



Bulletin for Gloucester

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Coming Meetings and other Functions.

Tuesday 27th November Partners & Friends Welcome	A Night with Technology with PC Guy. Bring your piece of technology with you. Topic covers cloud computing, personal security of mobiles and tablets etc..
Saturday 1st December Partners & Friends Welcome	Aryleah YEP Gathering. Venue in the new entertaining area at the Top Pub. Raffles, Prizes and Chocolate Wheels available for Charity Auctions to raise funds for her trip.
Tuesday 4th December Partners & Friends Welcome	A Musical Performance by the Year 11 Students lead by Music Teacher, Ms Judith Ingram
Saturday 8th December Partners & Friends Welcome	Interact Christmas Party. Forster Tenpin Bowling. Cost \$25pp include one game of bowling and laser game. Time: TBA
Tuesday 11th December Members Only	Board Club Assembly
Friday 14th December Partners & Friends Welcome	Movie Fundraising Night with the Interactors at the Billabong Park. Time: 7pm for 7.30pm. BBQ volunteers needed.
Tuesday 18th December	ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY (5.30pm to 9.30pm) Food prepared by Maree Grady Venue: Gloucester Country Club, Bucketts Way Motel Dining Area . Cost: \$40pp .
FORWARD PLANNING 2019	
Tuesday 12th February	Social Night and Board Meeting Night
8th to 10th March	ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE WEEKEND – ARMIDALE
Saturday 9th March	"Bush Poetry in the Saleyards" . Lead Poet: Carol Heuchan – internationally well known in the Equestrian field and a multiple Australian Bush Poet Champion. She will be supported by Bob Bush from Dungog. Claire Reynolds from Gloucester and Bowden Brothers supplying all the wonderful music
Saturday 4th May	Gloucester Motorcycle EXPO

How To Gain Money For Your Club or Organisation (Guest Speaker: Katrina Carlon)



On Tuesday 20th November, our club hosted a dinner meeting with representatives from community groups, schools and other clubs in attendance to listen to Katrina Carlon, Senior Grants Officer with Midcoast Council. Katrina was assisted by her husband Adrian Carlon who was in charge of the computer and screen presentation. He is an industrial officer with Midcoast Council

As a “Yepper” from 2000 – 2001 Katrina was very familiar with Rotary and how our club had funded the installation of the exercise stations within Gloucester District park over 4 to 5 years.

Katrina explained the steps to take for grant applications, such as how background need for a project should be researched, the importance of need for a project to be supported by public surveys, the need to have development approvals as a condition of many grant applications, how to obtain fairly reliable quotes for infrastructure or events, the working with other community groups to achieve common goals and the vital need for the applicant to have a proper legal

structure. Gloucester Rotary was given as an example on how to obtain grants for [exercise equipment] infrastructure. Katrina also discussed the importance of the applicant for a grant having an established legal entity with minutes of meetings confirming support for a project and grant application as well as the applicant having insurances, in some cases a fundraising authority from NSW Fair Trading and other matters. Staging a large project in stages [such as the Gloucester Rotary exercise stations] as individual projects meant it had had a better chance of obtaining small grants each year for several years.



Katrina informed the meeting that Council’s website now has links to demographic and other data for the official 3,050 residents in Gloucester. Ages and racial background, employment situation and pensioner status numbers are all available for use in grant applications.



The evening was divided into three segments to enable Katrina to have her presentation, then a discussion on the practical aspects of a grant application and finally there was a segment where the guests could ask questions. For example, Sarah Mansfield from the Gloucester Soldiers Club advised that the ground level auditorium was an evacuation centre that did not have a good air conditioning system for use by elderly persons during heatwaves or a modern kitchen; Bruce Snape from the Show committee advised that more and more caravans use the showground as a council approved primitive camping area, but the toilets and showers need upgrading. Bill Murray from Gloucester Country Club referred to the need to have a disabled persons toilet

with access from the golf course, not necessarily only through the club building; Robyn Beggs from Gloucester Netball Assoc. raised the difficulty of obtaining quotes and interest in replacing the surface of all of the netball courts to enable a grant application to be lodged. Matthew Bowden discussed whether the Bowden Brothers could seek an art and cultural grants to fund a tour from Gloucester to Tennant Creek to enable the Bowden Bros to provide free concerts to indigenous Australians and others.

