



Bulletin for Gloucester

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Dues: Why Are They Important?

- Provide members with resources and tools
- Improve your local Rotary experience
- Dues keep Rotary operating
- Dues are an investment in our future



Annual Membership Dues: \$250

If you choose to pay by 2 instalments, please have the final payment completed prior to 1st Jan 2019

Bank Details as follow: Name: Gloucester Rotary Club.

BSB : 721000 Account No. : 100181061 Ref : (Your Name)

Coming Meetings and other Functions.

Sunday 9th September	Gloucester "Mountain Man Tri Challenge. Rotary will be manning the "Run Leg" Volunteers Welcome
Tuesday 11th September	Board Meeting Night and A Night with Ashleigh. Talking about the Rotary International Convention
Tuesday 18th September Partners & Friends Welcome	Rotary Network Night with Li . Special Guests : Get to know your Gloucester Interactors and their projects and fundraising ideas. Most importantly, their first project: Movie-a-thon for a cause to raise funds for the Farmers Drought Assistance.
Friday 21st September Partners & Friends Welcome	Interact Movie-a-Thon night. Venue : TBA 1 st Movie starts at 5pm. BBQ volunteers required and will start that before the 2 nd movie screening.
Tuesday 25th September Partners & Friends Welcome	Rotarian Merv Gillies – "This Is Your Life"
Tuesday 2nd October Partners & Friends Welcome	TBA
Tuesday 9th October Partners & Friends Welcome	Board & Social Meeting. Knife sharpening with Dave Fraser
Tuesday 16th October Partners & Friends Welcome	Rotary Network Night with Li . Special Guest: TBA

Sergeant Ray Martin opened the meeting with the usual trivia questions. Rotarians had to answer three questions correctly. Ray's trivia questions were answered with lightning speed again. So Meeting started very promptly

This week, we toast the Rotary Club of Glenn Innes

The Rotary Club of Glen Innes has 37 members which includes its satellite club of 12 members. The satellite members are those Rotarians who can't attend or don't want to attend the weekly club meetings. The Rotary Club of Glen Innes has increased its membership by a dozen members in the last 2 years. The satellite members are mostly young business people who don't have the time to attend meetings because of family & work commitments.

*Richard Rowe, the secretary of the Rotary Club, has indicated that his club is a very active group and over the last 4 years have run a **Bike ride** through various areas raising money for **Rural Mental Health**. The bike ride has been the club's major event in those years. So far **\$60,000** has been raised for Rural Mental Health*



Richard has informed me that the satellite members are the 'ideas people' and increasing find it easier for work to be done by the club.

*Gloucester and Glen Innes Rotary clubs are two of about 60 clubs in our District 9650 which are part of the world wide charitable organisation known as Rotary International. Tonight I ask you to remain seated while we all toast the Rotary Club of Glen Innes and we toast **Rotary International***

DIRECTORS REPORT:

President Ernie welcome District Governor Lorraine Coffey and her partner, Dennis Chillingworth. Special welcome to our three new members who are being inducted, Jade Spencer, and Greg and Tara Charles (Via Satellite). Welcome to young members of our newly formed Interact Club of Gloucester and their supporting parents, Sharon Latimore, Michelle Connell, Ray Fitzgerald and Caroline Blamires. Special welcome to the two YEP Students, Aryleah Tull (Outbound to Italy) and Angelica Marradi (Inbound from Italy) and her two host families, Mark and Ruth Edwards, and Carl and Dianne Eramus and daughters Isabella and Simone.



Angy with host sisters, Simone & Isabella



Host Parents: Ruth and Mark Edwards



Host Parents: Carl and Dianne Eramus



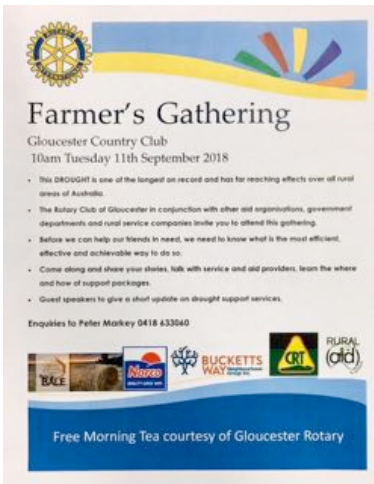
Proud Parents: Michelle Connell, Caroline Blamires, Sharon Latimore



Table of Future Leaders



The Bees and his Techno equipment



International Peter Markey has organized a “Farmer’s Gathering” at 10am on the 11th September at the Gloucester Country Club. This Project is going to be the first of many. It will help Gloucester Rotary and the other Local Service Club understand the extent of the effect this Drought has done and what kind of support is needed. As DG Lorraine updated us on the Combined Fundraising with Channel Nine, we are still yet to receive a portion of the funding to our District and so far, the first application has already been rejected. So while we are waiting for this to happen, we are going to help our farmers on a local level. So please show your support and come to this event.

On a sadder note, Pete is going to a funeral for a fellow Rotarian, Sandy Dunshea. Sandy was a Rotary member at the Rotary Club of Dubbo South and he instigated the event, Destination



Outback, a major project of his Rotary Club. This project has raised more than \$2.5 million since it started back in 1990. One of Sandy’s legacies was his commitment and involvement in the RYDER program. He will be very much missed by all who knew and met him.

