

Rotary



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Coming Meetings and other Functions.

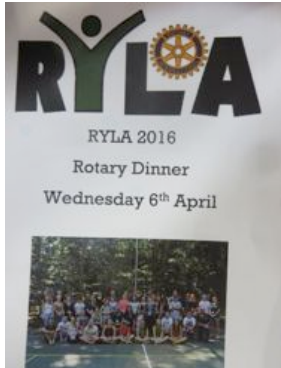
MAY BOWEL SCAN MONTH	BOWEL SCAN SELLING MONTH Outside the Pharmacy. Monday 2 nd till Tuesday 31 st or until sold. 250 Kits @ \$15 each. Roster to be finalised.
Monday 2nd May to Friday 6th May	"Science & Engineering Challenge". Discovery days for the Primary School students. <u>Friday 20th May</u> is Challenge Day for High School students.
Tuesday 3rd May	Ida Sevon's Farewell Presentation. Ida will be presenting her Safari Tour. **Partner's Night - 6.30pm for 7pm**
Wednesday 4th May See Bulletin for more info	<i>Farewell to our Fellow Rotarian, Club Secretary Don McLeod.</i> Service will be held at 11am at the Gloucester Presbyterian Church.
Tuesday 10th May	"Legacy At Work" the Victoria Saunders Story
Tuesday 17th May	Fellowship Night and Board Meeting Night
Tuesday 24th May Partner's Night	"High School Debate" Night . More Info TBA
Tuesday 31st May Partners & Guests welcome	"Transition To Retirement" Expo (12.00pm to 4pm) at the Bowling Club. Seminar with Keynote Speaker 6.30pm for 7pm start. \$25.00 per person (\$5.00 from each ticket will be donated to Rotary Health)
Saturday 4th June	Clearance Sale held by Rotarian, Geoff Slack. Venue at "Berrico" . BBQ helpers needed. Please see John Faull if you can help.
Tuesday 7th June	"Unsung Hero" Award presentation night
Tuesday 14th June	Fellowship Night and Board Meeting Night
Tuesday 21st June	Wingham Rotary Club Changeover
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.
Sat Sun 10th / 11th Sept	Gloucester Mountain Man Tri Challenge Event

Directors Reports & others

Welcome back Grahame Holstein and Geoff Slack.

Welcome to Aaron Kelly Aaron Kelly Town Planner and GSE team member.

Brian Dixon – Opera in the Church. Thank you Rotarians for the help on this event. Numbers down this year due to holiday weekend and people travelling. Never the less many people said how good it was and so good for the town. \$1457 profit.



Brian Beesley reaffirmed the need for Gloucester Rotary to support RYLA [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards] and be more proactive. He attended the RYLA dinner and 40 odd attendees it was a terrific night. Cost about \$1000 to send a person. We have not sent anyone for 3 years.

Bees also mentioned his retirement Seminar 31st May. Dr Colin Martin will talk on the psychological aspect. Cost \$25. There are more great speakers to be arranged.

Guest Speaker



After dinner Aaron Kelly was introduced by Pete Markey.

Aaron attended the GSE team 6 years ago he was in Rotary District 9570 Central Qld.

Thank you for inviting me to speak with you.

Born in Port Macquarie.

University of New England 2004 obtained a Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning.

Commenced work for Bundaberg City Council and also

completed a Post Graduate Diploma of Cultural Heritage Deakin University Melbourne 2012.

Came to Gloucester in 2015 to work at the Shire Office as the Town Planner.

He has a partner Samantha Green & 2 daughters aged 5 & 2.

Hobbies Lawn Bowls, Heavy metal music & writing his own novel about half completed.

His major achievements with the Council

7 items in the pipeline one is short term holiday letting, funding secured for the Cook family memorial plaque for NAIDOC week 2016.

GSE

Objects of the GSE is open to 25 to 40 year olds in their chosen profession.

In 2010 Aaron sent through the interview process only 4 applicants all chosen.

Taiwan was the country they visited.

He had some suggestions that the group meets early and learns some of the language, to design the clothes and their presentations, also getting to know each other. He was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bundaberg Sunrise.

Visited and hosted West & South parts of Taipei, 105 million people, met 27 Rotary Clubs, accommodation up to 5 host families. All the hosts spoke English and were very welcoming to westerners.

Now Aaron presented his slide show and spoke to the photos.

He said the host fathers all had nick names taken from the line of work which they are involved.

