

Rotary



Bulletin for Gloucester

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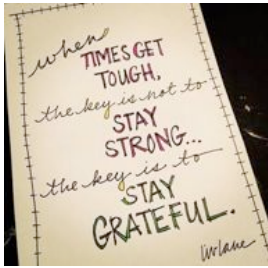
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Coming Meetings and other Functions.

Tuesday 29th March 6 for 6.30	Madalyn Bignell and Emily Cameron to say good bye they leave for NZ 2 nd April.
Tuesday 5th April Partners Night 6.30 for 7 pm Bus leaves Bowling Club 5.00 pm	Annual Gloucester & Walcha at Nowendoc Hall a bus will be required. Delicious dinner and fellowship. Gloucester will organise the drinks and Nibbles. Fund raising for Nowendoc Hall.
Tuesday 12th April	Fellowship & then the Board Meeting.
Fri, Sat & Sun April 15th, 16th, 17th.	District 9650 Conference in Taree
Tuesday 19th April	TBA
Fri Sat 22nd/23rd April	Opera In The Church. Uniting Church Hall Cowper Street Gloucester Time 7pm. Helpers for the door needed. Tickets on sale @\$40. Gloucester Health Food, Webb Bros.
Tuesday 26th April	TBA
Sat Sun 30th April/ 1st May	Motorcycle Muster Expo at the Gloucester Show Ground
MAY BOWEL SCAN MONTH	BOWEL SCAN SELLING MONTH Outside the Pharmacy. Monday 2 nd till Tuesday 31 st or until sold. 250 Kits @ \$15 each. Roster to be finalised.
Tuesday May 3rd	TBA
	Forward Planning
Tuesday 28th June Partners Night	Gloucester Rotary Club Changeover Dinner. Sharee to Ash
Tuesday 5th July	Possible Christmas in July at Stroud Pub with Dungog Rotary John W.



Autumn!



Instead of our usual Rotary Grace, Ernie started off the meeting with a “Selah” moment. “Selah” is a Hebrew word that means ... “Pause and Think about all the things you are thankful for.”

This week’s “Selah” picture.

President Sharee Report:

Ida, our YEP exchange student, is currently on her Safari Tour for the next few weeks. She left Gloucester last Friday. She should be at the Whitsundays at the moment.

Next week, the meeting will be the annual Gloucester and Walcha dinner at Nowendoc Hall. In order to get there on time to organise the drinks and nibbles, the bus will leave Gloucester at 5pm sharp. So please don’t be late. Anyone who could not make the meeting this week but is planning to attend the Nowendoc outing, please contact Sharee as soon as possible.

Madalyn Bignell and Emily Cameron will be leaving for New Zealand this Friday. They will spend the next term of school there and when they return back to Australia, they will bring along a sister/brother student from NZ to spend a month with us. President Sharee presented each student with a Gloucester Rotary Flag to take to the NZ Rotary Club.



Rotarian Grahame Stelzer was the mastermind behind our annual Bushyard Poetry event. This year, it was decided that the club will give the volunteers a small donation for their great input to the event. One of our young volunteer, Wyatt Hall, politely declined this donation and said he will not accept a donation for volunteering. So thank you Wyatt for donating back the \$50 to the club!

President elect Ashleigh would like to remind everyone it is Bowelscan month in May. If you are able to volunteer, please let Ashleigh know as she has a roster. The usual setup will be outside the pharmacy. All the materials, table and chairs have been dropped off to the pharmacy. Thank you in advance!

!!! Watch this space !!!

We will be planning a “**BINGO NIGHT**” with the other Gloucester Service Clubs. Apparently, this event used to be an annual meet and greet with the other local clubs. May be happening in May or June.

President Elect Ashleigh suggested a “**Meet The Candidate**” night for the upcoming Election. If we are going ahead with this, Rotarians will help with the set-up preparation and the event will probably be held at the Seniors Citizen Club.



EASTER DUCK RACES



The Easter Sunday Duck Races event was a great success!! The weather was perfect and the crowd started drifting in at about 11am. By the time the races started at 11.30am, we had a big crowd of people. A big thank you to the help of the Gloucester Shire for sectioning off the area with barrier mesh. (It was a good idea for containing the crowd!).

As the crowd started to grow, all the Rotarians and volunteers were kept very busy, some selling tickets at the gate, some cooking at the BBQ, the duckie runners, catchers and thrower!! This year, we introduced a new event called "Pluck-A-Duck", mastermind by one of our Rotary's partner, Heather Beesley. It was funny watching little kids plucking a duck from the pond and then making a big decision on which prizes to choose (some stood there for a whole 5 minutes trying to decide!!) Some kids were having so much fun at the Pluck-A-Duck site that they came back to try their luck on the prizes three times!! We also had a surprise visit from Geoffrey Teece. He said he was let out for the day and came with this family. President Sharee did offer to loan him a spot at the BBQ but he politely declined... Midway through the races, Denver Webb headed off the Duck Auction. He may be retired but boy has he still got the touch!! The crowd was fanned up with the excitement of getting a duck. The last duck was auctioned off at \$100 (to a friend of our Rotarian, Vicki Coombes). "Gloucester" duck came first, followed by "Copeland" and "Katy Perry". Lastly, kids of all ages had a lot of fun during the Easter Hunt. There were chocolate covered smiles all round!! Below are some happy snaps of the event....



Queue of people lining up



Chocolate prizes



our BBQ Chefs



Pluck A Duck Queue



Pluck A Duck Volunteers



Rotarian Denver Plucking a duck



Doggie wants a duck too



Ducks thrower



Auction in Action



Ducks commenter

Treasurer Vicki reported our Fundraising amount:

\$800 on Gate

\$130 profit on Pluck A Duck

\$2500 on Raffles/Races

\$450 on BBQ

We made about \$3500 on profit!! A BIG thank you to Peter Markey for organising all the prizes and merchandises. A BIG thank you to our MC of the day, Brian Beesley, and our awesome auctioneer, Denver Webb. Thank you to all the Rotarians that were able to help out and all the volunteers that didn't mind getting their feet wet. Thank you to those that help spread the words. We had a lot of good feedbacks from people. One of the comments made was an event like this is wonderful but only made possible by the generous help of volunteers and their families. We certainly had that!! Great work everyone.

Information

If there is anyone interested to support RAWCS in giving \$ to Fiji Appeal here is the website

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/Default.aspx?ProjectID=928&ReturnTo=4>

Information from the District Newsletter No 35.

Also past Rotarian Geoff Teece as you are aware resides permanently in Estia Nursing Home South Street Tuncurry. Please visit him when in the area.

Weekly Bulletin is emailed to Geoff so he knows what our club is achieving.

Laughter
always the best medicine



April

**Birthday Celebrations
Ashleigh Hickman 4th**





**Stuart & Leonie Benson 12th, Chris & Di Pritchard 19th, Bruce & France Montgomerie 27th,
Ron & Marvin West 30th.**

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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