



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020*

*Bank Details: Regional Australia Bank  
BSB: 932 000 Acc: 500 181 061 Ref: Your Name*

### Coming Meetings and other Functions.

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
<b>FORWARD PLANNING 2020</b>	
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
Saturday 29th February	PETS Training at Tamworth. More Details to Follow
2nd, 3rd & 4th March Partners & Friends Welcome	Incoming Friendship Rotarians from UK and Wales. Host families needed. Please contact Grahame Stelzer 0418 659 532 or email kngaway@gmail.com
7th & 8th March Partners & Friends Welcome	Mind Matters Marathon Event More Details to Follow. Anyone interested in helping, please email Li
Saturday 14th March Partners & Friends Welcome	Bush Poetry In The Saleyards . Volunteers needed !!

<b>Tuesday 17th March</b> Partners & Friends Welcome	<b>Combined Meeting with Walcha Rotary Club</b> <b>Venue: Nowdenoc Hall . More details to follow</b>
<b>20th, 21st &amp; 22nd</b> <b>March</b> Partners & Friends Welcome	<b>Rotary District Conference at South West Rocks</b> <a href="https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference">https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference</a>
<b>Saturday 30th May</b> Partners & Friends Welcome	<b>Gloucester Rotary 70th Birthday Celebration . Time: 6pm for 6.30pm .</b> <b>Venue: Gloucester RSL . More details to follow</b>
<b>Tuesday 23 June</b> Partners & Friends Welcome	<b>Gloucester Rotary Changeover Celebration</b> <b>Venue: Gloucester Bowling Club . More details to follow</b>



### **Spare a thought for those that have been affected by the Bushfires ...**

Note from President Li:

This picture was taken on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November as I flew out from Newcastle to Melbourne. It is a terrifying footage from so high up in the sky. The smokes billowing up as the fire raged through our forest. I can't help but feel a tremendous sadness for the wildlife trapped by the fires, the residents that lived in fear waiting to see if they will still have a home at Christmas. In that sad moment, I suddenly remembered this quote that someone had said to me a long time ago, "Stars can't shine without Darkness". As bleak as the situations are for a lot of families at the

moment, I feel encouraged and inspired by hearing stories of Australians, rallying together to support those affected by these disasters. And I hope and pray that rain will come soon and where there is rain, there will be rainbow.....

## **Gloucester High School Debate Night**

<https://www.gloucesteradvocate.com.au/story/6505205/students-debate-over-disney-princesses/>



Year 8 Team: Elyssa Keen, Ryan Beggs  
Lorja Beard, Verity Badham)



Group Photo with Teacher Ms Layne Ross



Year 10 Team: Chloe Edstein, Makayla Battams  
Keira Macdonald, Liz Howarth (Yr 12)

This year's debate was highly entertaining with both teams battling out " Are Disney Princesses bad role models" . In the past, it's Rotarians versus Year 10 Students. This year, English teacher, Ms Layne Ross, requested a team of Year 8 students who are passionate debaters to come up against the Year 10 students. The Rotarians were delighted with this and sat back to enjoy these very talented youngsters voicing their views on the topic questions. The Year 8 team won the debate with Jorja summing up for her team, reiterating their overarching point of how the "princesses are more than meet the eye, to say that aren't good role models is a lie" . Both teams were outstanding with their performance and most adults went home planning to watch more that one of the Disney princesses movies!!  
*(Please read the reporting by Anne Keen from the Advocate. See link above)*



Judging Panel: Leonie Hooke, Rob Moore and Wendy Hughes)



Visiting Rotarian from Mosman, Rob Sturrock

### **Guest Speaker: Derek Tink from Business Connect**



Derek Tink is a Business Advisor for the Tamworth Region. He has experience across a range of industries, spanning agribusiness, tourism, retail and health. Derek has delivered specialist advice within the region including business development, marketing, digital strategy and organisational management.

Derek is a passionate ‘regional local’ who is committed to supporting regional and rural business opportunities.

Derek is involved with community groups and charity activities across the region.

Business Connect is a three-year state government initiative aiming to help people start or grow a business. Startups and small-to-medium enterprises can have free then subsidised time with an adviser, on anything from accessing finance to social media and bookkeeping to succession planning.

That could include helping them access government support or creating business-to-business connections.

For more information, go to <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/business-and-industry-in-nsw/businessconnect/about-the-business-connect-program>

### **Gloucester Interact Local Project 2019**

Thanks to the donations from Community, Interact Club were able to send 7 Christmas Boxes to our soldiers. The boxes consist of toiletries, little soaps, magazines, pens, Christmas trinkets etc.. A big thank you to co-ordinator Jade Spencer and Mom, Pat, who helped get these boxes together and shipped them off to our soldiers.



Riko writing letters to soldiers



Mom Pat and Jade sorting out the Christmas boxes



Jade writing letter to soldiers



## 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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> December for Riko who is going to Slovakia for 12 months next year. Please invite your friends and family.

There will also be a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December. So now would be the right time to clear out some of the unused items and help raise some funds for our YEP student.

See Peter Markey for more details



## Gloucester Rotary AGM

Gloucester Rotarians gathered together last Tuesday to plan for the next 12 months. Time flies and it will flow even quicker next year. Looking like March and May Madness next year with events lining up back to back. So please check your emails.

Incoming President Paul Hedditch announced his incoming Board Members as follow:

President 2020/2021 - Paul Hedditch	Vocational: Valda Barron & Ashleigh Hickman
Immediate Past President - Li Meng Wong	Youth: Sam de Witte, Mo Hjorth & Jodie House
President Elect - Lindy Dupree	International : Grahame Stelzer
Secretary - Lindy Dupree	Community: David Elliott & John Faull
Treasurer - David Delaporte	Club Service - Brian Beesley
Public Officer: Ray Martin	Sergeant: Merv Gillies
Bulletin Editors & Social Mediators: Li Meng Wong, Jade Spencer & Jodie House	

### December Birthday Celebrations

Stuart Benson 11th, Liane Markey 24th, David Elliott 29th



Brian & Susan Dixon 18th

### 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



### **OUR EXECUTIVE FOR 2019/20**

<b>President:</b>	Li Meng Wong	(W) 6558 1043
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