



Woolgi Whisper

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 (27 NOV) INDUCTION OF 2 NEW MEMBERS / JACQUI BRUCE

Tonight is an important night for the club, as we will induct two **new members: Marianne Chiron and Dennis Chiron**. We hope this is the start of a wonderful journey in Rotary.

We will also hear from podiatrist **Jacqui Bruce**. From Newcastle, where she finished her degree in podiatry 4 years ago, she came to Coffs a year ago and opened her own business with best friend and fellow podiatrist. Our dive course students will be joining us.

Secretary:
Patty Delaney
0429 449 385

APOLOGIES TO:
Karen
0410 039 805
before 9am
Monday



SUCCESSFUL CPR COURSE

If you can perform CPR on a person having a cardiac arrest, they are more than twice as likely to survive! 40% of Australians don't know what to do in this situation. One in five are unable to recognise a cardiac arrest.

After our **Rotary CPR course** this week, we now have 17 more locals



who can recognise the symptoms, do cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use a defibrillator. The professional trainers commented on the excellent level of attention, positive attitude and solid basic skills. Participant comments were very positive and supportive.

Congratulations and thanks to organisers **Dennis Houghton & Patty Delaney**. They were surprised by the number of cases of cardiac arrest that had been witnessed by participants. Patty & Dennis have also identified 38 defibrillators in this district; however, almost all of these have extremely restricted access. The challenge in 2018 is to try to improve this situation.

The Club is planning a second course late January/early February 2018 (date to be announced shortly) and already has applicants. Registration is essential. Call Dennis 0432 188 412 or Patty 6654 2185. Cost is \$5.

(l) Dianne (participant) practising compression; (r) Dona (trainer) introducing the defibrillator



REPORT (WED 22 NOV) YARRAWARRA VISIT AND DINNER FUNCTION

To welcome medical student **Jane Ripley**, here for a 2-week posting, 25 people greatly enjoyed the visit to **Yarrawarra** Gallery and dinner, and were treated to two absorbing talks and an educational quiz. The gallery itself was very impressive, and curator and artist **Alison Williams** welcomed us. The food was exceptional, and was based on traditional ingredients, from duck, crocodile & kangaroo to pepperberry and lemon myrtle. Well organized **Lyndee!**

John Drinkwater: A New Zealander by birth, John grew up in Melbourne, became a doctor, and then spent much of his life working in or for aboriginal communities around Australia. He has learned much from this unique experience: About multigenerational pain, suffering and endurance, from the Yarrabah mission near Cairns. About the consequences of forced relocation, from three other groups. About slaughter and shame from the Goreng people of Eidsvold, where the cattle and agricultural industry has that foundation. About isolation and how people can live on country, from the Anangu people of remote NW South Australia. About respect for culture and sacred sites, from the Anangu people around Uluru. About the extent of "sorry time", the mourning after a community death, from the people of Yuendumu (NT). About how indigenous medicine and white man's medicine may be complementary, from a local medicine man. About how white man's medicine, though helpful, can also generate fear and danger, and about the right to say no, from the Kuku Yalanji people of Mossman Gorge near Port Douglas. About land management & bush tucker, from the Tiwi Islanders. A wonderful foundation for his current work at Bulgarr Ngaru.

John mentioned three important years: The 1967 referendum removed several areas of

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians:
YEP:
Guests: Camilla Croft, Helen Michener
Attendance: [13 Nov] 13 (57%); (Yarrawarra) 12
Apologies: John Arkan, Harjinder Singh, Gareth Owen, Patty Delaney, Norm Michener, Kim Thompson, Dennes Fayle, Leslie Casey, Echah Wright, Pam Stone
Quiz winner: Camilla+Norm
Birthdays: Surinder Kaur 1 Dec, Pam Stone 21 Dec, Dennis Houghton 25 Dec (Xmas day), Dianne Houghton 5 Jan, Bronwyn Mackenzie 18 Jan
Anniversaries: Norm & Helen Michener 9 Dec, Rod & Bronwyn Mackenzie 15 Dec, Echah & Graeme Wright (2!) 20 Dec, Glenda & Garry Kennedy 14 Jan, Charles & Elizabeth Phipps 18 Jan

discrimination against aborigines in the Constitution. The Mabo decision in 1992 recognized native title. In 2008 Prime Minister Kevin Rudd famously made a formal apology to Australia's indigenous peoples, particularly to the Stolen Generations.

