



Rotary Club of Gloucester



*The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands
through 2009-10 with Ashleigh Hickman*

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WHAT'S ON TONIGHT 25 August - Partners Invited

Guest Speakers Col & Sally Martin
Theme Leprosy Mission Work
3 minuter Peter Markey

DATES TO REMEMBER

1 September

6:00 for 6:30pm Round About Inn **PARTNERS WELCOME**

Guest Speaker Adrian Carruthers – New Beverages and Drinks

(This replaces SES Vocational Visit which will now take place late in the Year. Our kitchen is closed for this night.)

3 September

Mental Health Forum:

7 for 7.30pm; RSL; light supper provided by the Uniting Church Ladies Auxiliary

5 September (Saturday)

Dungog Agog – Foreign Film Fest (see end of Bulletin for details)

5 September (Saturday Night)

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Auction

8 September

Guest Speaker Geoff Marshall

Theme: Job Opportunities in Gloucester

Guest Introduction: John Hopkins

Guest Thank you: Terry Carson

13 September

Triathlon Weekend

15 September

Gloucester meets Wingham at Mt George - **Partners Night**

Guest Speaker: Michael Davies (author of children books)

19 September

Friends of Opera visit Gloucester.

45 seats now available from Webbs \$30 per person

20 September

Moppy Don't miss this one

22 September

Vocational Visit (Organised by John Hopkins)

29 September (Partners Night) 6:30 for 7:00pm

Welcome Party for our exchange student Elisabeth Midtbo

Guest introduction: Dianne Montague

Guest thank you: Bernie Tressider

3 Minuter: Ray Martin

23-25 October

F.A.R.T.

27 October

Barrington School Fundraiser

3 November

Melbourne Cup At Taree. *Book now.*

6-7 November

RYSAP

17 November

Club Visioning

Rosters

Tonight

Next Week

25 August

Introduce
Guest Speakers

Brian Dixon

NA

Thank Guest
Speakers

David Collett

NA

**Don't forget, if you can't make a meeting
ring Pam at Webbs, 65581507.**

PROCEEDINGS OF LAST WEEK 18th August

18 August

Guest Speakers Exchange students to and from New Zealand:
Brianna Bratfield and Brittany Craig

Theme Exchange student experiences
3 minuter Jude Hatton

WELCOME

Welcomes were extended to Brianna and Brittany our Guest Speakers; Brianna's mum and dad, Karen and Paul; Dianna and John Rosenbaum; and our very own Elisabeth Midtbo.

OPENING REMARKS

Remember Moppy? Well it's on again and iron chef John Dale will again work his magic with extra tender lamb shanks. If you can lend a camp oven, call John.

President Ash presented Di Rosenbaum head of the Breast Cancer Support Service with a \$750 donation. Di responded with thanks describing how much donations help – fuel vouchers, food, fruit.

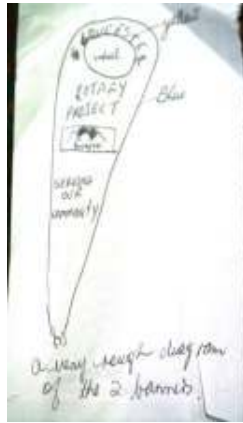


Clearly Elisabeth is settling in. Following close on the heels of a week in the snow, she spent the last weekend shopping in Newcastle - and Sunday she managed to fit in some kayaking. She's feeling very much at home with Megan and Sam.

Megan reports that Elisabeth is a delight to be with. She has a very happy disposition. If anyone in the club is going out for the day or away for the weekend, it would be a wonderful experience for Elisabeth to accompany them and an opportunity for her to get to know more Rotarians.

The 17 November meeting will take the form of a facilitated club visioning workshop.

The tear-drop banner has been ordered. An artist's impression was circulated during the meeting. Clearly a leading edge design – some thought we were 'pushing the envelope'.



The Club donated \$500 to local Bucketts radio's Shane Holstein.

Simon reports the final chook poo dig is looming. Thursday 27th at 2pm. Norm Bignall will be there. We received \$250 from John Porter - proceeds from an earlier dig.

Sam reminded us of the Triathlon – stating that *all leave is cancelled*.

REPORTS

Stelz reported apologies from Stuart Benson, Guy Cassar, Adele Compton, Bruce Montgomery, John Read, Geoff Slack and Hans Stenstrom. Attendance was 79%.

F.A.R.T. Now >50% booked. Get in early for this annual fun event.

Valda. Operation Cleft Dinners program got off to a flying start. Pat and Bill Radford turned on their hospitality and a stunning dinner followed.

The guests were absolutely delighted.
Pat and Bill were chuffed.
Someone in a distant town or village will smile.

The \$320 raised will more than cover an operation. All dinners are now fully subscribed.

Perhaps there are others ready to host for this wonderful cause? Contact Valda.



Some of us are still uncertain about the hump in the loungeroom.

The Melbourne Cup event at Taree has now 21 confirmed attendees. Another 19 are needed for this event.

