



Bulletin for Gloucester

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Annual Membership Dues: \$260

*If you choose to pay by 2 instalments,
please make sure the **final payment is due before 1st January 2020***

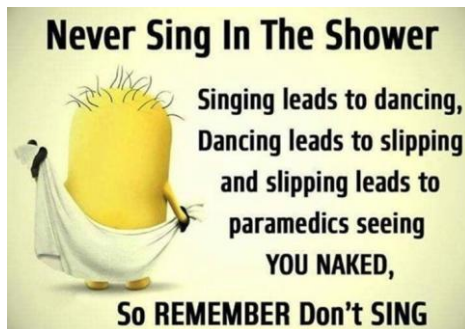
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Coming Meetings and other Functions.

Tuesday 14th January 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 21st January Partners & Friends Welcome	First Formal Meeting back at the Bowling Club. Guest Speaker: Reg Pierce from RAWCS . He will talk about Rotary and its involvement with the Drought and Bushfires Appeal
Tuesday 28th January Partners & Friends Welcome	Guest Speakers: John & Cath Hoskin. They will talk about their careers and their move to Gloucester
Tuesday 4th February Partners & Friends Welcome	Guest Speaker: Walter Scifleet. Topic: His life in Aquaculture. Walter was a RYMARINE student some years ago.
2nd, 3rd & 4th March Partners & Friends Welcome	Incoming Friendship Rotarians from UK and Wales.
7th & 8th March Partners & Friends Welcome	Mind Matters Marathon Event More Details to Follow. Anyone interested in helping, please email Li
Saturday 7th March	PETS Training at Port Macquarie. More Details to Follow
Saturday 14th March Partners & Friends Welcome	Bush Poetry In The Saleyards . Volunteers needed !!
Tuesday 17th March	Combined Meeting with Walcha Rotary Club

Partners & Friends Welcome	Venue: Nowdenoc Hall . More details to follow
20th, 21st & 22nd March Partners & Friends Welcome	Rotary District Conference at South West Rocks https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference
Thursday 30th April Volunteers needed	Science & Engineering Challenge Day for high schools. More details to follow .
Friday 1st May, 4th to 8th May Volunteers needed	Science & Engineering Discovery Day Program. Challenge dinner will be on Thursday 7 th May 2020. More details to follow from John Walton.
Saturday 30th May Partners & Friends Welcome	Gloucester Rotary 70th Birthday Celebration . Time: 6pm for 6.30pm . Venue: Gloucester RSL . More details to follow
Tuesday 23 June Partners & Friends Welcome	Gloucester Rotary Changeover Celebration Venue: Gloucester Bowling Club . More details to follow
Friday 23rd October Partners & Friends Welcome	Midcoast Challenge Committee will be hosting the National Challenge Final at the Taree Race course. More details to follow from John Walton.

Funny Thoughts of the week:



Rotary Christmas Party

Rotarians celebrated Christmas at the Faulls Ridge winery. Catering provided by Blueprint kitchen. It was a great night mingling and relaxing. A couple of Tawny Frogmouth owls flew in and joined the party. Thank you John and Deb for providing such a beautiful settings. Thank you Ray Martin for organising catering. It was a wonderful night of celebration.





PDG Brian Beesley proudly presented a Certificate of “Companion of Australia Rotary Health” to the Bowden Brothers for their huge contribution to Rotary Health. Their Red Centre Tour travelled more than 3100 kilometres to play gigs between Gloucester and Tennant Creek.

Rotarians were delighted to be serenaded with a couple of songs during the night.

Rotary Bushfire Appeal



“The massive bushfires sweeping across the country have shocked Australians in their size and ferociousness.

Since the start of the 2019 fire season, a staggering 10 million hectares has been burned, with all states and territories impacted except the ACT.” <https://www.news.com.au/technology/environment/how-the-2019-australian-bushfire-season-compares-to-other-fire-disasters/news-story/7924ce9c58b5d2f435d0ed73ffe34174>

This has been a terrible start to the New Year. In light of the terrible disaster, it is heartening to see people banding together and doing the best they can, either through donations or volunteering, assisting the victims, giving whatever they can to the fire victims and animals.

Rotary Bushfire Appeal is still ongoing and we thanked those that have contributed so far. This week, President Li received an email from Gloucester Garden Club wanting to donate to Rotary Bush Fire Appeal as they know that 100% of their donation will go towards the victim. They were directed to the website.

So if you have received a request from someone wanting to donate, please direct them to the website listed below. And pray that Rain will come soon.....

<https://rawcs.org.au/disasters/>

Update on YEP Outbound Student, Riko Fitzgerald

Gloucester Rotary hosted the Trivia Night Fundraising Event on the 13th December for Riko who is going to Slovakia for 12 months next year. Melissa Williams volunteered to be the Trivia master. It was a successful night with about 11 tables of 8 attended. The winning team was a table of teachers!! Rotarian Peter Markey used his Auctioneer skills to auctioned off quite a few prizes, kindly donated by local shops and community. There were raffles as well. The night raised over \$1500.





On Saturday 14th December, a group of Rotarians and Riko's sisters, Kylee and Josie, held a Car Boot Sale at the IGA carpark. There were free sausage sizzle to tempt by-passers to come in and grab a bargain. The event raised over \$700.

Riko and her father, Ray, was not able to help out at the Car Boot sale as they were attending the second YEP meeting at Port Macquarie, where she also received her YEP uniform.



President Li invited Rotarians to gather at the Roundabout Inn to see Riko in her YEP blazer. It was also a farewell dinner as she will be flying out on the 17th January. Riko expressed her sincere thanks to the Rotarians for their support and help in the fundraising. We are positive she will have the best time in Slovakia.

January Birthday Celebrations



Marvin West 1st, Tara Charles 3rd, Debbie Faull 4th, John Faull 8th,
Kaye Stelzer 12th, Brian Dixon 24th, Leonie Benson 30th
Lorraine O'Connor 31st

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

John & Debbie Faull 3rd



Meeting Preparation & Clean Up

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



January	Merv Gillies, Jodie House, Colin Martin
February	Grahame Stelzer, Vicki Collett, Paul Hedditch
March	Valda Barron, Li Meng Wong, Lindy Dupree
April	Peter Markey, Grahame Holstein, Karen Miles

The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

District 9650 Conference : South West Rocks Country Club 20-22 March 2020



Online Registration is now open. To register, go to <https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference>

To see what accommodation is available, go to

<https://www.rotary9650.org.au/sites/default/files/Accommodation%20Flyer.pdf>

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