

Audience Survey 2014 - Written comments

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Yes, great atmosphere.	Faire should stay open until 4pm. We arrived from Sydney to find everyone closing. Our meal Sat evening was undercooked & came out cold. Desserts were excellent (rated Faire=3; rated meal=2; rated festival overall=4)
Yes, it's a lot of fun & a great way to bring visitors to town. We come every year.	The food was horrible this year. It has never been this bad. We had raw vegetables, greasy & dirty dessert plates. Was very poorly organised for the food service. The organisation for the play & festival a good though. (rated meal=1; rated festival overall=3)
Yes, a fun weekend.	Uncooked potato & sweet potato, food definitely not as good this year. Appetiser not on table & was awkward carrying around. Pie overseasoned with pepper. Dessert plates dirty. However, performance was the best I've seen at the Festival in the past 5 years! (rated meal=1; rated Festival=4)
Yes, we've come to past 5 festivals & we love it. We'll definitely come again next year, we love the markets & the show.	The dinner this year wasn't good. The appetiser was not on the table & therefore we didn't eat as much as we wanted. The main course meal was not good. All the vegetables were undercooked & unable to be eaten. No serving spoons for dessert. (rated meal=1; rated festival overall=4)
non stated	Very disappointed in the meal, it was not cooked enough & was cold. Bring back Norm & Jane. Well done again committee, you are wonderful people. (rated meal=1; rated festival overall=4)
Yes, have come 4 times, love the extended weekend.	Why was the meal changed? Pie cold, lamb not cooked enough, vegies undercooked. Dessert not what was on menu. Show was very late this year. Met the director - lovely man, so much better than last year. (rated meal=1; rated festival overall=3)
Yes	The food was very disappointing. There were copious amounts but the lamb shanks were tough & hard to get off the bone. Kumera & potatoes were so undercooked as to be almost inedible. The pie on the other hand was very good. Desserts were underwhelming. Suggestion to avoid problems with cooking meats (which seems to be recurring) is serve a chicken pie & beef pie for each group of 8. (rated meal=2; rated festival overall=3)
Yes, have been each year since the start except 2013 - it was too early.	
Yes, we're always extolling its virtues! We are almost always a party of 10-12. We will certainly look to be back next year, we come to love Gloucester for so many reasons, not least its Shakespeare Festival & always come Friday so we can spend the rest of the weekend exploring the area.	We have attended 14 of the 16 performances since hearing about it from a local friend. We always look forward to it & think this year's been one of the stand-out ones both in content & performance - very thought provoking in many ways & generated much discussion afterwards. A very polished production. We look forward to next year & our only disappointment being that several of our party needed to leave earlier than they would have, had it not been Mothers Day. (rated Faire, performance, meal, & overall Festival=5)
Yes, with some reservations, to support the venture.	Where was the synopsis? Sound!? Sound!? Music was good. Voices must have projection, only 2 people qualified here in this performance. A bell to resume seats after interval. Acting good but dialogue should be directed at audience, otherwise can't hear the words! (rated performance=3; rated overall festival=4)
Yes, depending on the play selected & on its continued presentation by Stogged Theatre!	Having experienced earlier plays (when the venues were the marquees at Stratford & then Gloucester) I was dubious about success in the Soldiers Club Auditorium. However I found this venue (well decorated) lent an intimacy to the performance. Well done!! (rated performance=5; rated overall festival=5)
Yes - fun, a great location, good food. (rated meal at Friday=3; rate festival overall=3)	
Yes, a fun weekend.	
Yes, a great performance of the Merchant of Venice in a well decorated venue. Very much enjoyed the day. (rated performance=5; rated festival overall=5)	
Yes - friendly, good acting, great outing. This is our second year & we'll be back.	

