



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019*

Bank Details as follow: **Name: Gloucester Rotary Club.**  
**BSB : 721000 Account No. : 100181061 Ref : (Your Name)**

### Coming Meetings and other Functions.

<b>Tuesday 2nd October</b>	<b>Trifecta Stapling</b>
<b>Tuesday 9th October</b>	<b>Board &amp; Social Meeting. Knife sharpening with Dave Fraser</b>
<b>Sunday 14th October</b> Partners & Friends Welcome	<b>"DIG" Gardening Event. BBQ Helpers Needed.</b> Please contact David Elliott if you can help. David: 0401 716 601
<b>Tuesday 16th October</b> Partners & Friends Welcome	<b>Rotary Network Night with Li . "Journey to Rotary"</b>
<b>Tuesday 23rd October</b> Partners & Friends Welcome	<b>Rotary Youth Public Speaking Event.</b>
<b>Tuesday 30th October</b> Partners & Friends Welcome	<b>Alzheimer / Dementia Talk</b>
<b>Tuesday 6th November</b>	<b>NO ROTARY (Melbourne Cup)</b>
<b>Saturday 10th November</b> Volunteers Welcome	<b>Farmers Market BBQ. Volunteers welcome.</b> Please contact David Elliott if you can help. David: 0401 716 601
<b>Tuesday 13th November</b>	<b>Board &amp; Social Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday 20th November</b> Partners & Friends Welcome	<b>Meet the Charles (New Members)</b>

**Sergeant Ray Martin** opened the meeting with the usual trivia questions. Rotarians had to answer three questions correctly. The three trivia questions were answered very quickly so Ray threw in another one or two for fun. Meeting started very promptly

### *This week, we toast the Rotaract Club of Hastings*

*Their current focuses are that of community involvement and club operations. Over the next few months, they aim to host a fundraising and/or awareness event alongside our social media and health challenge presence. Events include a Halloween themed blood drive for Red Cross Blood Service, Movember, Steptember, Christmas present drive for Rotary Lodge and Port Macquarie Base Hospital and hosting a patient and family dinner at Rotary Lodge. Their last major fundraiser was for drought relief and took the form of a trivia night where they raised \$750.05 consisted of gold coins to play as well as donations in kind.*



*Within their district, they are in communication with four Rotaract Clubs which are being established in efforts of DG Lorraine Coffey's challenge to establish a Rotaract Club in every cluster by the end of her term in June next year.*

*Internationally, they have investigated many different avenues of service and have established partnerships with existing and forming Rotaract Clubs, one of which has been formalised through a twin partnership agreement in a culture exchange.*

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

### **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

**International Peter Markey** spoke in length about the second "Farmer's Gathering" Morning Tea held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September at the Gloucester Country Club.

It was a very disappointing meeting where all 12 Guest Speakers failed to attend, despite promising to do so a fortnight earlier. It was a very poor and appalling effort from these speakers despite Rotary putting on the food and beverages. Moreover, a dozen farmers had driven to the club in high hopes of learning about the Drought Relief Funding Aid and assistance only to find NO speakers.



Watch this space for more news to follow on this...



Newest Members, **Tara and Greg Charles**, were able to attend the dinner meeting via the big screen and the wonders of modern technology with Greg making comments about the recent second Farmers Drought poor performance. Greg told Rotarians that at IAG where he works in Sydney that his staff would be 'roasted' by management if a company employee promised to go and speak at a public event and then failed to attend that meeting.

**Interactors Emily Dulihanty, Riko and Josie Fitzgerald** attended the meeting and gave a report on the “Night Out for Drought” to the Rotarians.

