



# Woolgoolga Whisper

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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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**Club President**  
Pamela Fayle  
**District Governor**  
Bob Ryan  
**Rotary International President**  
Ian Riseley

**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 (16 OCT) Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians VISIT

The Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians (RVFR) visit is becoming an annual tradition, but we hear that this year the number of people camping at Darlington Beach has greatly increased. We look forward to welcoming some of them to Monday's meeting, and hopefully hearing some of their invariably interesting stories.

## HIPPIE NIGHT Saturday October 14

Two days before our meeting (Saturday night), the RVFR is turning on a great party, with the Hippie theme. RVFR's Paul McNeill has invited us, and although this Whisper is unavoidably later than the RSVP date (I've been in Melbourne) if you respond immediately they may well add you on. Paul says: "We do have entertainment as well as prizes and some fun activities are planned. It is being catered for by Jerry & Di from Ponds Cafe with a buffet meal at \$28 per head. As the venue is licensed drinks are available at bar prices. We will be utilising The Atrium Area where there are circular tables of 8 people. We will have approx 40 vans from Victoria NSW and QLD attending, which means that there would be around 80 people attending the hippy night. We hope that you might be able to organise a group and share some fun with us. We would need to be able to confirm final numbers for The Caterers by say Tuesday October 10. So if you could let us know by then that would be great.

RSVP Paul McNeill e mail [panmac2@bigpond.com](mailto:panmac2@bigpond.com) 0458 458 363

## THE GREAT DEBATE (at MULLAWAY SCHOOL) THURS 19 OCT

The primary school **Great Debate** is imminent, and we're invited (one or more of us will attend). The Board will contribute the usual \$100 towards the prizes. David King, Relieving Principal of Mullaway Public School says: "Once again I would like to thank you for your continued support of our Northern Beaches Public Schools - 'The Great Debate' event. The five schools; Corindi PS, Mullaway PS, Woolgoolga PS, Sandy Beach PS and Kororo PS are most grateful for your support of debating. I am hoping you will continue your financial support (\$100) of this extremely valuable inter-school program. The money assists us to cover the prizes and engraving for the winning students (4) and the certificates of participation for all students (20).

"Importantly too, I would again invite a Rotary member to come along to view the debates and assist with the presentation. The Great Debate day will be Thursday 19th Oct. from 9:00 am - 3:00pm at Mullaway PS. Please don't feel obliged to attend all day, we would be very grateful to have you for just part of the day; especially at the end for the presentation."

## MELBOURNE CUP EVE COMING UP

**Melbourne Cup Eve** at the Micheners' is on Mon 6 Nov. Wear a hat, BYO drinks and a plate to share, plus \$10ph to go to **Mental Health research** through **Australian Rotary Health**. The studies currently being funded are: "Suicide and self-harm hospitalisations among young people in Tasmania"; the effects of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; the Link Between Sleep and Mental Health; and "Fine-Tuning Accessibility to Body Image Interventions".

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING TOO

Christmas function Monday 18 December. Time & details yet to be sorted, but note the date.



**Secretary:**  
Patty Delaney  
0429 449 385

**APOLOGIES TO:**  
**Karina**  
0414 870 139  
before 9am  
Monday



**Polycop/CPV** creates 'Woolgoolga: History of a Village', contact David Fayle [df@bioaccent.com.au](mailto:df@bioaccent.com.au) or 0401 022 951

**STATS AT A GLANCE**  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Bob and Margaret Ryan  
**YEP:** Matilde  
**Guests:** partner Marie  
**Attendance:** 9 (38%)  
**Apologies:** Harjinder, John A, David E, John M, Gareth, Rod, Pam S, Echah, Peter, Geoff, Karen, David F, Norm, Leslie, Dennis  
**Raffle:** none  
**Birthdays:** Karina Bettison 12 Oct, Sally Lacy 17 Oct, Pamela Fayle 21 Oct, Cathie Mitchell 21 Oct, Sarabjit Kaur 24 Oct  
**Anniversaries:** Gareth & Lisa Owen 26 Oct

## REPORT – (WEDNESDAY 4 OCT) DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S VISIT

During his visit to our club, **District Governor Bob Ryan** congratulated our club on our numerous projects, commenting that we punch above our weight. This year’s very apt Theme is ‘**Rotary: Making A Difference**’, and we can be proud that we continue to make a difference, particularly in our own community. Rotary is about ordinary people doing things for others because we can.