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Yes, absolutely! Fantastic, we love everything about the festival. The atmosphere created is especially good: all the flags, the pictures etc. Food is good too.	Friday supper: add more grapes/fruit to the platter; sell the tickets addressed to "Sire" & "Lady" to create more belonging to the era; advertise the dress-up, as very few in the audience in period costume, think this could be a really good drawcard as people love to dress up. The sound was not great, we were up the back& lost some of the language over the airconditioning unit humming in & out. Maybe do an outreach to Taree - maybe at the Entertainment Centre - although we love travelling over to visit. You should be congratulated - fabulous!! (rated overall festival=4)
Yes, fantastic vibe, Friday meal fantastic.	First time, just loved the whole night. (rated everything=5)
Yes, the performance is always excellent, supper delicious. Have been coming for 6 years - awesome.	More butter for bread at supper. Yummy supper. (rated meal=5; rated overall festival=5+++)
Yes, the performance was excellent & highly entertaining. The interpretation & performance made Shakespeare accessible to modern audiences while employing Shakespearian conventions.	Doesn't need improving. Canned Hamlet was very entertaining & excellent value for money. The festival gives those of us in country NSW an opportunity to see live theatre - quality live theatre. (rated everything=5)
Yes, a wonderful community & cultural effort.	
Yes, fun, good companionship in a lovely area. It's my 13th year.	Mothers Day weekend not the best time.
Yes, always enjoyed.	Some actors need voice projection.
Yes, good entertainment. Come every year to support our local event.	
Yes, fun & entertaining.	
Yes	Sound was not the best, air conditioner too loud & I feel that if the ceiling flags were removed then it may the sound to travel to the rear. But the banners & flags were very attractive.
Yes, great entertainment & we have been for the last 8 years.	
	Had a good time at the Merchant of Venice, well set up, good meal, excellent performance. (rated meal=4; rated Festival overall=4)
Yes, the Faire, Stoged Theatre, all the friendly folk of Gloucester, it was all great fun & so well organised.	
Yes, fantastic, it was a lovely experience: the play by Stoged was excellent.	
Yes, absolutely, great fun, great to support live theatre.	Loved the old & new: the selfie at the wedding - great! We felt honoured that so many people could work so hard for many months to entertain us. A triumph! Thanks so much, please come back soon.
Yes. It's interesting & great fun, I loved it all.	Excellent & entertaining, love the conversion to the modern - a great production.
Yes, excellent Shakespeare performance, a good weekend away.	
Yes, I have come for a number of years & always enjoyed the performances.	I came prepared to see the markets in the main street & they were back in the park behind the town. The food was great & we had lunch but maybe the stalls could be organised differently - not sure, it seemed a bit pushed together. And definitely not enough seats for people to sit & eat. (rate Faire=3; rated festival overall=4)
Yes, it was excellent, totally enjoyable.	
Yes, a wonderful way to experience a lovely regional town. A great way to keep regional NSW alive!. Enjoyed friends & the occasion.	The meal need to be cooked a little more. Although delicious & plenty of it, the vegies were undercooked & barley edible. We were not informed of dressing in costume, this could be better advertised. There needs to be a more effective way of publicising events in rural towns, not just to cities but other regions as well. (rated meal=3; rated festival overall=4)
Yes, it's an enjoyable weekend because of family & opportunity to spend enjoyable time with them making memories. And literary education.	
Yes, well worth the effort of getting here, a very enjoyable evening.	Great effort by everyone involved, thank you for a great evening.
Yes	Saturday meal: 5 for the idea but 3 for execution.

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Yes, it offers a lot of variety & the Shakespeare productions are definitely for people who think they don't like Shakespeare.	I don't have a need to visit Gloucester very often & the festival always makes my 260km return journey from Newcastle rewarding - and the views along the Bucketts Way & looking towards Gloucester Tops are stunning.
Yes, an enjoyable experience.	
Yes, absolutely brilliant, totally absorbed, moved & blown away. If future standards of performing is this high then I'll be back in a heartbeat.	No, I was delighted with this performance. (rated everything=5)
Yes, it's become an annual family event. The major performance is the highlight for us, we missed the Faire this year but only because we were listening to the bellbirds & enjoying the views in our rented property.	Loved the Merchant of Venice - well done Stooged!!
Yes, I love it. Any excuse to dress up. Fun! Excellent opportunity to see Shakespeare performed which is not so easy for country residents. It opens people up to Shakespeare & is fun!	Jousts great, morris dancers great, stalls great, costumes great, workshops great. What about the Gloucester Singers? Play was brilliant - best in 16 years & I've seen all but one. Refreshments for matinee would be better than nothing.
Yes I love these sorts of festivals & this one has been great.	
Yes, I love Shakespeare performances, the entertainment, lovely atmosphere, pleasant people, the entertainment.	
Yes, a good & enjoyable fun day. It's been a regular routine since moving to Forster in 2000. I bring more friends every year. Loved the modern dressing and technology.	Overall rating 96%, good to see so many male actors. Small suggestions: some voices need projection, all words (even whispers) need to be "shouted"; all speeches to be directed to the audience; Jessica's voice (& sometimes Portia's) is lost in their long hair. But best production so far, all fantastic actors!
Yes, been coming for more than 10 years, always good.	
Yes, this year was fantastic, I thoroughly enjoyed it. I come every year, this was my favourite.	Fantastic acting this year, much better than last year & Bassiano was a real stand out.
Yes, great location, great atmosphere, quality entertainment & lots of fun.	Really well run & organised. Stooged players are amazing. Too much food! Yummy though. Markets should run longer than 1pm; cold drinks stall at Faire; Canned Hamlet was great but too early for people travelling to get here in time.
Yes, good weekend, 3rd time here.	Cook potatoes thoroughly.
Yes, it's fantastic, I have already mentioned it to several people in Sydney, they had not heard of it, but want to attend. I love Shakespeare & I love Gloucester.	Very well done, we will be back next year.
This is our 2nd time & I'm sure we'll all be back soon.	The play ran rather late (interval at 9.50pm)
Yes, to enjoy together with friends & family.	Dinner cold. Dessert menu should be adhered to. MC lewd, rude & crude - children in the room!
Yes, always, have been several years, love it! Loved Stooged Theatre productions, love Gloucester, great combo!	No changes, love it! Except, cook lamb longer, sorry!
Yes, it was great fun, a good time.	
Yes	Booking online only allowed for credit card, no Paypal, nearly didn't book, don't like using credit card online. Please ensure vegies are cooked, what a waste of food if it's inedible. (rated Meal=3; rated festival overall=4)
Yes, I like live theatre, this is my 12th year.	
Yes, good fun.	
Yes, relaxed country atmosphere, accessible. Good to be outside of public holidays & school holidays.	Would have dressed up in costume if we had known, Stooged performance could have started as soon as dessert plates were cleared - a substantial "dead" period between meal & performance. Vegies not thoroughly cooked, shanks were uneven in size, some were enormous. Great atmosphere, just a little bit of fine tuning needed. Well done overall! (rated meal 3.5; rated festival overall=4)
Yes, worth the trip, intend to keep up the tradition.	GACCI performance seemed to clash with markets & entertainment. Would prefer it at 12.30 (understand it would clash with Sat matinee)

