



Woolgi Whisper

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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Club President
Norm Michener
District Governor
Ian Jackson
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Meetings each month
1st Sat: auction shed 8:30-3:30
2nd & 4th Mondays 6-8pm Woolgoolga C.ex
3rd Monday Board meetings VIC
if 5th Monday, contact Secretary

TONIGHT (27 MARCH) WASTE PLASTIC RECYCLING—LOCAL INITIATIVE



Our speaker tonight, **Louise Hardman**, was fed up with seeing countless marine animals dying from ingesting plastic pollution – so she created **The Pacific Collective**, a small environmental business focusing on waste plastic recycling and remoulding for Pacific region communities.

The aim of The Pacific Collective is to provide tools, equipment, machines and educational programs which will transform waste plastic into 'recycling income' for communities.

The core part of this eco-business is manufacturing mobile and affordable Waste Plastic Remoulding machines at their factory in Coffs Harbour. These “Shruders” shred, extrude and inject-mould plastic into new items. Specialised training for the use of these machines and how to work with discarded plastic is included in a 6-Step Waste Plastic Remoulding Program, in a late stage of development. Initial funding from NSW Department of Primary Industries has enabled Research & Development of the machines and program to be undertaken.

Louise & other specialist educators are running a range of programs for groups, schools, councils and businesses to effectively deal with waste plastic in their community. These programs are now available for bookings.



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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS KARINA AND JOHN



Wonderful to have two new members on board: **Karina Bettison** and **John Mitchell**. May they find the friendship of Rotarians, and the privilege to make a difference in our community, richly rewarding, and may the other members in return find their participation to be an added source of strength to our club.

L to R Cathie & John Mitchell, President Norm Michener and Karina Bettison

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE (TUES 4 APRIL)

Engineers and scientists are a vital part of dealing with the challenge of plastic waste (and it should be mentioned, also invented and developed the plastic and products that end up as a problem!) It's more important than ever that able & interested young people have career options in STEM (science technology mathematics & engineering), so our club runs an annual **Science & Engineering Challenge** for student teams from 8 local high schools (4 Apr; see *Whisper No.14*). Don't forget Monday night **Challenge dinner**, 3 April, at Seaview Tavern.

SUPPORT FOR AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

Over the past six Rotary years, this club has donated over \$6,500 to Australian Rotary Health, and to thank each guest speaker at our meetings, we contribute \$50 to ARH.

STATS AT A GLANCE
Visiting Rotarians:
YEP:
Guests: Karina Bettison, John & Cathie Mitchell, Pam Stone, Margaret Jones, partner Helen
Attendance: 14 (64%)
Apologies: John, Harjinder, Trish, Gareth, Dennis, Peter, Echah, Patty
Raffle: David Edwards
Birthdays: Norm Michener 4 Apr
Anniversaries: Pamela & David Fayle 29 Mar (which reminds me...), John Arkan & Surinder Kaur 14 Apr

DONATIONS NEWS

A lot of hard work goes into raising funds to underpin the work that we do and allow us to support causes – locally, nationally and internationally. We have been able to direct some of those funds into:

