



# 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

This is a special Whisper edition to cover the Swap Party on Saturday and to notify you of a CHANGE IN TIMING of the Restaurant and Movie outing on Monday—it's now mid-afternoon.

## SATURDAY 27 MAY – SWAP PARTY

Don't forget the Swap Party at Karen Sedgwick's this Saturday. Please come if you can, bring a friend and enjoy a cuppa. Starts at 2pm.

Any afternoon tea contributions will be very welcome. Karen will need help with taking money at the front as well as afternoon teas.

Funds raised will be split between supporting an orphanage in Kathmandu, Nepal that we have supported for some years, and toward the fight against the scourge of malaria, via **Rotarians Against Malaria**.

We have just received an update report from the orphanage, abridged on page 2.

2 pm Saturday 27th May  
\$10 per person  
45 Safety Beach Drive,  
Safety Beach

## Swap Party

Bring things you don't want, and take home things you do want. Anything – clothes, bric-a-brac, books, etc...

Contact Karen 0410 039805  
Cost \$10, includes afternoon tea

Secretary:  
Patty Delaney  
0429 449 385

APOLOGIES TO:  
*Echah*  
0418 861 253  
6654 2557  
by 9am Monday

Funds will be directed to

Rotary Against Malaria Program and  
Social Development Orphanage in  
Kathmandu



## MONDAY 29 MAY — FILM AFTERNOON

The screening times for the film **Viceroy's House** on Monday 29 May have now been announced, and because the expected evening screening is not happening, our movie night is now a movie *afternoon*. **The film starts at 2:55 pm.** For seniors' \$9 tickets, get a card online [cinebuzz.com.au](http://cinebuzz.com.au) or arrive early enough to do it.

After the movie, those who wish to will head over to Green House Tavern for a pre-dinner gathering, followed if you like by dinner.

The End of an Empire. The Birth of Two Nations. Viceroy's House tells the true story of the final months of British rule in India. Viceroy's House in Delhi was the home of the British rulers of India. After 300 years, that

rule was coming to an end. For 6 months in 1947, Lord Mountbatten, great grandson of Queen Victoria, became the last Viceroy, charged with handing India back to its people.

The film's story unfolds within that great House. Over the birth of independent India, conflict erupted, and a decision was taken to divide the country and create a new Muslim homeland: Pakistan. It was a decision whose consequences reverberate to this day.

It is a film that is both epic and intimate, with an inspirational message that celebrates tolerance. It is a story that is deeply personal to the film's director Gurinder Chadha, whose own family was caught up in the tragic events that unfolded as the Raj came to an end.



For copies of Yeates' *Woolgoolga: History of a Village*, contact David Fayle [df@bioaccent.com.au](mailto:df@bioaccent.com.au) or 0401 022 951 (only \$30/copy).

STATS AT A GLANCE  
Visiting Rotarians: /YEP:  
Guests: Justine Bonney, John Urbano, Peter Burton, partners Helen, Bronwyn  
Attendance: 16 (64%)  
Apologies: John A, Harjinder, Trish, Gareth, Peter, David E, Karina, Lyndee, Patty  
Raffle: Helen Michener  
Birthdays: Helen Michener 2 Jun, Lyndee Hagar 12 Jun  
Anniversaries: Sel & Ila Rogers 7 Jun

## APRIL REPORT FROM THE NEPAL ORPHANAGE – SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Sue Clark-Pitrolo has sent a long report, abridged here, along with financial statement. Sue says: “As the children get older, the expenses get higher, due to the increase in school and college fees. University is out of the question for the children as we do not have the funds. We are committed to ensuring the children can support themselves in good jobs and are helping them make their choices towards that. The support we receive from you is invaluable and we cannot thank you enough. Your help has raised these children to who and where they are now.” Sue arrived 10 years ago as a volunteer at the newly established “Orphanage” in Naya Bazaar, Kathmandu. The 10 children had been at the home for only 4 weeks. Sue summarises the history of 18 of the children and Haramaya, carer since 2007 & the only person to receive a salary within SDC. A few of those children are:

Asmita (11-21) – No mum/absent father, Asmita at age 11 had had no education when she arrived at SDC. She is now in 2nd year Chartered Practising Accountant (CPA) studies & living with her sister. SDC supports her through her studies to independence. Asmita has an amazing work ethic. When she sees a goal, she works day & night to achieve it.