This report is from Rotarian **Li Meng** who was unable to attend the meeting:

*Last Friday, the Interactors had their very first project event "Night Out For Drought". After the couple of mishaps and challenges, I am very pleased to receive the good news from Interact Treasurer James. They have raised a approx. total taking of about \$1500.00. Leading up to the event, Interactors had posted the flyers to the 4 schools, spoke to their friends and families. A few Interactors even went around school last week with a bucket asking for donations and students were emptying their loose change into the bucket. Interactions were given jobs to do on the night from popping popcorns, to manning the BBQ, to collecting and selling tickets at the entrance. Well, Bella and Riko were both stressing out as they waited at the entrance and no one came. But at 6.35pm, cars started turning up and before long, the carpark were filled with supporters. I will have to cook more noodles next time too as my vegan noodles were sold out within half hour of getting there!! The kids were so excited and Interact President even got up and spoke a few words to the crowd before and after the show, thanking everyone for coming out. This event has been a huge confident boost for the Interactors.*



*Thank you to the Rotarians for coming out and manning the BBQ, Jim, Ashleigh, Valda and Jade. Paul for bringing the Trailer. Thank you to Denver for bringing his troop of family and Kaye and Grahame for driving to the event after driven all the way from Tamworth that day. Special thanks to Valda for organising the chairs, the drinks and everything else, Jade, our newest Rotarians for assisting with guiding the Interactors with the event and media. And to all the Rotarians that donated to the cause but couldn't make it to the event.*



**Secretary Ashleigh Hickman** finally received news about the Carson’s Lookout Upgrade from Chris Dimarco (NSW Road Safety Officer) who has been liaising with Rotarian **Terry Carson**.

They have received approval and funding to proceed with installation of signage. Their current proposal is to add road safety signage to the existing posts. The road safety information boards will be approximately 310mm x 1000mm and be secured to the side of the current posts and will site 90 degrees to current information board for ease of access to drivers and visitors. This proposal has been rejected by Rotary. Suggestions of erecting the signs on either end of the entrance and exit points away from the main information structure.

Talks for the new signage is still ongoing. Watch this space.



## Getting To Know Rotarian Merv Gillies



Merv spoke about many things during his talk. From his birth at Maroubra Junction, a suburb south of Sydney near Maroubra Beach, he spoke of his childhood there then the family moved to the Sutherland Shire when he was 13. He finished high school at Port Hacking High then left school at 15 and for a while lived with his Aunt and Uncle at Bredbo, a small locality near Cooma. He trapped rabbits with his cousin, worked as a station hand on a sheep and cattle station then returned to Sydney where he worked on an oyster farm, as a plumber's labourer then at the DMR as a clerk.

At the age of nearly 20 he joined the NSW police Force and during his 37 year service worked at numerous suburban stations including the inner city. He also worked in plain clothes, general traffic and in the Scientific section (now known as the Crime Scene Unit) as a Police draftsman.

After becoming a certified Police motor cyclist and high speed pursuit driver, Merv joined the Highway patrol attending serious motor vehicle accidents throughout the Sydney region. Whilst on patrol one evening he was confronted by a bad guy who pointed a pistol at Merv's head but the pistol jammed and failed to fire.

When Merv retired from the Police force he bought a small farm at Firefly for some peace and serenity but after his parents were both diagnosed with Dementia he took them to the farm and became their carer.

Merv joined Alzheimer's Australia and for 14 years performed volunteer work as an advocate for that organisation. He was also a member of national and local Consumer Advisory Groups. After winding down his commitment to Alzheimer's Merv wanted to continue community volunteering and that is why he joined Rotary.

Merv has had many interests over the years including ice skating, snow skiing, played representative rugby league and rugby union, was a founding member of Elouera Surf club, raced midget speedcars, raced yachts both off-shore and enclosed.

President Ernie thanked Merv for his talk and presented him with a Rotary glass.

The night ended with fines and raffles.



## WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AROUND TOWN:

### **World Polio Day 24 October & Bohemian Rhapsody**

Guys

I am emailing you as Foundation Directors for your clubs and as members of the District Rotary Foundation Committee.

As you can see from the email below World Polio Day is on 24 October and enclosed is our District flyer for Bohemian Rhapsody on 1 November 2018 – plus my own club flyer for the movie gig which you can copy and change as appropriate.

This will be a fab film and we have it on Opening Night throughout the world. All funds to PolioPlus campaign. Every dollar we raise turns into \$3 with the support of the Bill and Imelda Gates Foundation.

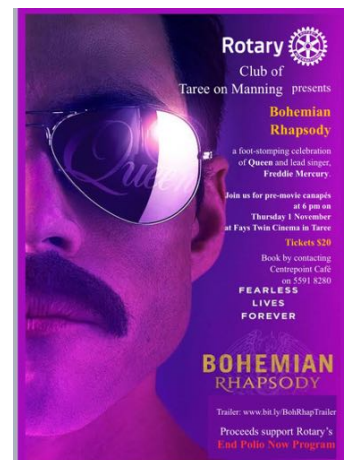
It is critical not to give up on PolioPlus. If we stopped the vaccination program within 10 years we would have hundreds of thousands of new polio victims. 16 million people in the world don't have polio as a result of this Rotary initiative.

I know that quite a few of you have already committed to the movie but, if you can't, how about thinking of some other fundraiser on or about 24 October to support PolioPlus – a simple dinner party or a walk through the local shopping centre with buckets for donations and wearing the red PolioPlus T-shirts like DG Lorraine's club does each year.

Funds are just sent to Rotary in Parramatta marked for the PolioPlus campaign.

Many thanks

**Maurie Stack (Rotary Foundation Director 2018/16 District 9650)**





A joint initiative of Destination Gloucester  
and the Gloucester Garden Club



# Dig Gloucester



**"Get down to Earth with a Garden Expo"**

Come and enjoy beautiful Gloucester

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018

10am - 4pm

- Wander around six rural Open Gardens
- Browse nature-focused Arts & Crafts displays
- Visit the Tucker Patch Community Garden
- Billabong Park:** Stroll around specialist gardening stalls  
Learn from Guest Speakers & Information sessions  
Enter the decorated lawnmower or wheelbarrow competition – great prizes for Juniors & Seniors!  
Regular Farmers Market on Saturday from 8 am
- Enjoy a delicious "High Tea in a Park" Saturday 2-4 pm

**CONTACT:** Gloucester Visitors Information Centre on (02) 6538 5252



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**Lift the Lid on Mental Illness** is Australian Rotary Health's national fundraising and awareness campaign for mental health research, and we would love for you to be involved!

We have appreciated your support in the past, and ask that you help us *Lift the Lid on Mental Illness* on **World Mental Health Day on October 10**, or anytime during **Mental Health Month** this October, in one or more of the following ways:

### Host a Hat Day party

Hat Day has been one of Australian Rotary Health's successful fundraising events for many years, and we are still very willing to carry on this fun tradition under the Lift the Lid umbrella. To get involved in 2018, gather your friends/colleagues/club, pick out a hat, and register your event at [hatday.com.au](http://hatday.com.au)

### Approach your local coffee shop

You can help to create awareness and raise funds for mental health research by asking coffee shops in your local area if they want to help. They can do this by placing a Lift the Lid collection tin on their counter, donating \$1 per coffee sold, or asking customers if they would like to add \$1 to the cost of their coffee as a donation.

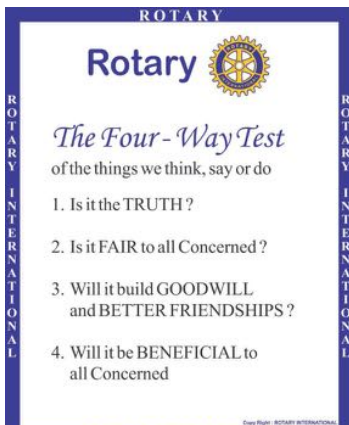


## October Birthday Celebrations

**Sam de Witte 6<sup>th</sup> & Valda Barron 31st**

## Wedding Anniversary Celebration

**Sam & Megan de Witte 25th**



### Meeting Preparation & Clean Up

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

October	Paul Hedditch, Brian Beesley & Valda Barron
November	Ashleigh Hickman, Grahame Holstein, Denver Webb
December	Jade Spencer, Karen Mile & Brian Dixon
January	TBA

## EXECUTIVE FOR 2018/19

<b>President:</b>		Ernie Abeysekera	0416 118 751
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<b>Youth Services</b>		Karen Miles Jane Deen	0412 052 272 0448 581 550
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<b>Public Officer &amp; Executive Secretary</b>	<b>PP</b>	Ray Martin	6558 2200 B

