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Club of Gloucester



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**Membership and New Club
Development Month**

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THIS MONTH

Christine Buckley Bushstock BBQ 6th

SES offsite visit 13th

Public Speaking night 20th

Yipirinya thank you night 27th

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Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick

From President Bees bunker ... 

Possible return visit to Alice Springs to meet with the Yipirinya Fellas and the Alice Springs Rotary Club and look about Alice.

Dates proposed are Monday 16th Sept. to Thursday 19th September (fly ex Syd on Monday and return Thursday) Would include a night in Sydney as the flight out is 9.15 am with a Return of 3:50pm.

Estimate of cost is about \$1600 dollars twin share per person and \$2700 couples (Flights plus Accommodation)

This is early planning and we would work with Sharee as she would be able to give more details than my basic search.

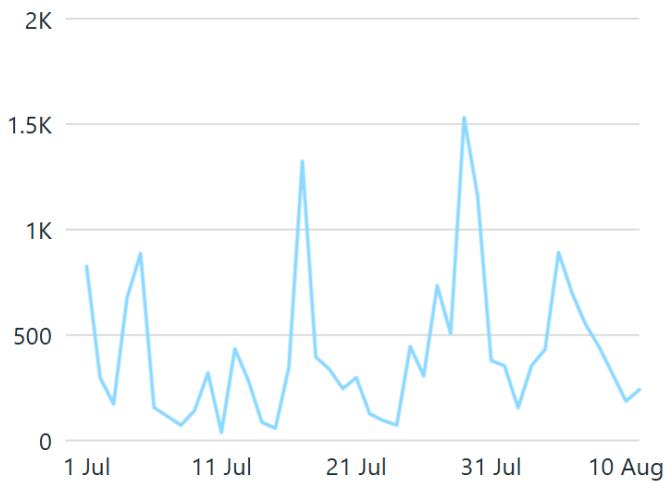
Please let me know if you are interested in coming with Heather and I asap. We could modify dates.

Thanks for all the help and support for the Yipirinya Visit. The fellas returned home .. .tired but happy. Shaun has been a noticeable beneficiary of the trip and his teachers have all noticed an amazing difference in his smile and engagement. The community support was amazing with Quota breakfasts and Gloucester High as standouts. Men's Shed and the vocational and Beach visits with FSLSC bringing huge smiles.

The Social Media Team are truly amazing. I admit to being a reluctant starter on Socials but the Community engagement and the increase in reader engagement and interactions have grown immensely over the past month.

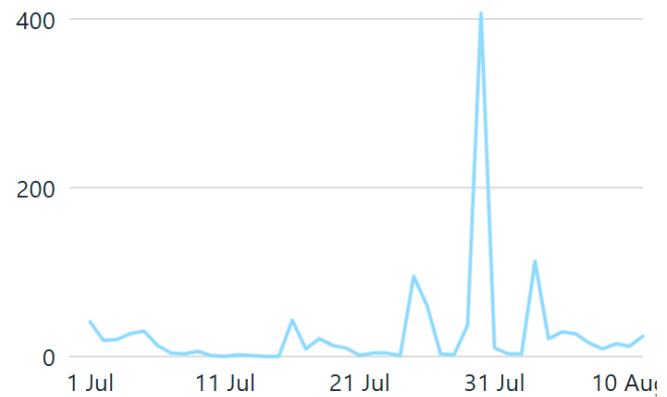
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7K ↑ 165.5%



Instagram reach 1

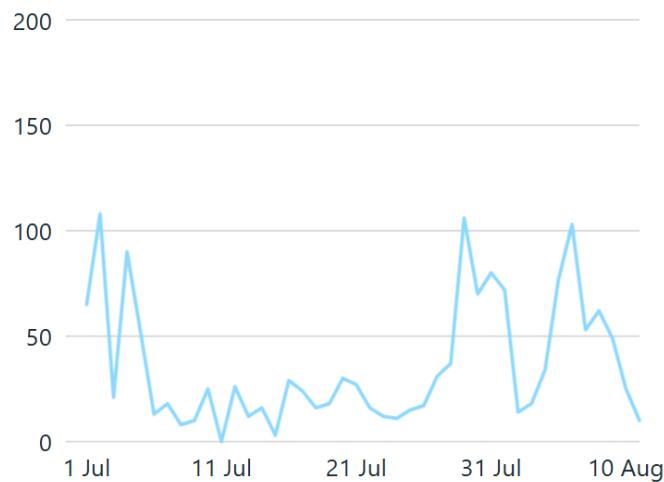
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Visits

