



# Bulletin for Gloucester

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## Coming Meetings and other Functions.

<b>Tuesday 5th February</b> <i>Partners &amp; Friends Welcome</i>	<b>Offsite Meeting - "Fitness"</b> - Bring your workout gear / active wear. Meet at Farley Gates at 6pm for 6.15pm start. There will be offsite catering.
<b>Tuesday 6th February</b>	<b>"Combined Services Dinner"</b> Anglican Parish Hall, Hume Street Gloucester. 6.30 for 7.00 pm \$25.00 a head BYO drinks
<b>Tuesday 12th February</b> <i>Partners &amp; Friends Welcome</i>	<b>Social Night and Board Meeting Night</b> <b>Westpac Helicopter Talk</b> Membership Push so bring a friend or someone who might like to join Rotary.
<b>16th - 17th February</b>	<b>ROTARY PETS Training WEEKEND - Tamworth</b>
<b>Tuesday 19th February</b> <i>Partners &amp; Friends Welcome</i>	<b>Terry Snow Visit - "Corporate night"</b> More information to come
<b>Saturday 9th March</b> <i>Partners &amp; Friends Welcome</i>	<b>"Bush Poetry At The Saleyards"</b> . Feature poet: Carol Heuchan alongside local treasure, Claire Reynolds, Bob Bush and many more... Music by Bowden Brothers Tickets \$25pp. On Sale from Gloucester Visitors Centre, Bowe & Lidbury and Gloucester Health Foods.
<b>8th - 10th March</b>	<b>ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE WEEKEND - ARMIDALE</b>
<b>Saturday 4th May</b>	<b>Gloucester Motorcycle EXPO</b>

## Gloucester Hardware Tour

Hello again fellow Rotarians.

Let me introduce you to Mansuk (Right), Jigna (Left) and Jayan (Centre) from Gloucester Hardware, one of our new businesses in town. The family showed us around their establishment and gave us a brief history of how they came to be in Gloucester!! They both started out in India, (Gujarat to be precise!!) But moved from India to other parts of the world, Jigna grew up in Kenya. When the married they were in Western Australia. Mansuk comes from an agricultural background, with Hydroponics and Accounting mixed in and Jigna has a background in childcare, but knew a little bit about hardware after working in her uncles Hardware store when she was younger.



They decided to move to Gloucester after friends of theirs (the new owners of the Stratford Petrol Station) invited them to have a look around the area because there were plenty of opportunities to be had. They saw the market for a hardware store that opened early for Tradies (7am-6pm) coming from out of town, that held a large variety for locals, so they didn't have to go out of town for just a few little things.



The 1000 square metre store opened up about 4 months ago after a lot of renovations, including Insulation in the roof, new flooring in areas and some painting. Their aims are to listen to locals, have fresh seasonal products and DIY for those who like to do those things.

In the future they hope to employ local people and expand their business - where to? They're not quite sure just yet.

Thank you for hosting us Mansuk, Jigna and Jayan.

## Brian's Kransky Sausage Adventure

After the Hardware Store tour, Brian & Heather Beesley took our tastebuds on an adventure with a selection of Kransky Sausages, sauerkraut, salads and the makings! There were also vegetarian and vegan options, thank you Heather, with help from Li. We packed the parking lot between the hardware store and the Shell servo. It was a great night, I think we confused some of the drivers trying to get past.



## **Presidential message, February 2019**

In my travels over the past year, I've visited many strong, vibrant clubs and districts that are transforming their communities. When I attend their meetings, I can feel the energy. When I meet their members, I can see they are people of action. And when I look at their communities, I can recognize the impact of their work.

I've also visited communities with Rotary clubs that were hardly more than social clubs. It shouldn't ever be that way. Fortunately, there's a simple approach that I believe can help revitalize any club.

I'd like to challenge every Rotary club to come up with at least one high-impact service project. Each club already has the potential, the resources, to make it happen. It has the power to change people's lives — completely.

It doesn't take millions of dollars. One of the most transformational projects I've been a part of involved providing a Jeep to a group of midwives in Haiti. We had asked the midwives what we could do for them, and they told us they needed a way to reach expectant mothers in a remote part of the country. We supplied a Jeep, painted it pink, and put the Rotary logo on it. Three years later, we went back to see how they were doing. They were excited by the outcomes: They told us that the mortality rate for mothers and infants in that region had dropped by 50 percent.

That's what I call transformational service.

But Jeeps don't last forever, and after eight years on the road, that vehicle was on its last legs. So we bought a pink Land Cruiser. It's still on the road, allowing the midwives to provide prenatal care to women in that remote region.

What makes a project transformational? It doesn't have to involve a lot of money, but it has to reach people and have a major impact in the community. That is the key, and that is where careful planning and thorough research come in. So do your research. Leverage your resources. Seek partnerships that can increase your impact. And then take action.

Of course, service is only part of what a strong club must offer. It must also have good speakers, provide leadership development, involve Rotaract and Interact, and bring value to its members and reasons to participate in Rotary events.

If your club is transformational and well-organized, everything else will follow. Members will be engaged, and new members will be eager to join you. Fundraising will be easier: People love to give when they see how their money is making a difference and when they know the organization is accountable. Your club will be vibrant, relevant, and alive — and it will be the inspiration to those within its ranks as well as to the community it serves.

## **Barry Rassin**

President 2018-19

## **John Walton - Science and engineering Challenge**

Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> Challenge day. Volunteers needed to fully staff this day at least 3 from each club in the cluster.

Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> Discovery day 1

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> inclusive Discovery days 2 to 6. For each of the discovery days we need 1 or 2 from each club.

The Challenge dinner will be held on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> May .

This 7 day event will be held at the Manning Valley Race club race track.

Thank you & regards

John

*(Due to technical difficulties, I haven't managed to put this in the google calendar just yet, sorry- Jade)*



*So, I think that's all folks, in regards to everything you may need to know for now. I will definitely keep you up to date as I learn more (and figure out how to do them.)*

Thank you for your time

Jade

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**WOMEN IN BUSINESS  
 BREAKFAST**  
 22 FEB 19 | 7.30am - 9am | BLUEPRINT CAFÉ

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

**THE FOUR WAY TEST**  
 of the things we think, say or do

First: **Is it the TRUTH?**  
 Second: **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**  
 Third: **Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**  
 Fourth: **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

MONEY MATTERS, COCKTAILS + PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE  
**FINANCIAL INFO SESSION  
 FOR GLOUCESTER WOMEN**  
 22 FEB 19 | 6pm - 7pm | The Avon Valley Inn  
 First 20 Bookings Receive a FREE Cocktail on Arrival

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February	Jodie House, Jane Deen, Sam de Witte
March	Ray Martin, Li Meng Wong, Terry Carson
April	Ashleigh Hickman, Mo Hjorth, Jim de Silva
May	Vicki C, Peter M, Valda B

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