

WOOP! WHISPER

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TONIGHT

The meeting this evening will be held at our Auction Shed, where the meal will be a BYO barbecue **DON'T FORGET**. Same time , different venue

Meeting Place
Woolgoolga Diggers
Monday Evenings
6.00pm for 6.15pm
Apologies to
6654 1234

LAST MEETING

It seems as though many of our members had taken early X'mas holidays, as our attendance of just nine members was an all-time low. The numbers were boosted to fourteen by Minami and our four guests. Those who did not attend missed the opportunity to hear the enthusiastic reports from our two candidates, Rory and Sam, who attended the week long Honeywell Engineering Summer School

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT PETER thanked the members of the RSL restaurant staff for attending to our dinner needs throughout the year and made a presentation in appreciation.

KAREN provided an update on her "Bras" project, and reported that to date 406 bras had been dispatched, and expressed the confidence that these numbers would increase. The collection is ongoing.

RAWCS DIRECTOR ROB reported on many projects in which volunteers from District 9750 are undertaking among the disadvantaged people of the Philippines. They are short of volunteers and require additional people if the programs are to be maintained. