



# Bulletin for Gloucester

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## Coming Meetings and other Functions.

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	Incoming Friendship Rotarians from UK and Wales.
7th & 8th March Partners & Friends Welcome	Mind Matters Marathon Event Please see Flyer. <b>Volunteers needed !!</b>
Saturday 7th March	PETS Training at Port Macquarie. More Details to Follow
Saturday 14th March Partners & Friends Welcome	Bush Poetry In The Saleyards . <b>Volunteers needed !!</b>
Tuesday 17th March Partners & Friends Welcome	Combined Meeting with Walcha Rotary Club. Venue: Nowdenoc Hall . Walcha will organise speaker. Gloucester bring nibbles. BYOG. Boules competition and Dinner at 7.30pm. We will organise a bus
20th, 21st & 22nd March Partners & Friends Welcome	Rotary District Conference at South West Rocks <a href="https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference">https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference</a>
Tuesday 7th April Partners & Friends Welcome	Customer Service Award Presentation Night
Tuesday 14th April Partners & Friends Welcome	TBA
Tuesday 21st April Partners & Friends Welcome	TBA
Tuesday 28th April Partners & Friends Welcome	Emily Neilson National Parks Fire Team Data Project

Thursday 30th April <b>Volunteers needed</b>	Science & Engineering Challenge Day for high schools. More details to follow .
Friday 1st May, 4th to 8th May <b>Volunteers needed</b>	Science & Engineering Discovery Day Program. Challenge dinner will be on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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.

**Australia Day Photos ... (Courtesy of Secretary Ash)**



**MERHV'S BACK !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> , Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

The Mens Health Education Rural Van is about to start another tour which includes your area. In the two years since we started doing mobile men's health checks in August 2017, MHERV has seen over 7,500 men (and a few women) of those, over 4,000 were identified as having a medical condition which required monitoring. 267 had a serious condition which required urgent medical attention. The number of men seen has increased with each sub-tour (4 now completed). In the last one 1,912 people were tested. Can you help us test over 2,000 this time?



PDG Brian Beesley took the meeting as President Li was not well. As a result he was given a nickname for the night, “Mr Brian Meng Wong “... Bees welcomed guests Meg and Reg Pierce, our guest speaker for the night. Also Pete Markey brought along his guest Alan Walden. Alan was a butcher and he was a recipient of RAWCS money in Nepal and help built 50 schools in 2006.

### **Director’s Report:**

The men's health van Mherv is coming to town Friday, Saturday & Sunday 14th, 15th & 16th February. Van will be on the corner of Hume and Church Streets. Accommodation for Nurse Rob will be at Bees.

Secretary Ash The delivery of bottled water to the town from Kurri Kurri Sunrise has been handed to CWA as we do not need the water at this stage.

### **Guest Speaker: Reg Pierce**



Reg Pierce was the District Director for RAWCS & Chairman during 20018/19.

He thanks us for having him to speak and he was a great friend to Don McLeod who taught him a lot.

In 2018/2019 DG Lorraine Coffey asked Reg to do something about helping farmers. From that Reg registered the Drought Assistance Project with RAWCS.

In the first two weeks \$60,000 were raised. When Channel 9 Telethon fundraising event was broadcast, \$9 million was raised from that only. To use this money, you had to register a project. So Reg jumped straight into action and was able to get \$250,000 of telethon money (which took 8 weeks) for RAWCS. Reg formed a committee of 4 to help distribute the funds to much needed areas. To help identify who needed the money, Reg asked the Rotary Clubs that are in the Drought affected areas. Eastern Region of RAWCS applied for \$1,000.000 and got it. Final Distribution was \$1,800.000.

How was it distributed? Debit cards of \$2,000.00 were posted to individual families with a letter on the Rotary letterhead of that Rotary Club. All the letters sent by registered post.

It was the largest exercise of its kind ever undertaken by Rotary in Australia and Reg received a Paul Harris Fellow recognition for his effort.



Reg humbly responded that it was the Assistant Governor’s & Presidents that did it and it only took 6 weeks. The recipients were so so grateful and no one snubbed the \$2,000.

Also, a truck load of hay from Tasmania was delivered to a very needy farmer who cried and cried in gratitude. Reg also told us many anecdotal stories. He has spent hours on the phone and the computer and still does. He has saved many from suicide as he once was a Lifeline Counsellor. But many have taken their lives.





What drives him is caring and need. As the saying goes, when one door closes another opens. Even though he is not on RAWCS Chair now, Reg is not distributing hay as a RAWCS project. (\$35,000 for hay and approved \$38,000) Hay is now sourced from WA but transport costs are high and the farmer has to make his money. Millions of dollars have been spent on water carting only.

In conclusion Reg said it has been the greatest privilege and honour to have been involved in this project until the fires are out and the grass has grown and rivers running.

Reg was presented with a Rotary glass and arrived home to Wauchope safely later that evening.



### Update on YEP Outbound Student, Riko Fitzgerald



On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, Riko and students from District 9650 flew to their year long destination from Sydney Airport. Riko was picked up from the airport by her host mom in Slovakia

She is learning more slovak with her host mom, dad and brother which is challenging but she said they think her pronunciation is quite good. On her first night, it snowed for the first time this year and Riko has send us some photos from her adventure so far



YEP Students from D9650

Riko's Host Mom at the airport



Snowing for the first time this year



## 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



## **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>



# Bill Gates announces continued fundraising partnership with Rotary



Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation just announced the extension of our fundraising partnership. The Gates Foundation will continue matching donations to Rotary's PolioPlus program 2-1, up to \$50 million every year.

Share your commitment by showing this video from Bill Gates at your next club meeting or event and help Rotary and the Gates Foundation spread the word about our extended fundraising partnership. You can also share this news by forwarding this email to your Rotary network.

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## Mind Matters Marathon

Start at Sat 4pm Finish at Sun 8am

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Promoting Mental Health Awareness



Fundraising Event for  
Australian Rotary Health  
And Lifeline



Marathon starts at 4.00pm at the Recreational Centre, Football field

There will be Educational stalls to visit and get information on promoting Mental Health Awareness.

There will be prizes for

- \* Team with the Highest Fundraiser
- \* Fancy Dress or Best Dress Theme
- \* Most Creative Team Name
- \* Walk a mile in their shoes (Most decorative shoes, or high heel shoes)

Register your team today



Cost \$20 per person or

\$50 per family (2 Adults, 2 children under age of 12)

Registration and Tickets on sale at **Bowe & Lidbury**

Marathon - Music - Outdoor Movie - Prizes

## OUR EXECUTIVE FOR 2019/20

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