



Woopi Whisper

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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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 (26 JUNE) CHANGEOVER

If you have not yet accepted or apologized for Changeover, please contact Patty immediately on 6654 2185.

Changeover is at the C.ex on Monday 26 June 2017 at 6.00 for 6:15 pm.

The theme is **Recycling: Presidents and Plastics**, and guest speakers will be **Louise Hardman** (The Pacific Collective), **Sam Birch** (The WooHoo Enterprise), and **Kim Thompson** (Soap Aid). The Pacific Collective was announced the winner of the Coffs Coast Startup Challenge a few days ago.

President **Norm Michener** will review our past year and hand over the mantle of office to President-elect **Pamela Fayle** and her Board of Directors for 2017 -18. A slide show will review our past year, and the Annual Report (currently being printed) will be available.

There will not, repeat not, be any yellow and blue balloons!

FAREWELL ANNE AT THE AIRPORT, SUNDAY 2 JULY 10am

Our YEP inbounder **Anneliese Schörghuber** will shortly be heading home to Graz in Austria after her year here (*photo soon after arrival*). Hasn't that year flown past? Anne leaves from the airport **Sunday 2 July at 10 am** – if you have a chance, come and farewell her then.

PLEASE NOTE DATE OF FIRST MEETING IN JULY

The date of the first meeting in July has been brought forward to 3rd July, and there will be no meeting on 10th July. This is mainly so our incoming President Pamela Fayle can attend one regular meeting before September (USA trip coming up)! On 3rd our speaker will be **Cherie Topfer**, on Youth Career Pathways. Cherie of HR Werx is a Business Partner helping businesses take the headache out of recruiting and retaining people. She is also the President of the Woolgoolga & Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce. She was previously in Queensland, and was a member of **Gladstone Rotary Club** for several years. And notably from the local history viewpoint, Cherie is a granddaughter of beloved Woolgoolga centenarian and Heritage Walk contributor Jackie Ganderton.

C.ex COMMUNITY CREW SLEEP OUT-CLARENCE HARRÉ-GOFUNDRAISE

Clarence Harré, recently returned from his YEP year in Austria and now member of Coffs Interact Club, is seeking contributions for the community sleepout, **raising awareness for homelessness** in Coffs Harbour (at least 40 people currently are without shelter).

<https://cexcommunitycrewsleepout.gofundraise.com.au>

Clarence says “Homelessness is an issue that I feel very strongly about. It is the invisible crime of ignorance plaguing our society that allows it to go on. Events like the Community Sleepout, awareness is brought to this issue. This is the pivotal point - educating ignorance away - that will help people who are, for one reason or another, without a home. During my time in Europe, I witnessed the influx of refugees who overwhelmed the system. The majority ended up on the streets. On my 15-min walk to school, I'd walk past at least 10 homeless people. Often, at night, when I was out with my friends, they would beg for food. For warmth. For anything that would help them through the cold Viennese nights. I distinctly remember this one night. A man, ragged with no shoes and full beard approached me, asking for water. In stuttered German I told him to follow me. At the store I bought him two bottles of water, a noodle box and gave him money for later. Seeing the smile on his face, the gratitude flowing through his face: that was the most humbling experience I've ever had.”

WHISPER EDITOR AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR FOUND

Thank you **Lyndee Hagar** for stepping in to take over 3 editions of the Woopi Whisper, while David Fayle is in the USA most of July and August. Lyndee has also volunteered to take on the vacant **Community Services Directorship** – thank you Lyndee!

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Patty Delaney
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APOLOGIES TO:
Patty
6654 2185
For Changeover



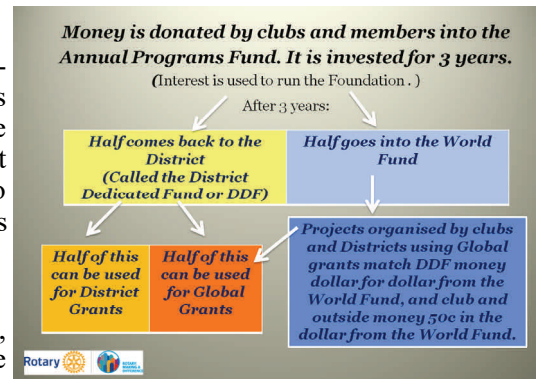
For copies of Yeates' *Woolgoolga: History of a Village*, contact David Fayle df@bioaccent.com.au or 0401 022 951 (only \$30/copy).