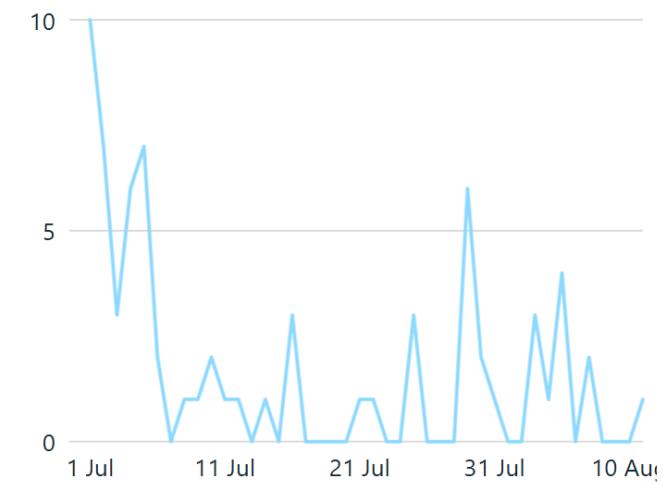
Facebook visits 1

1.5K ↑ 266.1%



Instagram profile visits 1

70 ↑ 84.2%



As a result I have 2 people asking about joining Rotary and a request from Rotary Down Under for an article.

One thing became very clear over the past 3 weeks ... Wearing a Rotary shirt/jumper initiated so many discussions. We often wear generic (Golf, car/bike hobby) logos and forget our Rotary one consider increasing your wearing in a casual way your Rotary gear.

Thanks to everyone for such a positive continuation of last year's activities and your thoughts at assemblies.

Brian Beesley

DUES ARE DUE

PAYABLE NOW \$260 ANNUAL OR ON TO PAY \$130 SEMI-ANNUAL WITH BALANCE PAYABLE IN JANUARY. IF ANYONE HAS DIFFICULTY, PLEASE DISCUSS WITH BRIAN B. CENTURION CONTRIBUTION IS ALSO DUE \$100 PA.

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FROM THE CENTRE TO THE SEA - Surf Life Saving New South Wales Lower North Coast Branch - Media

In recent weeks, Australia has witnessed multiple NAIDOC celebrations including the 4-day Garma Festival, Australia's largest Indigenous gathering, which celebrated Yolngu life and culture in remote northeast Arnhem Land.

More locally, the inaugural Combined Schools NAIDOC Day held at Taree saw over 2,500 students at twenty-three regional schools from both public and private sectors celebrate and participate in Biripi nation customs, skills and dance.

But for four boys from Central Australia, July saw a trip to the east coast of Australia and an opportunity to view the sea for the first time.

The boys are students at the Yipirinya Non -Government School in Alice Springs. Yipirinya draws its students from the socially disadvantaged 'town camps' surrounding Alice Springs and provides a safe and hospitable place for youth to spend their day.

Founded in the 1970s, the town camp elders wanted a school of their own. They felt that the Government Schools did not properly cater for their children due to traditional languages and culture being absent and because their children felt that they had no sense of belonging.

The elders established Yipirinya as a school where Aboriginal languages and culture were prominent, where there was a strong Aboriginal presence and where their children felt safe, connected and comfortable.

The four visiting boys arrived in our region with the trip motto 'Life gives opportunities - I have choices'. Accompanied by a teacher and an elder for guidance, the educational, cultural and vocational exchange trip was sponsored by Gloucester Rotary Club as a Community Service in Youth.

Rotarian Brian Beesley said, "Through social interaction with eastern states students and the very different coastal societal opportunities, we hoped to give the 'fellas' a small window to view their future. For this trip, only boys attended as it helps with mentoring young men towards their future as elder leaders."

Whilst in our region, the students experienced the coast hinterland and sea, spending time with Gloucester High School students, visiting various vocational opportunities as well as socialising with sporting and rural groups. They spent some time enjoying the relationship with traditional owners and understanding their relationship in the community at large.

