would like to thank everyone at

Rotary for making this all possible

From Emily.

Following their presentations a number of questions were asked of the girls and then Sam presented them each with a Rotary Glass for their orange juice.

Well done young ladies we will see you back on the 29th March.

Sam thanked the parents for supporting the programme called RANZSE. Rotary Australia New Zealand Short Exchange.



Past President Sam with Maddy & Emily and the kit the girls will wear.

These young women spoke with confidence and they are great Australian Ambassadors. They have both talked to their NZ hosts.

Have fun girls we will meet again when your matches arrive in Gloucester.

We sang the National Anthem and meeting closed at 2015.

Laughter

always the best medicine

***Paddy was a youthful and hard working Irishman
At a Coastal village in Ireland . Daily he would pole
A heavy old punt out to sea then work a heavy
Iron grapple to bring up the sand oysters which he
Sold to the local ice works. He was a man of regular
Habits he always arrived home each day at a certain
Time. Sadly, Paddy did not realise the heavy grappling
Was taking a toll on a faulty heart.
One day he failed to come home so his wife contacted
The Police to investigate him being missing. They
Rowed out and found Paddy dead in the punt beside
Him a huge grapple full of oysters he'd tried to hoist
Aboard.***

Headlines next day in the 'Irish Times Newspaper' Said.....

Wait for it!

Wait for it!

Wait for it!

OYSTERS KILPATRICK !!!



March

Birthday Celebrations

John Read 13th, Young Rustandi 15th, Ron West
16th, Sue DeSilva 16th.



Ray & Anne Martin 9th.

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	Ashleigh Hickman, Grahame Stelzer, Geoff Slack
April	Lindy Dupree, Ray Martin, Paul Hedditch
May	Bruce Montgomerie, 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?

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