



Bulletin Gloucester



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Before 10 am Tuesday's.

Coming Meetings

16 th September	Kings Creek Retreat on Kings Creek Road Krambach. This is Nigel and Carla Hickman's home and dinner will include soup and pizzas. Bring drinks and a chair. \$20 per head. Meet in the Bowling club carpark at 5.30 for car pooling.
23 rd September	BBQ at Men's Health Night at CRT
30 th September	Elle Fraser talking about her motorcycling experiences
7 th October	Kerry Hartigan from the Bucketts Way Neighbour Centre
14 th October	Welcome to Helena – German dinner at a restaurant in the main street
21 st October	Public Speaking competition. Board meeting
28 th October	Bruce Sun – offsite BBQ at the SES

Previous Meeting

9th September – Celebration of Education



Guests were welcomed from Barrington, Gloucester Public, Gloucester High, Stroud, Stroud Road, St Josephs and Nabc Schools as well the local Director of Public Schools and

Rotarian Partners and friends.

Dave Willard – Director of Public Schools for the Great Lakes Network of schools.

Dave began by thanking Gloucester Rotary Club for celebrating Education and although education is constantly changing, the critical role of teachers in the process remains.

Teachers have a demanding job, they -

individualise learning, monitor social development of children, are expected to control classes and keep students on task, be creative, inventive and engaging in how they teach, be familiar with a range of technological devices and the benefits and problems associated with these.

Teachers work long hours planning, marking, resolving problems with students and parents but they do get satisfaction from students' learning and the relationships that are built.

Sometimes it seems like a race against time to ensure that the next generation is a bit more knowledgeable, better informed, wiser and more able to make better decisions than the previous generation.

Bruce Chisholm

Bruce's formal education began with six years at Barrington Public School with 30 students in one class taught by Mr Hinchey. Another year at Gloucester Public with Mr Toohey followed and then he began Gloucester High, the year it opened at its present site.

During High School, he had many excellent teachers – Col Moore for Mathematics, Fred Ring for Science, Leone Hooke and Jim Dean for English & History and the librarian, Mrs Mawson. He enjoyed all subjects but had a preference for Maths and Science which influenced his decision to study Civil Engineering at Newcastle University with a Cadetship with the Department of Main Roads. Technology was very different then – slide rules and logarithmic tables for calculations!



In 1973, Bruce returned to Gloucester as Deputy Shire Engineer, later the Shire Engineer and Town Planner.

After retiring from Gloucester Council he was enticed back to work for the RTA for another 15 years where he was involved in a variety of projects which all involved further learning.

Bruce's closing comment – ' Education continues all through your life, but the foundations are established by those early teachers who instil good work habits and a love of learning in their pupils. I owe them a big thankyou.'

Chris Shaw

Chris went to Gloucester High School from 1992 – 1997. He mentioned his Chemistry teacher, Mrs Coombes as pointing him in the right direction for his further education. He studied Engineering at Newcastle University with a traineeship. He commented that teachers are undervalued in our society and he appreciated the opportunity to thank those from his community.

Fiona Walton

All of Fiona's schooling was in Gloucester. She joined the Police Force and has been an Inspector in Intelligence and now in Homicide. She was a Rotary Exchange Student, spending a year in Norway and is now a Rotarian.

All teachers were given a certificate, thanking them for their efforts.

Special Award to John Walton

A weekend in Melbourne was given to John and Wendy Walton for the tireless work they do in our community as well as in support of their two grandchildren, both with special needs.



The Teachers with their certificates

Pat Cavenagh – a message from GHS School Captains.

Life at GHS, has been a time of education, discovery, adventure and most importantly enjoyment. This is strongly attributed to the outstanding teaching faculties and supportive student body within our school. The connections and partnerships we have formed with both teachers and students have been a vital part of our learning and will continue to be a big influence on the way we learn. Being a smaller school, we have the ability to become more familiar with the teaching staff and all those involved in our learning and thus are able to more effectively collaborate with these people. This is made possible by the caring nature, strong work ethic and genuine interest in the learning of their students and for this, we say thank you. Without the ongoing support and guidance of these people our life at GHS would have been much more uninviting, uninteresting, miserable and unenjoyable time. Our motivation and hunger for learning would have been sorely diminished and we would lack the drive to excel. So thank you to these teachers and all those that have helped us on our journey through High School, you have made our education an enjoyable, sophisticated and worthwhile experience.

Pat thanked Rotary for their ongoing support of our town and schools. Educators are 'changing the world, one child at a time'.

Thanks to Ashleigh for taking some notes, photos and getting the notes from some of the guest speakers so I could summarise them.

Other important dates.

Oktoberfest – 11th – 18th October. A week long welcome to Helena. Roundabout Inn will host the opening event and Avon Valley Pub, the closing. All other shops have been approached to do something German and 'volunteer' a donation if they make a profit.

November 5th & 6th Visiting Friendship Exchange from Poland will be visiting Gloucester. Arriving from Sydney by train 4.22 pm. 6 couples. Host families needed. There will be more details as time gets closer. Ashleigh is part of District 9650 going to Poland in June 2015.

Rotary meetings – Set up and Put away

September	Denver Webb, Chris Pritchard, Ash 2 nd , 9 th & 16 for Valda Barron back 23 rd & 30 th .
October	Grahame Stelzer, Ray Martin, Bruce Montgomerie

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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?