



Bulletin for Gloucester

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Coming Meetings and other Functions.

Tuesday 19th November Partners & Friends Welcome	GHS Year 8 Debate - It will be a very interesting and Challenging Night! Derek Tink for Business Direct
Tuesday 26th November Members Only Night	Gloucester Rotary Annual Assembly - AGM . Members Only Night. Please come along and voice your vote
Tuesday 3rd December Partners & Friends Welcome	Guest Speaker: Pam Howard from NSW Farmers Local Branch
Tuesday 10th December Partners & Friends Welcome	***** Rotary Christmas Party ***** Venue: Faulls Ridge Winery . More Details to follow
Tuesday 17th December Partners & Friends Welcome	"Jingle & Mingle" – Christmas In July. Hosted by Rotary Club of Taree on Manning RSVP – janemackenzie168@gmail.com . BYO nibbles, drinks & glasses
FORWARD PLANNING	
Tuesday 7th January 2020 Partners & Friends Welcome	Informal Meeting at President-Elect, Paul Hedditch, place. BYO everything !! Rotary Trailer will be available if you wish to BBQ your meals
Tuesday 14th January 2020 Partners & Friends Welcome	First Formal Meeting back at the Bowling Club. Guest Speaker: TBA

Saturday 29th February	PETS Training at Tamworth. More Details to Follow
7th & 8th March 2020 Partners & Friends Welcome	Mind Matters Marathon Event More Details to Follow. Anyone interested in helping, please email Li
Sat 14th March 2020 Partners & Friends Welcome	Bush Poetry In The Saleyards . Volunteers needed !!
20th, 21st & 22nd March 2020 Partners & Friends Welcome	Rotary District Conference at South West Rocks https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference
Sat 30th May 2020 Partners & Friends Welcome	Gloucester Rotary 70th Birthday Celebration Venue: Gloucester RSL . More details to follow

Thoughts of the week:

Six Little Stories with Lots Of Meanings :

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. **That is Faith**
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. **That is Trust**
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. **That is Hope**
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That is Confidence**
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. **That is Love**
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' **That is Attitude**

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace !!



Sargent Merv welcomed Rotarians, Guests and Students to the meeting. He opened the meeting with a few quizzes.

[RYMARINE \(Rotary's Youth Marine program\) in Coffs Harbour](https://www.gloucesteradvocate.com.au/story/6480085/eye-opening-experience-in-the-marine-environment/)
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GHS Students, Bailey Hughes and Jack Blamires came to the meeting and spoke about their experience at the RYMARINE Program. Sponsored by our Club, both boys attended a four day program from Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th October 2019 held in Coffs Harbour. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak, 20 youth spent the weekend engaging with range activities focused on the marine environment.



Among the long list of activities, the boys experienced an introduction to scuba diving, were able to snorkel around the Solitary Islands Marine Park, and spent time at the Dolphin Marine Conservation Park. But it wasn't just fun and games, Bailey and Jack also met with officers at marine patrol and hung out in the classrooms of Southern Cross University.

They learned about the impact global warming has on the oceans and what type of jobs there are for people interested in marine studies. It was an eye-opening experience for both of them, not realising the range of careers available.

Jack said he'd always been interested in marine but hadn't thought about it as a career path.

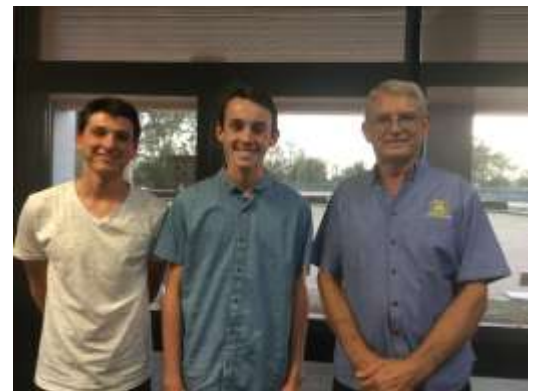
"Seeing the university and the options available has changed my interest in the field," Jack said.

Although Bailey was already pretty keen on marine studies as a future pathway, he said he now has a better idea of what kind of things can be studied in university.

"It shed new light on what I want to do when I leave school," Bailey said.

Being in year nine (Bailey) and year 10 (Jack), neither has yet taken part in an university excursion, so this was the first time they were able to step inside one.

On the last night of the program, the group was treated to a presentation by joint 2019 Australian of the Year, Dr Richard Harris (shared with Craig Challen), known for their involvement in the Tham Luang cave rescue in Thailand last year.



"It was incredible the length of time he was underwater; three hours in and three hours out with zero viability," Bailey recalled.

A BIG Thank you to our Youth Directors, Sam de Witte, Mo Hjorth and Jodie House for getting this program off the ground. Hopefully, this story will inspire youth to attend next year's program.

Guest Speaker: Lyn Stewart talks about her book "Searching for Margaret Murphy"



On Tuesday 12th November, Rotarians and Guests were intrigued with the presentation by Lyn Stewart. Lyn spoke passionately about her book and the path to discovering her ancestors. The research also took her to Ireland numerous times. The book is available for sale at the Gloucester Bookshop. During her first visit, she found the hotel once owned by the Murphy family, and made contact with a local historian. Just before she was due to come home, she learned there was a stash of Murphy family artifacts in an old Gregorian home which was in the family until 1975 and saw the last remaining Murphy pass away.