Nissan (9- 19) – always smiles, was the translator for volunteers and did well at school. He is now studying IT and living with his impoverished mum. SDC supports his studies & Nissan works 1–2 evenings to help support his home.

Soma (8-18) – came to the home after her mother died and her father remarried. She has just completed year 12 and will apply for CPA studies. This is a new area in Nepal and has a 100% employment rate, with a very good salary. The 4-year course required is difficult & full time and we are sure Soma will achieve it. It qualifies students first as a book keeper and then an accountant. Soma will leave the home this year and we will support her studies.

Tulasi (7-17) – Has two parents but both are absent, possibly in India. Tulasi just completed year 10. He is a young man who needs to be busy & is a great help around the home. He found himself a job at a tourist hotel, where he manages receptions & is a city guide to the clients. Tulasi’s 18-month Mechanics course starts in September.

Nareesh (7-15) – was brought to the home 8 years ago as a child at risk. Intelligent & a hard worker, he has found an evening job, and is studying mechanics at college during the day. He hopes to one day own his own business.

Pramila (10-18) – as a low cast child, Pramila applied for a scholarship to nursing school. She came first in the exam and received the scholarship. Since then she has topped her school in each exam.



Back Left: Haramaya (Aunty) Soma, Dipesh, Asmita, Srijana (Haramaya’s daughter), Nareesh, Sudashan, Tulasi  
Front Left: Bikram, Nishan, Suttam, Kopila, Samjhana (Haramaya’s daughter), Pramila, Srijana, Rupak, Chek  
Front: Sugrit.

## REPORT (22 MAY) WHOLE LIFE SUCCESS – JUSTINE BONNEY

Justine Bonney managed to quieten the usual rowdy mob with a session in which we focused on thought on awareness of our surrounding sound environment & focusing on something important in our lives. As a Coach, Justine aims to open up new ways of thinking about oneself and the world, because change can only come by expanding ones current thinking.

CLUB NOTICES

27 May (Sat) Swap Party (Karen Sedgwick’s)  
3 Jun Auction (Woolgoolga Community Garden)  
26 Jun (Mon) Changeover, C.ex Club, 6 for 6.30pm  
1 Jul Auction (Sherwood Ck Rural Fire Service)

DISTRICT NOTICES

2-4 Jun MUNA (Model United Nations, Kempsey)  
10-14 Jun Rotary International Conference Atlanta  
1 Jul District Changeover Laurieton

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend						
Date	29 May Outing	5 Jun Meeting NOTE	12 Jun No meeting	19 Jun Board	26 Jun Change over	3 Jul Meeting NOTE
Attendance	BCC Cinema	John Mitchell	PUBLIC HOL- IDAY	VISITORS	C.ex	Dennis Houghton
Welcome/ Fellowship	Viceroy’s House	Leslie Casey		INFOR- MATION	6 for 6:30	Karina Bettison
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	re India	Patty Delaney		CENTRE		Pam Fayle
Vote of Thanks	2:55pm start	Kim Thompson		4:15		Mary Bryant
Guest Speak- ers or Event		Jessica Ports- mouth Former YEP out- bounder				Cherie Topfer Youth Career Pathways

**Your Rotary Club  
Needs YOU**

Want to be on the  
BOARD? - (see  
Patty)

Can you help with  
AUCTION PICK-UPS  
or auctioneering?  
(See Dick)

WISH TO PROPOSE  
A  
NEW MEMBER?  
(Contact Pam)

KNOW A FAMILY  
INTERESTED IN HOST-  
ING A YEP STUDENT?  
(See Patty)