Treasurer Vicki reminded Rotarians that their Annual Membership is due. Please let Vicki know if you are paying via electronic transfer so she can stop hounding you for money... Gloucester Rotary received \$1000 from Men’s Shed and \$100 from Rotarian Terry Carson to go towards the RAWC Drought Appeal. These donations have been deposited and receipts will be forwarded to the donors. We have also donated \$1000 as a club to the RAWC Drought Appeal as well.

District Governor Lorraine Coffey was delighted to present the Interactors with their Certificate of Charter to **Interact President Erin Connell**. Each Interactors were also introduced by Rotarian Li Meng and received an Interact Pin from the District Governor. The Club now consists of 16 members with the newest two members, Aryleah Tull who will bring Interact to her Italy Exchange year, and Angelica Marradi, who will bring Interact back with her when she returns home to Italy.



Angy Marradi



Aryleah Tull



Emily Dulihanty



Josie Fitzgerald



Erin Connell



James Latimore



Jack Blamires



Eternity Godsmark



Riko Fitzgerald



Rotaract and Interact Clubs.

Rotarians came up with a succession plan and as a result of this, Rotaract and Interact Clubs were formed. The first Interact club was formed in 1962. DG Lorraine commented that she was surprised by her visits to various clubs and learning that majority of these clubs had either or both Rotaract and Interact Clubs in their district in the past. It is important to have “Inclusion” with these younger club members, getting them involved with their parent Rotary Clubs and being involved in their



DG Lorraine Coffey and **President Ernie** inducted three new members to Gloucester Rotary. **Jade Spencer** was first introduced to Rotary when she sent a letter asking for sponsorship to her Study Trip to India last year in December. Since then, Jade had been attending a few of the Rotary Meetings and decided she would like to become a Rotarian.



Greg and Tara Charles are our newest Rotary power couple! Even though they reside in Sydney, they have indicated strongly that they want to be part of the Gloucester Rotary. Tara has grown up in a Rotary environment, being the daughter of Brian Beesley, a very active and valuable Gloucester Rotarian and a Past District Governor. She was also an Exchange Student herself. Her husband, Greg, has been actively involved in Gloucester Rotary events, such as our Annual Easter Duck Race, Motorcycle Expo and many others. They are

also the **FIRST** Rotarians to be inducted via Satellite Transmission!! This brings a whole new meaning of “If you can’t make it to a Rotary Meeting, we will come to you”! Another great incentive of growing our Membership. Greg and Tara will attend regular meetings via Skype or Zoom. Exciting times ahead!

DG Lorraine Coffey played Rotarians and Guests a short video presentation of Rotary International Barry Rassin (unfortunately, we couldn’t see the video but we were able to hear his speech). Lorraine attended the convention at San Diego with 550 other incoming District Governors. This year’s theme “Be An Inspiration” is the message that Lorraine is bringing to all her clubs in District 9650. To inspire the Club Presidents, and the Rotarians in their districts, to want to change. To want to do more. To want to reach their own potential, motivate them and help them find their own way forward. To have Love, Care, Empathy, Enthusiasm for family, friends and Rotarians. To be Audacious and willing to rise up to Challenges and to have Proof via leading by example.



DG Lorraine also updated the Rotarians on the current situation with the Drought Fundraising with the help of exposure by Channel Nine. Even though over 9 million dollars have been raised so far, our district has yet to receive a portion of that funding to assist our local farmers. This is quite disheartening news. But the good news is Rotary clubs all over Australia have taken matters in their hands and have been doing what Rotarians do best, supporting each other and bringing support to their communities. “*We are doing it for ourselves – Club to Club; District to District, and Rotarian to Rotarian*”. City Rotarians are helping their Country clubs by going to country towns and visiting the towns and spending money, bringing businesses to the affected towns. (You can read all about this in the latest *The Inspirator* bulletin).

This year’s Partners Project will be raising funds for Research into Motor Neurone Disease (MND) through Australian Rotary Health. Lorraine’s Partner, **Dennis Chellingsworth**, gave Rotarians a presentation of the devastating effect of MND, not only to the patient but also to their families. This project will be funded through a raffle to be conducted throughout the year with the first prize being a portrait by a well known Armidale artist.

Meeting closed with Assistant Sergeant Pete leading a fine session and raffles.

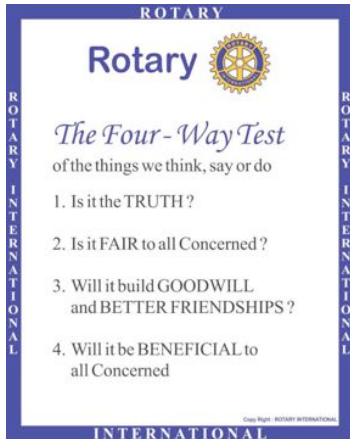


September Birthday Celebrations

Greg Charles, 7th , Simon Griffin 13th , Ray Martin 16th & Lorraine Gillies 22nd

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Doug & Valda Barron 11th
Terry & Jillian Carson 14th



Meeting Preparation & Clean Up

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

September	Lindy Dupree, David Elliott & Ray Martin
October	Paul Hedditch, Brian Beesley & Valda Barron
November	Ashleigh Hickman, Grahame Holstein, Denver Webb
December	Jade Spencer, Karen Mile & Brian Dixon

EXECUTIVE FOR 2018/19

President:		Ernie Abeysekera	0416 118 751
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