

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.
Tuesday 10th May	"Legacy At Work" the Victoria Saunders Story Partners & Friends welcome. Please email attendance for catering purposes.
Tuesday 17th May	Fellowship Night and Board Meeting Night
Tuesday 24th May Partner's Night	"High School Debate" Night . Gloucester Rotary Team vs Gloucester High School Team. Partners & Friends welcome. Please email attendance for catering purposes.
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:

President Sharee started the meeting with a moment of silence to pay our respect to our Fellow Rotarian, Don McLeod. Don passed away on the 29th of April. Don's service was held at the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Gloucester. There were so many people attending his service that chairs were filled right out to the Church Lawns. DG Maurie Stack and his lovely wife, Di came to pay their respect. Rotarians from Wingham, Taree, other clubs in District 9650 also came and pay their respects. At the end of the service, the Rotarians formed a 'guard of honour'. Please go to our website to read the beautiful eulogy Rotarian Brian Beesley read at Don's Service. He will be very much missed by all.

Rotarian John Read and his lovely wife, Barbara, and Rotarian Vicki Coombes attended and assisted in the "Science & Engineering Challenge" held annually in Taree. This year, our Year 6 Gloucester Public School came in 1st and 2nd in Tuesday's challenge. Also check out the great footage from NBN Television at the Taree Science and Engineering Challenge. Click on link below.

<http://www.nbnnews.com.au/2016/05/04/record-numbers-take-part-in-midcoast-science-and-engineering-challenge/>



(You can find more Photos of the event on their Facebook page "Science and Engineering Challenge")

"The Great Debate" will be held on the 24th May at the Bowling Club. PDG Brian Beesley has extended the challenge to Gloucester High School Principle, Patrick Cavanagh and the principle has graciously accepted the challenge. Each team will consist of 3 Rotarians / Teachers and with that, one student will be allocated to each team. Topic will be ***"That students be allowed to access the internet during the NSC examinations"***. Dinner tickets cost will be \$20 per person with surplus to SRC (Students Free). Speakers may be serious, flippant, and sarcastic and do what it takes to gain audience support. No rudeness or inappropriate behaviour please! The trick is to engage the audience through your debate (or bribing!!) so they will support your team and vote for you to win. Last year, the Gloucester High School team took out the Award. This year, our Rotary team are putting up a fight to bring the Award back to the club. **"BRING IT ON"**. Photos of each debate team will be posted onto the Rotary website, so keep a watch out for that!!



Letter from our sponsored student, Irene Roberts in Tanzania, East Africa.

Letter reads (word for word):

Dear all at rotary club of Gloucester

Hi all at rotary club of Gloucester, How are you? I hope your fine. More than I and my family, back to my side I am more than all of you there. I am going well with my studies at school and also I am doing well at home and at boarding. I am happy that now I am in form two and completed my form one in the first year. I am also going to tell you about what I'll be doing in my Easter holiday. In my Easter holiday I'll be visiting many relatives of mine because they also visited us in new year were we enjoyed very much and also they visited us in Christmass were by we also enjoyed very much. I think one of them will be by grandmother, my uncle and also my aunt. I

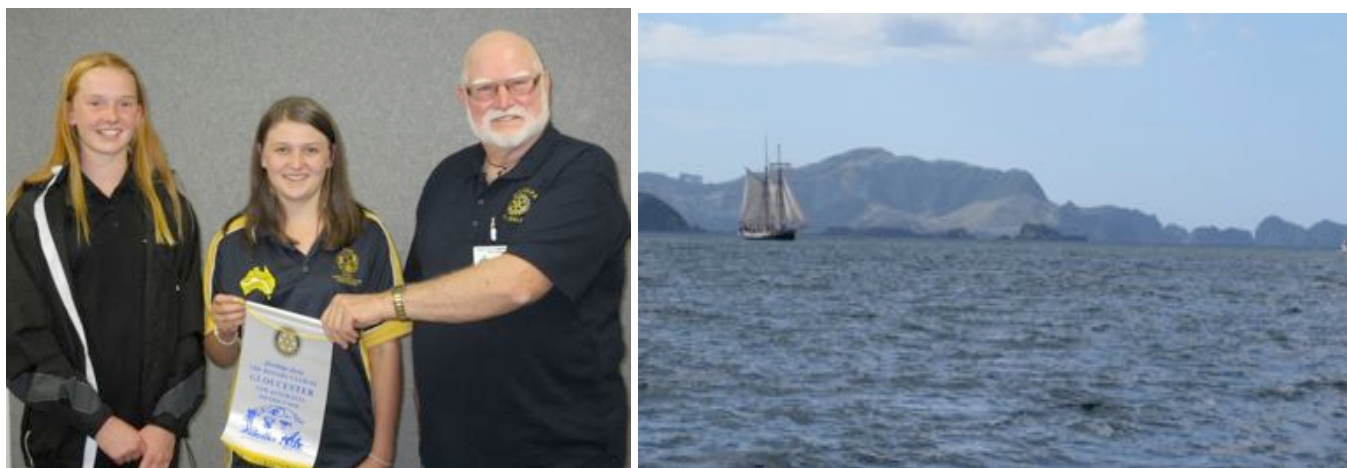
think also I'll be going with my family which is my father, my mother, my young sister and my big sister. I hope we will be enjoying very much. I hope to hear from you soon and may God help in whatever you are doing. LOTS OF LOVE FROM IRENE ROBERTS 2B (April 2016)

