



## Something special



### **Australia Day: Friday 26 January 2018** 8.00am-10.30am in Billabong Park

A whole day of enjoying what we love about this great country! Starts 8.00am at Billabong Park where you can hear the inspirational Australia Day Ambassador: London 2012 Paralympian swimmer Taylor Corry, winner of two silver medals.

The fun family line-up includes barbecue breakfast (gold coin donation), award presentations & cutting of the Australia Day cake. In case of wet weather the celebrations will be held at the Recreation Centre.



**Olympic Pool, Gloucester District Park**  
The **Pool Gala Evening** starts at 2pm will include free entry to the Olympic Pool complex in Gloucester District Park, a Rotary Club fundraiser barbecue, a lolly drop & entertainment. Come along for some fun!

**Illusion hypnosis show**  
**"Hypnotik" Sat 27 Jan at Gloucester Soldiers Club, 8pm.** Get hypnotized, have loads of fun! Tickets at door \$25.

## Something more

### **Art Workshops for kids**

**Tue 23 Jan at School of Arts upstairs.**  
Session 1 is for kids aged 4-7yrs 10.30am-12noon; Session 2 is for kids aged 8-12yrs 1.00pm-3.00pm. Presented by Christine Ball of "Great Night Art". \$20pp incl materials for your art, bookings essential, call Christine 0417 098 850.

### **Gloucester Community**

#### **Market Sat 27 Jan in Billabong Park.**

A long weekend market with locally made products including cakes, hot food, timber products, plants, jams, honey, jewellery, crafts & much more!

### **Ken Strong exhibition at Gloucester Gallery**

**4-28 Jan 2018** Featuring stunning oil artworks by acclaimed artist Ken Strong called "Spectacle of the Harbour".

**Opening celebration Sat 6 Jan 5.30pm-7.30pm**, all welcome.

### **Mountain Maid Gold Mine Tours at Copeland**

**Wed 24 Jan, Sun 28 Jan, Wed 31 Jan**  
**Departs 10.00am sharp at Copeland SCA carpark.** Touch gold mining relics & hear about life in a gold rush village on this NPWS guided tour. Adult \$12, child \$8, family 2A+2C \$28. Bookings essential, call 6538 5252.

### **'Devils In The Wild' Tour**

Barrington Tops **Devil Ark Tours** departing throughout 2018. See these awesome Tasmanian animals in a wild environment & cuddle some cute joeys! Adult \$150, child (8-15yrs) \$100, limited space & limited departures. Book online at [www.devilark.org.au](http://www.devilark.org.au)

## Cooling off: swimming

### **Cooling off: Swimming around Gloucester**

#### **Gloucester Olympic Pool**

Gloucester District Park, open 11am to 6pm. The perfect place to cool off is right in town! You'll love the 50m lap pool, 15m wading pool with water feature & shade cover, toilets, change rooms, kiosk, first aid room, shady areas, picnic facilities & a fenced children's play area. Adult \$4.50, child \$3.50, family \$12. Call 6538 5270.

#### **Gloucester River**

- a) In Gloucester District Park on Thunderbolts Way, between the caravan park & the bridge;
- b) At the concrete causeways across the Gloucester River at Stantons Lane, Faulkland Road or Barrington West Road (all at Faulkland).

#### **Barrington River**

- a) Barrington Reserve next to the Barrington Bridge on Thunderbolts Way;
- b) Rocky Crossing on Barrington West Road (off Thunderbolts Way);
- c) the public river access reserve at the end of Relfs Road (off Thunderbolts Way).
- d) The Steps Campground (day use fee applies \$5pp) on Manchester Rd, Bindera.

#### **Manning River**

- a) Gummi Falls Campground in Barrington Tops State Conservation Area (on Bullock Brush Trail off Tubrabucca Rd)
- b) Manning River Camping Area in Barrington Tops State Forest (off Pheasant's Creek Rd)
- c) Bretti Reserve, where the Barnard River joins the Manning (off Thunder-

## Gloucester Visitor Information Centre

27 Denison St., Gloucester New South Wales  
[vic.information@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vic.information@midcoast.nsw.gov.au)  
[www.gloucestertourism.com.au](http://www.gloucestertourism.com.au)  
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**OPEN** | Monday to Friday - 9am to 4.30pm  
Saturday & Sunday - 9am to 3pm



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## This week's featured member - [www.gloucestertourism.com.au](http://www.gloucestertourism.com.au)

### Random Adventure Gear

Random Adventure Gear is Gloucester's premier adventure & camping gear outlet with over 30 years experience. Get all the canoeing, kayaking, hiking, camping, mountain biking & adventure gear you've always wished for!