As part of their trip, they spent time with volunteers at the Forster Surf Life Saving Club (FSLSC) who gave them an 'ocean experience'.

For the boys who have grown up surrounded by the arid desert landscape, the concept of an ocean

was almost mythical to them. As they approached the coastline, the salty breeze and the sound of crashing waves filled the air. They were mesmerized by the endless blue expanse and the cool touch of seawater.

According to Mr Beesley, "Yes, some were afraid of the sea and the noise; others embraced it. That's what life is about."

FSLSC spokesperson, Ron Hartley, said, "It was our privilege to act as hosts. We entertained the boys for about an hour. Beth and Simon Lee took them out on an inflatable rescue boat and then a snorkel over the wreck."

Mr Beesley expressed his gratitude to the surf

club for providing a safe, exhilarating occasion for the visitors and marvelled at the magnificent new surf club building.

For the boys, this experience forged a profound connection to a world beyond their own.





A great night at the Auditorium at Gloucester high school with the Bowden Brothers performing with Brian Beesley on the Didge and Anthony Signor on the harp.



One of the many great experiences put on for the Yipirinya fellas. The concert kicked off after a good old Rotary BBQ.





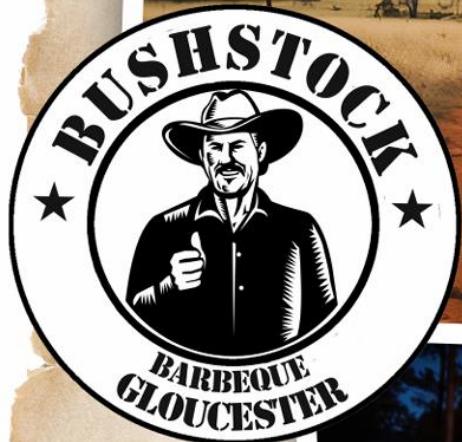






NADOC DAY BBQ
Glide Clubs Visit & BBQ





Men's well-being night

Bring ya Mate and Join in the Fun!





"EQUIPPING MEN TO BE MEN"

Date: Friday 30th August 2024

Time: 6pm -11pm

Venue: Gloucester Showground

Speaker: Allen Kelly from QLD

Entertainment: The Bowden Brothers

Tickets: [Free via Trybooking.com/CSBES](#)

or \$25 at the gate. **BYO** alcohol

Courtesy Bus: Gloucester - Stratford 9.30/10pm

Contact: bushstockbbq@outlook.com



LUCKY DOOR PRIZE, RAFFLES, BBQ DINNER, FIREPIT

Major contributors:



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FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR
AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH &
BEYOND BLUE

SATURDAY 12TH & SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2024

Promoting Mental Health Awareness

MENTAL HEALTH RELAY & COLOUR RUN

Walking relay starting 12pm at Gloucester Showground
Ending with a colour run

Whole event entry: \$50 (for a team of 10 people)

Colour run event only: Single | \$10 | Family | \$20

Camping onsite available: \$30

Prizes for:

- Team that raised the most funds
- Walk a mile in their shoe (most decorative or high heels)
- Fancy dress or Best Hat theme
- Team that walks the most laps

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What a Month!

We farewelled Otavio. He returned to Brazil at the start of the month and has settled back in.

The club had some big brainstorming going on for our assembly night. Make sure you pass any ideas to the respective club directors.

Preparations for the arrival of the Yipirinya boys kept the club busy. It was a great experience for the fellas and the locals alike. It was such a pleasure to have them in Gloucester and our region.

Gloucester high school was host to the Bowden Brothers concert.

So many people got together to make the Yipi fellas welcome and show them vocations from the sea to the mountains. We will have a thank you night for everyone that helped on the 27th of August at the Gloucester Bowling Club.

The Glide Clubs came to Gloucester for the end of July. Both The Hunter Valley Glide Club and The Central Coast Soarers were at the airfield and were kind enough to have us onsite for a BBQ and talk about the appeal of Gloucester for Gliding. I'm certainly sold on the idea! I don't think I'll look at cloud formations the same ever again!

It's membership month, so make sure you bring along a guest to show them how great Gloucester Rotary is.

Cheers, Walt.

