



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.

Tuesday 25th September Partners & Friends Welcome	Rotarian Merv Gillies – “This Is Your Life”
Tuesday 2nd October	Trifecta Stapling
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 . “Journey to Rotary”
Tuesday 23rd October Partners & Friends Welcome	Rotary Youth Public Speaking Event.
Tuesday 30th October Partners & Friends Welcome	Meet the Charles
Tuesday 6th November Partners & Friends Welcome	TBA
Tuesday 13th November Partners & Friends Welcome	Board & Social Meeting

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 Great Lakes

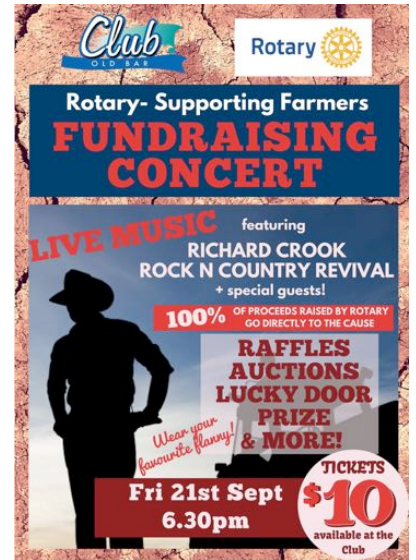
Jim Worwitch is the current President and Peter Dreise is the Secretary of the club. The members meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at Club Forster. They have social fellowship at the Tuncurry Sports Club for members and partners on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month

During the month of August, the Club organized a couple of fundraising events featuring a Movie Night and a Trivial Pursuit Night. They also rostered a group of working bees to prepare the Trifecta Tickets for the Melbourne Cup. Another exciting news is their YEP student has arrived from Germany for his one year youth exchange journey. His name is Simon Burkes and he has given a short presentation to the members about his home.

On the 21st September, the members have organise a fundraising concert to raise money for the farmers affected by the drought. The tickets are \$10pp with 100% of the funds raised going directly to this cause.

On their Facebook page, it states “We are a friendly Rotary club with a mixture of male and females and not everyone is old. Everyone is welcome to come and join us”. Hopefully, this might attract some not so old members to join.....

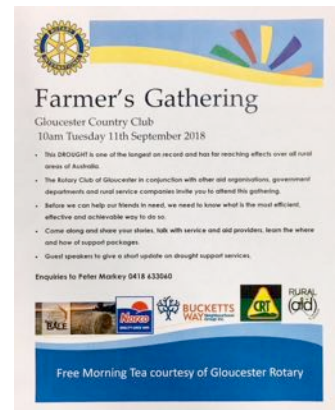
*Tonight I ask you to remain seated while we all toast the Rotary Club of Great Lakes and we toast **Rotary International***



DIRECTORS REPORT:

International Peter Markey gave a report on the “Farmer’s Gathering” Morning Tea held on the 11th September at the Gloucester Country Club. This Project will be the first of many, with the next Morning Tea schedule for Tuesday 25th September.

The first gathering was attended by a small crowd with many unable to attend due to other commitments or simply not hearing about this event. Rotarian Pete is hopeful that the second gathering will draw more crowds as this project has been broadcasted by the ABC Radio and there is also a write up in the local Gloucester Advocate. Those that were able to attend walked away with valuable information and having the knowledge of how to start getting support and where to ask. There were speakers from Rural Aid, Local Land Services, One Door Mental Health, Rural Resilience Program, Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group, CWA and Department of Human Services.



The Golf Club entrance was also stacked high with non perishable food that people had donated and dropped off at the Forster Bowling Club. Karen Newcombe and Greg Brown were the instigator behind this movement.

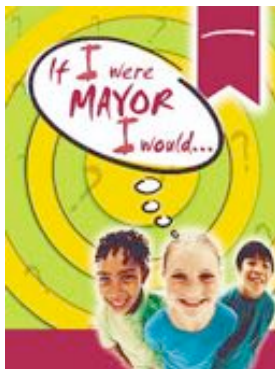


Audiences were informed that although over a million dollars have been raised through the combined effort of Channel Nine and the Farmers Federation, our District 9650 regions are still waiting for the approval of an allocated fund of \$250,000. But Rotarian Pete made it clear to the crowd the Rotary is not going anywhere and that we are here for the long haul, not just a short term solution. Well done Pete!!