Photo of 228 Peace Park where 228 people have never been found or spoken about by the Chinese occupation.





The food he enjoyed dumplings & generally food was excellent with a lot of Chinese influence. Lots of markets in fact markets for anything. Flower, USB, Food Famous for their hanging gardens, Industrial machinery. There is very little green space around the rivers in Taiwan most are polluted. He said if you went into the water you would melt. Before work most people exercise it is also a law. In the subway art work on display on the walls. The subway had good English translation you would not get lost very clean. They use metro card. Taipei 101 Peace building which in the centre is a wind and earthquake stabilizer. A number of buildings are category 1 heritage listed. He also spent 3 hours in a Zen garden very relaxing.

Aaron was thanked by Pete Markey and presented with a Rotary glass.

Then Aaron found some club banners and presented them to President Sharee.



(Notes and Photos provided by Ashleigh Hickman)



Facebook Message from Dr David Gillespie MP:

“Unique and historic bikes on display today at @Gloucester @MotorcycleExpo which is packed. Well Done #Rotary Gloucester. You have done Gloucester proud.”

The MP also made an announcement at his Wednesday’s dinner of the recent \$7,000 Stronger Communities grant to Gloucester Rotary for the 3rd Exercise Station Equipment in the park. John Read announced this to the club a couple of weeks ago.

(Rotarian Brian Beesley taking the MP for a spin on the bike)

More on the Gloucester Motorbike Expo in the next Bulletin



Opera In The Church (Notes and Photos provided by Susan Dixon)

Opera in the Church was another resounding success this year with five singers using wonderful voices to bring the program to life. Their enthusiasm was came through in their facial expressions, stage craft and beautiful voices. This was the first time we had met a counter tenor, formerly known as a castrati, so the range of voices made for two very interesting programs.

Sue Hedditch created a beautiful flower arrangement for the hall which Paul helped to set up; the ladies from the Uniting Church led by Jill Carson and Heather Beesley created delicious suppers for interval and John Walton, Denver Webb, Simon Griffin, Terry Carson, Brian Beesley and Brian Dixon did a great job on meet, greet and keeping the refreshments circulating. Sharolyn and the singers were all hosted locally by Cathy and Denver Webb, Pat and Bill Radford and Penny and David Mitchell with the after suppers put on by Lyn Stewart and David and Kerry Marston. It is good to see how it has become a community event with many non Rotarians happy to help out.

Selecting an Anzac Day Long Weekend to mount Opera in the Church was not the best choice but in the end our audiences built up to around 70 a night and were very enthusiastic and appreciative. Many thanks to all who were able to come along and make both nights such a success. Quite a few new faces which is a good sign for coming years.

Sharolyn has a very busy schedule now with many overseas commitments so look out for Opera in the Church in August, September in 2017.

Thank you to Jim and Sue de Silva for organising and printing the programmes.





*Farewell To Our Fellow Rotarian,
Don McLeod*

Don's funeral will be held on Wednesday 4th May at 11.00am at the Gloucester Presbyterian Church, Cnr Barrington and Tyrell Streets, Gloucester.

Please wear your Rotary shirts and wear your Rotary badges, we will be forming a 'guard of honour' at the end of the service.



May



Birthday Celebrations

**Lynn Slack 4th , Jan Tressider 8th , Hildegard Griffin 13th , Doug Barron 14th ,
Heather Beesley 23rd**



Geoff & Lyn Slack 3rd ,

Liane & Peter Markey 22nd

Meeting Preparation & Clean Up

Please if you do not have time to set up please let one of your team know.

May	Bruce Montgomerie, John Read, Li Meng Wong
June	Karen Miles, Don McLeod, Donnelle Walker
July	Sam de Witte, Wayne Salvestro, Jane Deen,
August	Vicki Collett, Chris Pritchard, Pete Markey,
September	Ashleigh Hickman, Grahame Stelzer, Geoff Slack
October	Sharee and Ernie Abernethy, Brian Beesley
November	Denver Webb, John Faull, Brian Dixon
December	Terry Carson, Ashleigh Hickman, Grahame Holstein



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?

Gloucester Rotary Club Executives			
2015/2016			2016/2017
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Public Officer	PP Don McLeod	6558 4297	TBA
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Congratulations to our Rotarian Ray Martin and his lovely wife, Anne for becoming Grandparents to double delight, twin granddaughters,



Genevieve Carmel & Clara Anne