Letter from our New Zealand Exchange Student, Maddy Bignell

Hello Ashleigh and Rotary

I am having a fantastic time in NZ. The Robinsons (the family I am staying with) are really nice people. They made me feel at home and apart of the family. I have been here for a month now. Has gone pretty quickly. It has just been holidays and I go back to school tomorrow. The holidays has been lots of fun-we did many things and went many places. We went up to Cape Rienga which is the very top of NZ, also went and saw some glow worm caves that are in the area. Been to a lot of the towns in the Bay Of Islands, it is a pretty spot here with lots of good views. Went biscuiting in the bay of islands with some friends and also went to an Adventure park involving high ropes and flying foxes, they were both really fun. Very green here, they have had quite a bit of rain since I came. Today, Emma, Adrian (Emmas dad) and I went on a 15km walk through a place called the Waitangi Forest. I think my legs will be sore tomorrow. Dad told me the Motorbike expo was good, so that is great that Rotary had a good day. I went to the Waipapa rotary meeting the other night with Emma and her mum. We both said our speeches and all was good. Thought I would send you this email to tell you what's been happening and to send a few photos through. The photo attached is of Emma and I with another rotary man at the meeting.

From Maddy



GLoucester MOTORCYCLE EXPO

Rotarian Sam and Pete reported on the big successful Motorcycle Expo held last weekend. Before the event even began, there were already over 1000 likes on the Facebook page!! Visitors and Exhibitors started “pouring” into town on Friday!! The BBQ on Friday probably catered for over 100 people. The very next morning at 6am, there is already a queue of people lining up for the BBQ. It was non-stop cooking for our busy volunteers!!

The Swab Meet Stall was held for the very first time. People were selling all kinds of stuff, even rusty wheels and surprisingly, it drew a lot of people in!! There were a few other stalls that came for the very first time, the Banner selling stall, the Luggage for Motorbikes stall. All the exhibitors were very happy with the huge crowd this event attracted. Even the town restaurants, clubs and shops were kept very busy.

Brian Beesley was presented with \$320 for lending his postie bike for the event. There were a red and a green postie bike hired out to riders, most of them are professional riders to race around the track. Brian had kindly donated the money to the “Indigenous Nurses Funding”.

Click the link below to read about this event on the local newspaper

<http://www.gloucesteradvocate.com.au/story/3882847/rain-and-shine-but-the-show-went-on/?cs=433>



There were also raffle prizes. Winners are

- 1st Prize – Katie Ann (won an Adventure Cameron sponsored by Gloucester Leading Appliances)
- 2nd Prize – Mary Bachelor (won \$85 voucher sponsored by Featherdale Lifestyle Park)
- 3rd Prize – Greg Blakemore (won \$40 Gift Voucher sponsored by Roadies Café)
- 4th Prize – Ron Pearce (won a Caltex Gift Voucher)
- 5th Prize – Shane Connor (won a Hearing Aid Prize)

The winner of the Postie Bike Race won a Gift Voucher to the Barrington River Lodge Accommodation sponsored by our Rotarian Paul Hedditch and his lovely wife, Sue.

One of the visitors sent this link to Megan

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.233990173631486&type=1>

A big Thank you to all volunteers, Flag Marshalls and sponsors for helping out. Thank you to the Menshed team for doing a great job at minding the gates. And a big applause to the two masterminds behind this wonderful successful event, Rotarian Sam DeWitte and Peter Markey.

Visit our website www.rotarygloucester9650.org.au to read Sam Dewitte's report & photos provided by Peter Markey. You can also visit the Facebook page "Gloucester Motorcycle Expo" and read the positive comments from exhibitors and visitors.



Ida Sevon's Farewell Presentation : Safari Tour Down Under



Ida has travelled 8375km on the Safari Tour. She has collected more pins to go onto her jacket. Her aim is to collect that many pins that she cannot close her jacket.



May



Birthday Celebrations

**Lynn Slack 4th , Jan Tresidder 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, Martyanto (Young) Rustandi, 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?

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