To read the article on Gloucester Advocate, go to

<https://www.gloucesteradvocate.com.au/story/5639851/help-is-at-hand-for-our-farmers/>

PP Sam de Witte gave a brief report on the annual Gloucester Mountain Man Tri Challenge. It was a fantastic beautiful day for the competitors. This year's volunteers were joined by our newly chartered Interactors. After the competition, there were a few nice comments on the warm and welcoming atmosphere created by our team of volunteers and Marshalls. Here are some pics from the event:



Vocational Directors Valda Barron and a group of dedicated Rotarians set about judging the Rotary Vocational Essay Competition "If I was a Mayor for the Day, I would....." for the third stage primary schools in our District.

There was an overwhelming response from the four schools. And after much liberation and by an order of elimination, ONE essay stood out. Winner of this competition will be presented with a certificate by the Mayor at the Gloucester Council Chambers and a chance to have a tour as well.

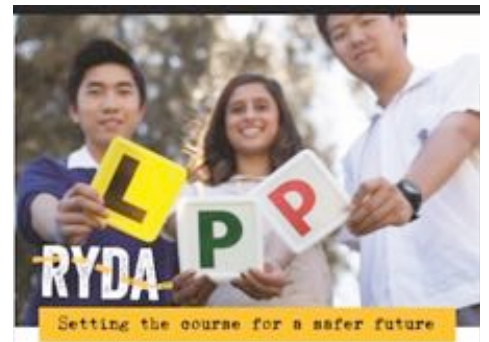
Winner will be announced soon.

Rotary Network Night with Li : Rotary Youth Programs – Gloucester Interact Club



President Elect Li welcome Rotarians and guests to the Networking Night. Special welcome to the three Interact presenters and their supporting parent, Interact Vice President Emily Dulihanty and her father, Paul, Interact Sergeant and Facebook admin Bella Yates and her mother Lee Clapson and sister Poppy Yates, and Secretary Riko Fitzgerald and Interactor/sister Josie and dad Ray Fitzgerald. Also welcome to Jodie House and Taryna Turner and her two daughters who are interested in learning about Interact.

Li started the presentation by sharing with the audience the different types of Rotary Youth Programs. Rotary has an invested interest in grooming and supporting the next generation of Leaders. There are programs such as the RYEA (Rotary Youth Exchange Program), and RANZE (Rotary Australia and New Zealand Exchange Program) which host an international student in a different country where they will experience a different culture, people, language skills and venture out of their usual comfort zone. Programs such as RYDA (Rotary Youth Driving Awareness), RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), were initiated to educate and instill leadership skills and boost self-confidence and self-esteems. Youth Public Speaking competitions utilizing the Rotary Four Way Test as the topic encourages students to boost their public speaking skills and at the same time, growing their self-confidence literacy skills.



Interactors Emily, Bella and Riko then spoke to Rotarians about their newly chartered Interact Club. Currently, there are 16 members in the club and growing. The first few meetings were getting ideas for various projects, both locally and internationally, and fundraising ideas to fund these projects. Their first local project selected was to assist with the current Drought Crisis. Their aim is to raise \$1200 to buy 4 bales of hay. After a few hiccups and challenges, such as the high cost of copyright fee, plans were altered accordingly so that they can still reach their goal. Hence on Friday 21st September, Interactors held their first Movie Fundraising Event at the Arrowee House. The Interactors had designed posters and flyers and tickets, decided on the food to sell and cater for, the limit of the size of attendees etc....

Rotarians were very supportive of this project and those that could not attend, made a donation to the cause.

The night ended with Sergeant Peter Markey drawing the raffles and those that could stay, enjoyed a very sociable dinner after meeting ends.

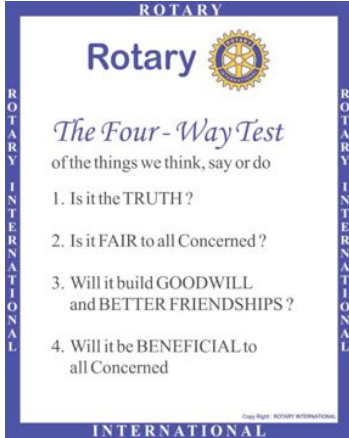


September Birthday Celebrations

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

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