The DG showed video of Australian Rotarian **Ian Riseley** taking over the top job, Rotary International President; the video showed his speech and the presentation. Bob outlined Ian Riseley’s focus for the year: **protecting the environment and curbing climate change**, which are essential to Rotary’s goal of **sustainable service**. The president-elect challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming. (We’ve made a start, with the Avocado tree given to the Community Garden).

**Margaret Ryan** spoke on her Partners Project - **Stem Cell Regeneration in the Muscle Tissue of the Heart**. She aims to raise \$40,000 to create a PhD Scholarship for Research in this area. The successful student applicant is expected to begin the research in January 2018. One person dies of Heart Disease every 26 minutes. It is the biggest killer of all in Australia. The heart is not able to repair itself after damaged from (eg) a heart attack. The PhD work will consist of experiments with mice, as their heart structure is similar enough to a human heart.

### AUCTION 7 OCT REPORT

The auction was very successful, with the second-best return for this calendar year. A substantial chunk of this was due to pre-sales, due to **Dick Matthews’** hard work. Many of us were away, so the load fell more heavily on the few who were here. Our helpers were **Woolgoolga Rural Fire Service**, assisted by the **Sandy Beach** brigade, and we thank them for their hard work.

### ROTARY CHARITY GOLF DAY – SUN 5TH NOV

[2017 Rotary Charity Golf Day Entry Form](#)

Fundraiser for Coffs Harbour City Rotary: 1.00pm shotgun start (4-person Ambrose). Entry fee includes lunch + drink vouchers.

### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT IAN RISELEY



Dear fellow Rotarians,

For many years, one idea has stood at the heart of all our service: sustainability. Sustainable service means our work continues to have a positive impact long after Rotary’s direct involvement has ended. We don’t dig wells and walk away; we make sure communities can maintain and repair those wells. If we build a clinic, we make sure that clinic has a way to keep running without ongoing support from us.

One way I’d like for you to contribute in our quest for sustainability is through my tree planting initiative. I ask that you have one tree planted for each member of your club sometime between now & Earth Day, 22 April 2018.

The Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group is a great resource that can help you get started. Share your progress online by using #pledgetoplant.

There’s a great deal of work ahead of us, but it’s only when we come together that we are able to embody **Rotary: Making a Difference**.

CLUB NOTICES

4 Nov Auction (Coffs Harbour Interact Club)  
26 Nov-3 Dec Dive course for YEP students  
2 Dec Auction (Red Cross, + Woopi High students)  
18 Dec Christmas Function (details tba)

DISTRICT NOTICES

26-29 Oct RYMARINE (Coffs)  
5 Nov Charity golf day (Coffs Harb City Rotary)  
25-26 Nov Pre-PETS (President-elect Training) Tamworth  
10-11 Feb 18 District Training  
24-25 Feb 18 PETS (President-elect Training) 2018-19, A’dale  
9-11 Mar 18 District Conference Armidale  
7-14 Apr 18 Bookfest (Coffs Harbour South Rotary)

### MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	16 Oct Meeting	23 Oct Meeting	30 Oct No event	6 Nov	13 Nov Meeting	20 Nov Board
Attendance	Leslie Casey	David Edwards	No event- Melbourne Cup eve	Melbourne Cup eve	tba	4:15pm VISITORS
Welcome/ Fellowship	David Fayle	Echah Wright	Function on Monday	Michener’s Emerald		INFO CENTRE
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Glenda Kennedy	Patty Delaney	6 Nov instead	Beach		
Vote of Thanks	Peter Lacy	Karen Sedgwick		Details tbc		
Guest Speakers or Event	Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians visit	Elisabeth de Halleux on her life since YEP	Melbourne Cup eve			

**Your Rotary Club Needs YOU**

**Want to be on the BOARD? - (see Pam or Geoff)**

**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)**