STATS AT A GLANCE Visiting Rotarians:

YEP: Anneliese
Guests: Jessica Portsmouth, partner Helen
Attendance: 14 (56%)
Apologies: John, Harjinder, Gareth, Trish, David E, Rod, Karina, Mary, Dennes, Peter, Pam S
Raffle: David F
Birthdays: Gareth Owen 29 Jun, Marie Matthews 2 Jly, Dennes Fayle 11 Jly
Anniversaries: Leslie and Allan Casey 28 Jun

DISTRICT DEDICATED FUNDS (DDFs)

Following from last issue, this diagram explains what happens to donations to The Rotary Foundation. Normally, club & individual donors direct donations into the Annual Programs Fund (a key element of The Rotary Foundation). This diagram shows the DDF in yellow, and how it links with the global grants. Thank you to Past District Governors Jo Wilkin and Ken Hall for this diagram, which also highlights why it remains important for clubs to make annual contributions to The Rotary Foundation.



RECORD AUCTION SATURDAY 3 JUNE

The June 3rd auction was a record, generating a satisfying \$5,564, helped considerably by the sales of the generator, water pump and some of the other power equipment mentioned in the previous Whisper.

Helpers this month were the **Woolgoolga Community Garden** people, who certainly had their work cut out, with a huge amount of donated goods to move during the day, but our members were very stretched on the day by the sheer amount of physical work. There were more buyers there at 1pm than we've had for some time, and plenty of new faces. Some may well have heard about the auction on **ABC FM 92.3** that morning, as the ABC had contacted President **Norm Michener** while he was out doing pickups, to interview him about the Amnesty International Art exhibition just launched at Woolgoolga Art Gallery, and Norm took the opportunity to promote the auction very effectively. **Facebook** undoubtedly brought in other buyers. Many raffle tickets for the Woopi Reunion were sold, raising money for Rotary (*photo Lorraine Bullen, Bob Weeks, Mary Yianni*).



Together with a very healthy set of results from the previous 10 auctions, the **net total** from auctions for the year was also a **record**, by nearly \$6,000 – \$38,282! Those major investments (fence, verandahs, car) are paying off!

REPORT (5 JUN) JESSICA PORTSMOUTH

Jessica Portsmouth, whose internet persona is Bipolar Barbie, spoke forthrightly and powerfully about her ongoing battle with mental health, including prolonged periods of depression that may become suicidal. Safe to say that everyone in the room was profoundly moved by her baring her soul so lucidly.

REPORT (27 MAY) SWAP PARTY

The Swap Party on 27 May raised \$945, split equally between Rotarians Against Malaria and an orphanage in Kathmandu, Nepal that we have supported for some years, the Social Development Centre. Host Karen Sedgwick and team again attracted a big crowd (often with items to donate) to enjoy browsing, finding bargains and interesting conversations over a sumptuous afternoon tea. Altogether this year \$900 has gone to the Social Development Centre and \$2,000 to Rotarians Against Malaria. See last Whisper for an update report from the orphanage.



CLUB NOTICES

26 Jun (Mon) Changeover, C.ex Club , 6 for 6.30pm
 1 Jul Auction (Sherwood Ck Rural Fire Service)
 5 Aug Auction (Woolgoolga High School)
 2 Sep Auction (The WooHoo Enterprise tbc)

DISTRICT NOTICES

1 Jul District Changeover Laurieton
 15-16 Jul (tbc) YEP outbounders briefing
 31 Jul International President's Dinner (Port Macq.)

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	26 Jun Change over	3 Jul Meeting NOTE	10 Jul No meeting	17 Jul Board	24 Jul Meeting	31 Jul tba
Attendance	C.ex	Dennis Houghton	AUCTION	4:15pm	Lyndee Hagar	OUTING
Welcome/ Fellowship	6 for 6:30	Karina Bettison	IN LIEU	VISITORS INFOR-	John Mitchell	SPECIAL EVENT
Introduce Guest Speaker/s		Pam Fayle		MATION CENTRE	Leslie Casey	OR MEETING
Vote of Thanks		Mary Bryant			Patty Delaney	
Guest Speakers or Event		Cherie Topfer Youth Career Pathways			Belinda Flynn Increasing cardiac survival	

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 HOSTING A YEP STUDENT? (See Patty)