- remote parts of southeast **Indonesia**: total of \$2,000 to the **NTT Small Grants** project, a small grants system to assist farmers and rural schools in Indonesian islands including Flores, West Timor and Semau, all areas of extreme poverty. Mary Bryant visited the area on a project inspection and assessment tour there in May 2015. This is a Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) project. You can read more in the last Annual Report p12. Chris Curtis (Lane Cove Rotary) thanked the club: *“Thank you for a pleasant morning surprise, and thank your board & club for your decision to support the project. \$2000 will make a huge difference to the people of NTT... We had a project committee meeting last week & your club's contribution is the 'missing link' that we needed to complete our plan for 2017-18.”*
- a total of \$2,000 to **Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)**, which includes (in advance) 50% of the proceeds from the upcoming **Swap Party** (27 May) within our current \$800 donation, plus \$1,200 previously provided from the **helicopter golf ball drop**. RAM is working to eliminate malaria in the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, and Timor Leste. The primary focus has been the distribution of insecticide-treated mosquito nets to vulnerable populations in these countries. RAM has raised more than \$1.6 million to eliminate malaria since 2003.
- US\$1,000 (c\$1485) to **The Rotary Foundation** (Annual Programs Fund), to help support a truly amazing range of activities across the globe. The charitable arm of Rotary, TRF taps into a global network of Rotarians – including Woolgoolga Rotarians – who invest their time, money, and expertise into these projects. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as **poverty, illiteracy, disease** (eg polio, malaria) and **malnutrition** with sustainable solutions that leave lasting impact. TRF is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Back in 1917, then Rotary President Arch Klumph’s idea for an endowment fund dedicated to “doing good in the world” planted the seed of The Rotary Foundation. Kansas City Rotary Club made the first donation, of \$26.50.
- **malnutrition in South Sudan, Africa** (\$500), in crisis with extremely high levels of malnutrition among children. After 3 years of conflict, people struggle to access food, safe drinking water, shelter and healthcare. Food supplies are low. Crop looting & disrupted planting seasons are rife. The situation is expected to deteriorate further as the ongoing dry season exacerbates the crisis. **Médecins Sans Frontières** emergency intervention provides healthcare to malnourished children, via mobile clinics and a network of community health workers; our donation was directed there.
- \$200 was donated to **Woolgoolga Red Cross**.
- \$100 towards a **Cancer Council Close Shave** appeal for **breast cancer research**. **Jean Vickery, Joy O’Shea** & member **John Arkan** will be “altered” at Venus & Mars Unisex Salon in Woolgoolga, 9am this Saturday 25 Mar – be there to find out how!

AFTER ALL THE IMPORTANT STUFF, SOME TRIVIA

Whispering Whoopee is a 1930 American Pre-Code short film directed by James W. Horne. It is in the public domain. (Wikipedia)

CLUB NOTICES	1 Apr	Auction (Mullaway P&C)	DISTRICT NOTICES	24-26 Mar	District Conference, Laurieton
	3 Apr	S&E Challenge Dinner, Seaview Tavern 5:30-8:30		1-8 Apr	RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)
	4 Apr	Science and Engineering Challenge		1-8 Apr	Bookfest (Coffs Showground)
	27 May (Sat)	Swap Party (Karen Sedgwick's)		21 Apr	RYSTARS applications due
	26 Jun (Mon)	Changeover, C.ex Club, 6 for 6.30pm		30 Apr	District Assembly - Kempsey
				4-7 May	RYSTARS - Coonabarabran
		21 May	District Assembly - Armidale		
		23 May	NYSF applications to club due		

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend							<p>Your Rotary Club Needs YOU</p> <p>Want to be on the BOARD? - (see Patty)</p> <p>Can you help with AUCTION PICK-UPS or auctioneering? (See Dick)</p> <p>WISH TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER? (Contact Pam)</p> <p>KNOW A FAMILY INTERESTED IN HOSTING A YEP STUDENT? (See Patty)</p>
Date	27 Mar Partners	3 Apr No meet	10 Apr Partners	17 Apr Board	24 Apr Partners	1 May No meet	
Attendance	David Edwards	AUC-TION 1 APR	Geoff Royal	VISI-TORS INFO	Leslie Casey	AUCTION 6 MAY	
Welcome/Fellowship	Kim Thompson	IN LIEU	David Fayle	CENTRE 4:15	Karina Bettison	IN LIEU	
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Patty Delaney		Norm Michener		Dick Matthews		
Vote of Thanks	Echah Wright		Karen Sedgwick		John Mitchell		
Guest Speakers or Event	Louise Hardman Plastic recycling		Jane Body (TBC) Akili Girls School, Kenya		Rod Mackenzie Whole Brain Thinking For Better Results		