



# Bulletin Gloucester



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Ring Megan de Witte 6558 2790 for apologies no later than 11.00 on Tuesdays. Additionally, please advise number and name of guests for each meeting.

Whilst there is an answer phone to take your message, it would be more appropriate if you would email absentee numbers to Megan at [imeldasshoes@bigpond.com](mailto:imeldasshoes@bigpond.com)

## NOTICES and DATES for your DIARY

- **Board meeting 11<sup>th</sup> February after normal meeting**
- **18<sup>th</sup> February – Partner's Night at the Bucketts Way Motel.** 6 for 6.30. \$20
- **Transfer meeting Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014.** Dungog Rotary Club has invited Gloucester and Patterson clubs to a combined meeting. The guest speaker is John Boag from Tamworth who is RI Director. Venue to be confirmed
- **Taree on Manning Exchange Students Dinner 8<sup>th</sup> March at Waterfront Room.** RSVP 8/2. See Ash for more info.
- **Bush Poetry at Saleyards 15<sup>th</sup> March –** Council will waive venue hire as sponsorship.
- **District Conference 28/30<sup>th</sup> March –** Coffs Harbour – Registration is now open on the web
- **Gloucester Show 4/5<sup>th</sup> April –** Gloucester AH&P have asked us to run the BBQ
- **Duck Races 20<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Ambrose Golf Fun Day 27<sup>th</sup> April.** Chris, Valda, Bill & Denver are organising this fundraiser for ROMAC and exercise stations.
- **Motorcycle Muster 3/4<sup>th</sup> May** Sam has been approached by a Vintage Motorcycle club who want to run a race event – this will increase our numbers.
- **May is Bowel Scan Month.** We'll have a stand outside the Chemist shop as in previous years.
- **Opera in the Church 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> August**

## Other Information from Last Week's Meeting

Ray sent his apologies as it was Anne's birthday and he decided to stay home with her!  
Pete welcomed & introduced guests, especially Oceane and Fred.

Sam has given out some applications for RYLA and two will be chosen if more apply.

Li supplied us with Fortune Cookies and Chinese sweets as it is Chinese New Year. She explained that the Chinese calendar goes by the moon. The new moon is Day 1 and the full moon is day 15.



The animal symbols like our zodiac and go in sequence. This year is the year of the horse which is meant to be good for careers. The celebration lasts for 15 days and has many traditions eg  
 Clean the house of old spirits before New Year  
 Don't sweep the house during New Year to keep the good spirits  
 Don't break anything or have fights or quarrels as that might continue  
 Don't wear all black or all white – wear red for prosperity or yellow for success

Raffles were won by Sam, Vicki, Li and Brian D

Look at all the women at the top table when Ray is away!

### Guest Speaker – Donnelle Walker 'This is your life'

Donnelle was born in 1977. Her parents divorced when she was 3 and as her mother was in Australian Customs her early life was in Broome and the Darwin. At 12 she moved to Newport to live with her father for a year but then moved back to her mother who was then in Perth. Although a very bright student at school she was often a bit 'left field' and disruptive. She completed a Commerce and Marketing degree at Murdoch University and participated in RYLA and Young Achievers Australia.

Her working career has been with many large IT firms and has involved all facets of Telecommunication, selling systems to big companies, developing systems to suit new developments such as the Police Headquarters in Parramatta, and determining the IT needs and support required for some large Legal firms.



Donnelle joined Rotary Darling Harbour branch but later resigned to volunteer with kids in the Life Changing Experiences Foundation, set up by Jessica Brown.

She met Steve at a Rodeo in Gresford and commuted to Sydney to work for many years. She moved to Gloucester when their son Blake was born. She still does some work away in the field of corporate coaching – involving how the behaviour of corporate individuals affects others in the business world and how these individuals can change their behaviour while still achieving outcomes. Her mother

has also moved to Gloucester but after a severe brain injury is now in the nursing home here.

Donnelle and Steve have bought the First National Real Estate business and she has completed the training required. Donnelle has had a very interesting life - lived in many places, had a varied family life with the relationships of her parents and is very successful in her chosen careers.

<b>Coming Meetings, as organised by Brian</b>	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Regular Meeting Board meeting 8pm
<b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Partner's Night at the Bucketts Way Motel. 6 for 6.30pm. \$20 per head. Starters are herb and garlic bread followed by an alternate drop for braised lamb shanks or grilled chicken with spinach, feta & bacon topping. Desert is a berry trifle. Vegetarian meal is a stuffed capsicum with greek salad. Numbers needed.
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Transfer meeting with Dungog & Patterson
<b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Visiting Rotary Caravan Group
<b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Krambach
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Nowendoc – Walcha providing food and Speaker, Gloucester providing drinks
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Dallas Spokes – offsite visit

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### **Something for Fun – another one from Fred Myers**

Do you remember the famous Olympic Skier Picabo Street? (pronounced Pee-Ka-Boo)

Well, Picabo is not only an athlete but she is also a nurse and works in intensive care at a large metropolitan hospital.

Unfortunately, she is not allowed to answer the hospital telephone anymore because of the confusion when she would answer the phone and say, “ Picabo I.C.U.”

### **Rotary meetings – Set up and Put away**

Pleased have organised at least 30 minutes prior to Meeting

<b>February</b>	Bill Radford, Vicki Collett, Terry Carson
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### Important Dates for February

	Birthday	Anniversary
Jillian Carson	1 <sup>st</sup>	
Di Pritchard	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Chris Pritchard	4 <sup>th</sup>	
Anne Martin	4 <sup>th</sup>	
John & Barbara Read		6 <sup>th</sup>
Catherine Webb	15 <sup>th</sup>	
Peter Markey	23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Bruce Montgomerie	28 <sup>th</sup>	

### Our Executive 2013.-.2014

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<b>Public Officer</b>	Don McLeod	6558 4297
<b>International Service</b>	Valda Barron	6558 2992

### 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?