Determined to find out what was stored in the house, Lyn ventured back to Ireland in 2016, and with much persistence, gained entry into the home and to the collection.

"The contents of a large box were laid on the table. It was unbelievable. My jaw dropped. I was speechless."



Lyn managed to convince the owner of the house to donate the documents to the county's archives, and in 2018, she made her final trip to Ireland, where she spent a week sifting through all the material.

The book is available for sale at the Gloucester Bookshop

For more information, go to <https://www.gloucesteradvocate.com.au/story/6256596/a-quest-for-family-history-captured-in-a-book/>

The Bowden Brothers Red Centre Tour



Peter Markey was one of the many Rotarians that travelled with the Bowden Brothers on the Red Centre Tour. *(In fact, half the Gloucester Rotary Members were on this tour ... maybe even half the town!!)*. He gave the members a quick run down of the trip. All in all, it was a very successful tour. Here's a few pictures from the Markey Album and a clip from the Manning River Newspaper. To read the full story, go to

<https://www.manningrivertimes.com.au/story/6211669/gloucesters-bowden-brothers-to-head-outback/>

The Red Centre Tour will see Phil, Grant, Murray and Matt, along with honorary brother Darryl Cornelius, travel more than 3100 kilometres to play seven gigs between Gloucester and Tennant Creek.

The band and its fairly large entourage of family and friends will leave Gloucester ahead of the first gig in Lightning Ridge on September 20. Then it's on to Bourke on September 21, Charleville (Queensland) on September 22, Longreach on September 25, Mount Isa on September 26, Barkly Homestead (Northern Territory) on October 2 and Tennant Creek on October 6.

"We're not going to make a cent out of this tour. We just want to give music to people on remote communities," Murray said.



For Murray and Phil, the tour is heavily focused on playing the gig at Tennant Creek, a place they believe needs some good news after the community has been scarred by a negative image presented in the media.

"This tour is fueled by bringing positivity to small communities," Murray said.

And this desire was ignited by Gloucester Rotarian Brian Beesley, who had visited some of the communities and encouraged them to go on tour. Not only will Brian be the tour manager, but he may find his way onto the stage with a didgeridoo in hand.

Gloucester Interact Local Project 2019 -

Interactors got together and help made this Notice Board to use in the Gloucester High School. Using funds that they have raised through movie nights and grape-picking at the Faulls Ridge, they purchased an old door and a few cork boards. After a few fresh paints, some skilful handy work with the glue gun, the Notice Board is now proudly hanging up in the School!! Well-Done Interactors



Rotary Bushfire Appeal



It has been a very exhausting and anxious couple of weeks for a lot of communities, especially the ones that homes have been destroyed by the fires. But it's times like these that really shows the true giving spirit of Australians and their communities. There are several organisations out there, either collecting goods and food for people and animals, wildlife like Koalas that are severely affected by the fires....

Rotary is also doing our bit to help with this disaster. Our District has launched the Bushfire Appeal. Donations can be made online and are tax-deductible as well. Please see below and follow the link. Spread it on social media... **Do you know that 100% of your donations go directly to the recipients!!!** There are no hidden admin fees at all... That's Rotary for you!!

PRESS RELEASE

Rotary has launched the Taree and MidCoast Bushfires Appeal following the horrific bushfires on the weekend. Funds raised will go to those who lost their homes in the fires.

“We have registered this as a Rotary Australia Compassionate Grant” said local Rotary Assistant Governor Murray Difford. “This means that not only are donations tax-deductible but the first \$15,000 donated will attract a dollar for dollar matching grant from funds donated by Dick Smith.”

Anyone wanting to support those who lost their homes to the bushfires over the weekend (or during the month of November) can donate to this appeal (which is 41 of 2019/20) by clicking this link:

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/41-2019-20>

For more information please telephone the project manager Maurie Stack on 0427 668 821 or email maurie@stacklaw.com.au.



Rotarian Murray Relf after 26 hrs fighting fires

Update on YEP Outbound Student, Riko Fitzgerald

Gloucester Rotary will be hosting the Trivia Night Fundraising Event on the 13th December for Riko who is going to Slovakia for 12 months next year. Please invite your friends and family.

And also a BIG congratulations to Riko who has been selected to represent Taree Great Lakes Physical Culture at the upcoming National Competition held at the Opera House. We wish her all the best for the event.



Rotary RV Dump Site Project



The Dump Site Project started in 2017 by then President Ashleigh Hickman. The Dumpsite was installed back in December 2017. After a long wait, the signs are finally erected!! Signage Clamps were delivered to Ray's office by Bruce Sun from Midcoast Council. And there's a job order from Rob Scott for a water tap to be installed beside the waste water dump by Ashby Plumbing. President Elect Paul has also wrote to the Caravan and Motorhome Association so the three signs are at no cost to the club as part of the NSW Government grant for that purpose. (Very Productive swimming exercise combined meeting between Ray and Paul ... Well Done) . Gloucester is now officially on the map for a RV Friendly Town



November Birthday Celebrations

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





Meeting Preparation & Clean Up

Please if you do not have time to set up

Please let one of your team know.

November	Jane Deen, Ray Martin, Mo Hjorth
December	David Elliott, Ashleigh Hickman & Grahame Holstein



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