Katrina provided suggestions to each of the representatives who explained the projects and she took detail. Katrina indicated her willingness to assist everyone in the Midcoast Council area with grant applications. She provided details of the websites where clubs may arrange for information regarding upcoming grants to be sent to the clubs.

After the meeting ended several of the guests hung around asking Katrina questions for another 30 minutes or so. It was a very successful evening. Well done Brian Beesley for arranging the night’s activities.

Rotarian Stuart Benson receiving her Honorary Membership Certificate

President Ernie led a small group of Rotarians and paid a visit to Rotarian Stuart and his wife, Leonie. Stuart has been a long standing Rotarian. President Ernie presented Stuart with the Honorary Membership Certificate and badge in recognition of his dedications and commitments to "Doing Good" in the community. Congratulations Stuart!!

Stuart is well known for his famous 'Red Sock'. Project "Red Socks" has been taken on board by The District 9670 Community Service Committee to aid in the early prevention of prostate cancer in men. The aim of the project is to raise funds to aid further prostate cancer research. The socks are being made available for clubs and members to take advantage of purchasing the socks at \$15.00 each pair.

To find out more about this project, go to <https://rotary9670.org.au/stories/project-red-socks>



ARVO FOR AYRLEAH: Saturday 1st Dec. Rear of Avon Valley Inn

It is most important that we get some good products/vouchers/items/accommodation/grog or whatever to raffle/auction on the day. All goods can be left at my office (Bowe & Lidbury). *(Mo has already dropped me in a bag full!)*. I need someone to walk the street and put up some flyers if possible, as well as canvas the shopkeepers?? Any questions? Ring me.

ARVO FOR AYRLEAH AT THE AVON VALLEY INN

1ST DECEMBER 2018 FROM 3PM

HELP AYRLEAH GET TO ITALY!

Organised by the Rotary Club of Gloucester and with the support of many local businesses, we are having a day of music, raffles, auctions and good cheer.

Ayrleah Tull is going to Italy as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student - A life changing experience.

Bring your family and friends, enjoy the new Avon Valley Inn outdoor function area.

Featuring:

- Music from Brendan Harvey
- Lucky Gate Prize
- Chocolate Wheel
- Auction
- Free Nibbles

The Program:

Music starts at **3pm**.

Display of goods and chocolate wheel to be set up at that time. (Rotarians) Selling of Lucky Gate Prize tickets all afternoon. (Rotarian ticket sellers) During music breaks we will have 5 Chocolate Wheel spins (Rotarian ticket sellers) Probably 3 times.

Avon Valley Inn is supplying hot nibbles during the afternoon. (Avon Valley Inn kitchen staff)

5.30 pm AUCTION of memorabilia, high value goods & other donated prizes.

6 pm finish activities as the new rear venue is booked for a function.

Thanks and I look forward to a great day for Ayrleah!

P.S. She is going to Villa Reale between Monza and Milan.

**Cheers,
Pete MARKEY**

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE PROGRAM

There are a few spaces available on our Exchange to India [District 3040] departing February next year and all you need to do is apply. A very interesting part of this exchange will be your involvement for a day in our wonderful Polio Plus Program.

For further details please contact Grahame Stelzer ph. 6558 4730 or mobile 0418 659 532. You will need to be quick. We also have an Exchange to South Africa programed for late 2019/2020 and there are a couple of places left.

ON A ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE, YOU'RE NEVER JUST A TOURIST.



You get to genuinely experience another culture guided by friends in Rotary. Exchange participants take turns hosting and visiting one another, forging friendships that last a lifetime.



Exchange participation is open to individual Rotary members, couples, families, or groups. Prospective partners communicate with one another in advance to decide on the format, timing, and duration of each visit.



All exchanges are funded by the participants, and hosts are not expected to assume a significant financial burden. Visitors pay their own way, but are rewarded with warm hospitality and an international travel experience unlike any other.