Kim Thompson: the **Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation**, where both John and Kim work, was formed in 1991 to address medical issues afflicting the people from Baryulgil, in the upper Clarence NW of Grafton. Most of this aboriginal community had been displaced from Yugilbar Station (where there is a castle) about 100 years ago, and were settled just to the east at Baryulgil Square. In the 1940s, two of the families entered a 99-year lease, which gave the unusual right to refuse outsiders entry to the indigenous community, including via standing with a rifle at the entrance. Community children were safe when there at home, but liable to be captured and sent far away by the authorities if visiting – as happened to Auntie Pauline as a girl visiting Grafton. Years later she was tracked down and returned, and became a founding Board member, one of two still on the Board.

Asbestos mining caused the medical problems. Initially seen as hugely beneficial, providing much employment and benefits to the community, it was years and decades before the sinister effects on people's health surfaced. The school yard was full of asbestos, including the long-jump pit. After the 1979 mine closure, part of the community accepted an offer to relocate to Malabugilmah, 7km away. Those who left now refuse to visit Baryulgil Square, so separate clinics must be held for the two communities. The people at risk have spread throughout NE NSW, and many "don't want to know" whether they are affected, posing a difficulty for the health workers.

DIVE SCHOOL 26 Nov to 3 Dec

Eleven divers and snorkelers will arrive Sunday to join Matilde for their dive course. **Garry Kennedy** and **Patty Delaney** will travel all the way to Uralla to pick up the students from the west. It starts with a day in the pool on Monday, and they will join us at the Rotary meeting. Weather permitting, they will go out on the boat to dive on Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday evening is a beach picnic at Charlesworth Bay, and Wed a BBQ dinner at the Kennedys starting at 6pm, to which members and those involved are invited. If diving is complete, other activities are sketched in for Thurs, and Fri is open. Thurs night is "make your own pizza" at Williams/Messer's and Patty's. Thank you to hosts **Heather Messer & Greg Williams, Megan & Aaron Hart, Patty & Graeme, Echah & Graeme**, and **Pam & David**. Special thanks to organizer **Garry Kennedy & Glenda**, and to **Patty**.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DATE CHANGE

The Xmas Party has been brought forward a week to 11 Dec, after a short AGM. A BYO BBQ at Beach Reserve.

NEWS

- President Pam represented Rotary at the monthly **Red Cross Party** for Seniors, and Rotary was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Red Cross. Our return thanks to Red Cross for holding the functions.
- Congratulations and best wishes to Woolgoolga High teacher **Helen Young**, who has often attended our Rotary meetings and helped at auctions, who has accepted a promotion as Deputy Principal at Warialda.

THANK YOU to all members and friends who helped out at the Celebration Service for the late Merv Richardson, attended by a large number of people.

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| CLUB NOTICES | 26 Nov-3 Dec | Dive course for YEP students | DISTRICT NOTICES | 25-26 Nov | Pre-PETS (President-elect Training) Tamworth |
| | 2 Dec | Auction (Red Cross, + Woopi High students) | | 8 Jan | Cluster BBQ, Boambee Bay (Sawtell RC) |
| | 11 Dec | Christmas Function & AGM (Beach Reserve) | | 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 | | | | | | |
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| Date | 27 Nov Meeting | 4 Dec No meeting | 11 Dec AGM & Xmas Party | 8 Jan BBQ | 22 Jan Board | 29 Jan Meeting |
| Attendance | David Edwards | No meeting | Details tba | annual BBQ Cluster Rotary clubs | VISITORS INFO | Details tba |
| Welcome/Fellowship | Mary Bryant | Auction in lieu | Woopi Beach Reserve | at Boambee Creek Reserve | CENTRE 4:15PM | |
| Introduce Guest Speaker/s | Leslie Casey | | | (Monday evening) | | |
| Vote of Thanks | Dennes Fayle | | | | | |
| Guest Speakers or Event | Jacqui Bruce podiatrist | | | | | |

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)