



Bulletin for Gloucester

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Coming Meetings and other Functions.

Tuesday 9th April	Fellowship & Board Meeting Night
Saturday 13th April Friends & Partners Welcome	Angies Parents will be in Gloucester for a very short time and we have been invited to meet them. Roadies at 10:30am. They will be leaving soon after.
Saturday 13th April Friends & Partners Welcome	Interact Movie Night: from 7pm "Smallfoot" A Yeti is convinced that the elusive creatures known as "humans" really do exist. Gold coin donation.
Tuesday 16th April Community Event	Networking with Interactors: Fun Games Night, get to know your Interactors.
Tuesday 21st April Community Event	DUCK RACES!! Also Easter Sunday.
Tuesday 23rd April Friends & Partners Welcome	Greg & Tara Charles: "This is our life"
Tuesday 30th April Friends & Partners Welcome	Guide Dogs Australia: PUPPIES!! I will double check if we will have puppies for the night. Update: No one has said there won't be puppies.
Saturday 4th May Community Event	Gloucester Motorcycle Expo (May the fourth be with you)
Tuesday 7th May Friends & Partners Welcome	Youth Protection and Insurance: Bianca Adimari [Insurance] and Di Reynolds [WWC]
Tuesday 14th May	Board Meeting Night.

A note from the editor: *Firstly, I wanted to share my pride for the Interactors with this little note:*

6 April 2019 at 22:52

I am so proud of you all. You have represented yourselves & your club so incredibly well. I've consistently heard glowing commentary on how great our Interact Club is. Not just today, but with all the little things we've done around town. You have all done yourselves proud, & I want to acknowledge all of your efforts.

You have made such a good impression, people are wanting to join us. We will follow up with that. It is so great to see that your efforts & actions are being seen, & people want to be a part of what we love doing - Interact/Rotary.

Secondly, one of newest members, Mo, will be performing in th GACCI production of "Devinl in the Detail" - A comedy suitable for the whole family. Performances will be on Friday May 3rd & two performances on Saturday 4th (Matinee & evening). Tickets are \$20. Break a leg Mo!.



And now for something completely different...

Last Tuesday night we had a great presentation by John Feehan who educated us on Dung Beetles. The night was opened by Ray Martin telling 'crappy' Dung beetle puns. (A dung beetle walks into a bar, goes to sit down, and asks "is this stool taken?").

Ernie followed up by greeting our 40 guests and giving us an update on Angie. As you can see on the schedule above, Angies parents are coming briefly to Gloucester. We have been invited to meet them on Saturday the 13th at Roadies Cafe at 10:30am.

Brian and Greg (Charles) announced that Tara & Greg are expecting their second child. Congratulations Greg & Tara.

Following that exciting announcement Ernie then presented our Valda with a well eared trophy for her project "If I were Mayor for a Day". Ninety-nine Gloucester students, representing four of the primary schools in the area, responded to the challenge to write what they would do if they were Mayor for a Day. Valda gathered a group together to read all the entries and it was quite difficult to pick just one, but Poppy Yates' entry stood out. Some of her suggestions are being investigated for implementation. Well done Poppy and a huge WELL DONE Valda!!

It was after the formalities, John Feehan presented us with some great information about the benefits of Dung Beetles and how they are an integral part of agricultural life. Mr Feehan is an incredibly passionate and dedicated man, with a career that





features an OAM, and a nomination for Australian of the year, a Dung Beetle, an Ant and a Mite or two being named after him.

Some quick facts he dropped on us:

- 28 million cattle are in Australia
- 300 million cowpats are produced
- 1/2 million tonne of cow dung is dropped per day
- Australia is losing 100mm of top soil every year
- 80% of nitrogen produced goes into the atmosphere
- Leaving the dung to sit on the ground breeds flies
- There are 320 Australian Dung Beetle species
- There are 44 intruded species have been released (to deal with the cows and sheep)
- 30 introduced species have been established
- Cows only remove 60% of nutrients from grass, the other 40% is evacuated
- Bush flies spread Pink eye
- Treating Buffalo Fly costs us \$1billion per year
- Buffalo Flies are blood-sucking



- 1000's of buffalo fly can be on one beast.
- The holes and tunnels created by Dung Beetles assists in filtrating water and spreading nutrients deeper into the ground
- Dung Beetles create nutrient rich top soil
- Moxidectin is the best drench to use for Dung Beetle survival.

It was a thoroughly interesting night and we thank John Feehan for coming to talk to the Gloucester Community.

Gloucester Show

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the Gloucester Show and help out with our BBQ. A HUGE thank you to David Elliot for organising all of us.





**7PM APRIL 13TH
MOVIE IN
BILLABONG
PARK**



Gold coin donation entry. Money raised will go towards interact international project: Life Straws

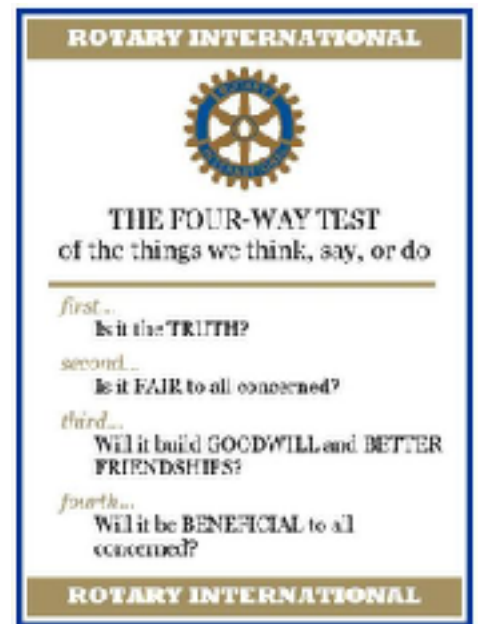
Sausage sizzle, drinks, popcorn and lollies available for purchase

Bring a chair or a picnic rug, friends and family for a great night out!

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