White water, flat water... which one floats your boat? They are the local experts in kayaks & canoes for white water or flat water paddling so you can enjoy our region's rivers, lakes & ocean. Pre-order your dream boat now with the perfect fit-out, browse online or drop in to their Gloucester retail shop for ideas & suggestions.

**WHERE:** 126 Thunderbolts Way, Gloucester or online at [www.ragear.com.au](http://www.ragear.com.au)

**CONTACT:** 02 6558 2093 [adventure@boac.com.au](mailto:adventure@boac.com.au)



## Community happenings

### **Gloucester Museum members & volunteers**

**needed!** Gloucester Historical Society invites new members to assist with running the Society & the Museum. You can become an expert local historian & help share our fascinating history to visitors. Volunteers are needed to staff the museum on Tues & Thurs (10.30am-1.30pm) & Sat (10am-2pm) each week. Call Pam 6558 1278 or [gloucestermuseum@bipond.com](mailto:gloucestermuseum@bipond.com)

**CWA Young Women First meeting Fri 9 Feb at 12pm at CWA Rooms, Church St.** There's a new group at the CWA for young women: working women, mums, teens. The older CWA women will be sharing their extensive knowledge with the group, so here's your chance to learn the secrets of country living with tips, hints & advice. More details from Lauren 6558 4242.

**Food With Friends Free weekly meal for those in need, Wednesday 10am-2pm, meal served at noon.** At the Seventh Day Adventist Hall, cnr Barrington & Hume Sts.

**Boomerang Bags Gloucester Join the sewing bees on the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month, 9.30am-3.30pm.** Details Peta Tynan 0427 200 575 or [www.boomerangbags.org](http://www.boomerangbags.org)

**Music Time (for under fives) Every Wednesday during school term at Gloucester Anglican Church, 9.45am for 10am start - Gold coin donation, details 0438 602 886**

**Story Time Gloucester Library (under fives) FREE 10am to 11am - Mondays during the school term.** All kids must be accompanied by an adult. FREE

**Hydrotherapy Pool District Park Gloucester Open: 5.30am to 5pm - Monday to Friday | 8am to 11am - Saturdays. Entry Fee: Adults \$7 - Child/Concession \$6.** For more information call 6538 5270.

**Bucketts Way Training [www.bwng.org.au](http://www.bwng.org.au)**  
Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group - 6558 2454.

**Gloucester U3A Courses [gloucester.u3anet.org.au](http://gloucester.u3anet.org.au)**  
Learn something new, expand your mind or relax your body: See the website for course list

## Save the date

bolts Way) d) Woko Campground in Woko National Park (on Curricabark Rd off Thunderbolts Way)

**Barnard River** Brettie Reserve on Thunderbolts Way.

**Stroud Swimming Pool** 57 Cowper St, Stroud. 7am to 7pm with grassy areas under shade, change rooms, toilets. Free entry (but no lifeguard service).

**Abseiling** The thrill of going over a rocky cliff & defying gravity is one of the great lures. Barrington Outdoor Adventures offer abseiling sessions at two scenic locations, at The Steps Campground overlooking the Barrington River or on the Buccan Buccans overlooking the Gloucester valley. So challenge yourself & challenge your kids to see who can conquer their fear of heights first! (Minimum age for abseiling is 7 years.)

**Hikes & mountain bikes Barrington Tops** offers unbeatable tracks & trails for walks & mountain bikes, pick up a brochure at the Gloucester Visitor Information Centre. Or take to the purpose-built trails at **The Steps Mountain Bike Park**, it's just \$5 for day use, call Barrington Outdoor Adventure Centre 6558 2093.

**Horse riding** Ride the riverside trails of Captain Thunderbolt at **Camp Cobark** with horse riding from just \$50. Call 6558 5524. Or enjoy the rural horse riding trails at **Riverwood Downs**, call 4994 7112.

**Tucker Patch Open Day Sat 7 Apr from 2pm to 5pm**

### Swimming safety tips:

a) Remember to always check the water for hazards and snags, especially after rainfall events; b) Never dive into any water, unless you're in the swimming lanes at the pool; c) Take care of slippery river stones at all rivers & waterways, suitable aqua shoes are recommended; d) Always supervise your children while swimming; e) Watch out for vehicle traffic at causeway

### **The Tucker Patch - Farm Gate Stalls**

**FRIDAY - Farm Gate Stall - 9.30am to 11.30am** 62 Cemetery Rd ;  
**TUESDAY - Pop-up stall - 9am to 12.30pm** in front of Gloucester Bookshop at 76 Church St. **2nd SATURDAY - Gloucester Farmers Market - 8am to 12noon** Locally grown organic produce just hand-picked, as fresh as it gets! Info call **0484 001 390**.