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Yes, it's very enjoyable & I find the products at the market to be of a high standard.	Meal cold.
I have recommended the festival & I fully support the efforts of those who organise all our cultural events.	
Yes, very entertaining & worth the trip from Forster.	
Yes, great for the community. My first time at the non-GACCI show, it is a bit expensive for a family of 4.	It would be nice to have another GACCI show maybe pre-dinner on Sat night. The food was cold however the pie tasted lovely. The desserts delivered were not what was on the menu. The show ran a lot later than expected, one hour earlier would have been better, it was a very long time before the show started. The performance was great by both the actors on stage & the actors roaming the floor! (rated meal=3; rated festival overall=4)
We always have a great time we attend with our caravan club (30 vans) & come every year.	Would have liked more stalls at the Faire, we thought this year a lot more people were in costume, they all looked splendid. We thought the Merchant of Venice was the best we have seen.
Yes, especially great for young people as introduction to Shakespeare.	Get more people to dress for the performance.
Yes, it's always a great night & performance. We come every year.	
Yes, great community effort & spirit, we will continue coming.	Excellent production, 100% on last year.
Yes, great variety of attractions & great Shakespeare, the standard is so high.	
Yes	GACCI Players are excellent
Yes, it's a fun night.	There should be some help provided to the volunteers at the Visitor Centre to assist with purchasing of tickets to Friday performances.
Yes, I like Gloucester & enjoy the plays.	Didn't hear any adverts in Newcastle eg ABC radio (all about Dungog!)
Yes, something different & interesting. We enjoyed the town & the festival. The play was extremely enjoyable, great acting, thank you!	
Gloucester offers a pleasant day out from Forster & the stalls are different & attractive. Of course the main event is the Bards's performances.	
Yes, definitely.	More advertising in Sydney (upper north shore). We came 14 & 15 years ago, none of my present friends had heard of it.
Yes, very enjoyable. Merchant was excellent! And GACCI's hamlet a hoot!	I think there should be fresh lemonade & home made mead or ale at the markets. More tables & chairs to sit, strolling minstrels.
Yes, definitely recommend, beautiful scenic drive from Medowie & really enjoyed Gloucester main street, shops & market. Pleasant country atmosphere. Great place to bring overseas guests!	Maybe a parade on the main street? But nice the way it is, not too big & commercialised.
Yes - interesting, good show, love the Faire. We'll come every year & bring friends/guests.	Need more non-food things at the Faire; garbage bins, roving minstrels, tricky jesters with naughty things like water pistols, hooters etc.,
Yes, always have a fantastic time visiting friends & family while getting to enjoy a wonderful performance.	This performance is so much better than last year. The incorporation of music by Carl Young always helps to make the performance so much more enjoyable. Much more engaging than last year, back to the previous quality - keep Carl Young coming!
Definitely! Loved it Performance very professional & very enjoyable, I will come again! I had a great day with the friends who invited me & will recommend it to others next year.	When I was at school in the late 50's all well-educated young ladies studied Shakespeare. I attended Sydney Girls High School & culture was mandatory. Something I have been grateful for all my life. However at 14, 15 years old I did not really see the relevance of Shakespeare & did not enjoy it until much older. At the age of 47, I went to university & did a degree in Language & Linguistics, which included study of Shakespeare & I finally GOT IT! And I fell in love with Shakespeare.