3 Minutes with Jude Hatton

Jude knows computing! She was in the first intake of the UTS Commercial Computer Programming degree. At that time, there were only 40 computers in NSW!

Her exposure to Rotary through her dad's involvement inspired her to be a founding member of Concord Rotaract in 1970. (Alas, the evidence suggests that Rotaract may have fallen by the wayside.)

Jude spent a lifetime in computing while also raising three daughters. Her most recent stint was full time TAFE.

Jude is an inveterate traveller – overland trip from Kathmandu to London in the mid '70s; backpacking in Scandinavia; maypole dancing in Sweden; fjord hiking in Norway; Easter Island; Galapagos; South America and the glaciers of Patagonia.

Watch out - Dubai 'shortly'.

Jude has a rather unique link to Gloucester Rotary Club Both celebrate their 60th birthday next year on the same day!



GUEST SPEAKER

Guest Speaker Brianna Bratfield and Brittany Craig
Theme NZ/Aust Exchange Student Experiences

The two Brees put on a disarming and most entertaining presentation where comedy and fact were interwoven. Clearly school was important. They each spent a few moments on that before getting down to the more exciting stuff

Brianna told us of black water rafting, biggest flying-fox and canoeing. She reckons her adopted family in NZ are tops. She valued the opportunity to live on a 350 head rotary dairy farm and loved the beautiful rolling country.

Life was not easy though. As an only daughter, she had certain assumptions about the way life played out: "... I could walk into the kitchen back home and know that what was in the fridge was pretty much mine".

Ahhh ... but when one is surrounded by youthful smart competitors for the fridge's goodies, then you have to be quick. Really quick. For it disappears in a blink.

Brittany comes from the Bay of Plenty. She grew up on a farm with those 4 sisters. In her 7 weeks in Australia she has managed to fit in the Opera House, the Bridge, Centrepont, Blue Mountains and Hunter Valley Gardens – "real cool".

She is off to the Gold Coast in 2 weeks and the Year 10 Formal is coming up.

Gloucester School is smaller and therefore much easier to know than her school back home.

"The best part of the exchange was meeting Bree"

On a more reflective note Brianna observed a more inclusive relationship in NZ between Maori people than exists widely here.

Brittany was amazed at the difference in the Australian landscape and climate.



Whakatane - Gloucester Rotary Pennants exchanged



Brianna, President Ashleigh, Brittany and John Hopkins

In closing, President Ash noted the wonderful friendship expressed between the girls throughout their speeches. She is confident that the friendship will be one of the lasting treasures of the exchange.

Everyone acknowledged they are both wonderful ambassadors

OOhhh



“What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?”

The Rotary Club of Gloucester District 9650

Fellowship Automobile Rotary Tour

[FART] 23, 24, 25 October 2009

The 2009 Rotary FART will depart from the Gloucester Bowling Club at 3 pm Friday 23rd October. Unfortunately we have a limit of 40 Rotarians and their guests this year – so first in best dressed!

Participants will be given directions at time of departure - sometimes somewhat cryptic! Included with the directions will be a heap of observation questions which require answering along the way.

We suggest four participants per car but this is certainly not a requirement. However, the more the merrier and more eyes make observations easier. Perhaps you might like to consider inviting a guest or two to share your company and fuel costs. Of course motorbikes are welcome but no handicaps will apply!

Each day you will receive directions for travel and questions for observation, which will not only help you along the way but help you to win points in the observation quiz. There will be daily winners and an overall winner. It is not a time trial but you are urged not to dally too much along the way!

We will be meeting up with at least three other Rotary Clubs over the weekend, take in some wonderful sights and scenery and perhaps learn a little history.

Costs are still to be finalized but will include 2 nights accommodation, 2 dinners, 2 cooked breakfasts and lunch on Saturday. At this stage lunch on Sunday TBA and total costs are expected to be approximately \$200 per person on a twin share basis.

Make sure you bring a pen, or two, and something firm to rest your observation sheets on. Further information will be forthcoming at a later date.

A deposit of \$100 per car is required with booking slip ASAP and no later than Tuesday 18th September.

Final payment required by Tuesday 6th October

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Fellowship Automobile Rotary Tour

[FART] 23, 24, 25 October 2009

Car Owner/Driver: Car Registration:
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MobilePhone: (Take it with you)

Number of participants:

Names of participants, if known:

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Deposit Paid: Date: Cash

Cheque

DON'T FORGET - DUNGOG AGOG !!

Feast of Foreign Films

Saturday 5th September

James Theatre Dungog

Tickets start at \$40 for the five films

This is a true community effort.

As such, it is a great opportunity for Rotarians and friends to make the trip to Dungog on 5th September. Tickets start at \$40 for the five films, the web site has more details.

The Films: *Tulpan, The Band's Visit, Up the Yangtze, Lars and the Real Girl, Un Secret.*

You can view the 2009 program at the AGOG web site at www.agog.net.au

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CLASSICS

by Jim Unger



"Did you remember to bring my suntan oil?"