An exchange can also be the starting point for a long-term international relationship between two clubs. Participants often use their new friendships as the basis for partnering on service projects that create lasting change.



Interested in finding potential exchange partners? Contact a district Rotary Friendship Exchange chair, or take advantage of opportunities to connect with Rotarians from other parts of the world at the annual Rotary International Convention and other events.



For more information, go to www.rotary.org/connections or contact rotary.service@rotary.org.

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Gloucester Rotary is again a 100% Giving to the Rotary Foundation. Secretary Ashleigh receiving the Banner from DG Lorraine Coffey. Rotary Bees in his Sparkling Christmas light outfit at the Tamworth Meeting Dinner. Nice pic with teddy....



You Are Invited to the Interact Christmas Party



UPDATE FROM IRENE ROBERTS

Dear All at the Rotary Club of Gloucester,
Irene has nearly completed Form 4!

Your support for Irene's O Level scholarship has helped her reach one of the major milestones in Tanzanian education system – sitting the Form 4 National Examinations.

Now that the national examinations are over, our Form 4 students have taken the time to write their letters of thanks for all the support they have received throughout their ordinary level studies.

Please find Irene's letter attached – we hope it will bring you as much joy as reaching this milestone for Irene.

Sitting the Form 4 National Examinations is one of the biggest academic challenges Tanzanian students face and our Form 4 students can now breathe a sigh of relief that they have just finished the grueling 10 subject examination series. With the end of the academic year due in a few weeks, and results anticipated in February, Irene is looking forward to a well-deserved break from studies.

With the spirit in which they have already received, many of our students spend time during this break volunteering in either our primary or secondary schools so are still considered part of the St Jude's community during this time. We'll be letting you know in March if they have achieved the results required to be offered an A Level scholarship to continue their education at St Jude's.

Your generosity and commitment in supporting Irene's education to this point has made a truly meaningful difference in her life. Thank you from Irene's family and, our school family. Together we have been educating the future leaders of Tanzania!

P.S. We wish you a happy festive season with your loved ones.

Best Wishes,

Grace Mahenge

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Dear All at the Rotary club of Gloucester.

I hope that you are fine. In my side i am more than fine and i am really happy as i am done with my examinations and also i am done with my Ordinary level studies and i will have a long holiday for seven months. I hope that I will be back for my Advance level studies.

On 13th October we had our Celebration and Awards day of which it was formely known as Graduation day. We really enjoyed the day. It was a lovely day since i had time to speak with my parents and friends and it was the best time to get best wishes from our lovely parents before we start our National examination.

We started our National examination on 5th November and now after the long journey we managed to succeed to end this journey joyfully. Our exams were really tough but we are praying hard so that we can have good results.

In my holiday i am planning to travel to many places so as i can visit my relatives of which i did not see them for a long time and i am planning to help my parents in performing different tasks.

I would like to say thankyou for sponsoring me and i would really like to appreciate you and all your family for the contribution you made in my life.

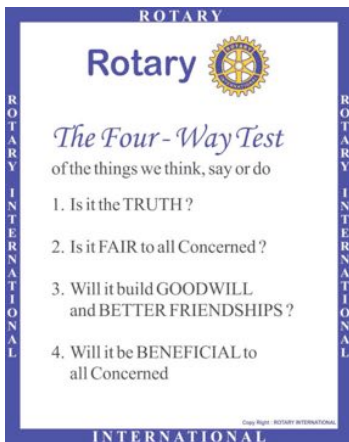
LOVE FROM IBENE ROBERT F4B.



November Birthday Celebrations

Joy Myers 10th, David Francis 20th, Bernie Tresidder 21st,
Denver Webb 24th, Susan Dixon 25th, Li Meng 27th
Barbara Read 28th

Wedding Anniversary Celebration



Meeting Preparation & Clean Up

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

November	Ashleigh Hickman, Grahame Holstein, Denver Webb
December	Jade Spencer, Karen Mile & Brian Dixon
February 2019	TBA
March 2019	TBA

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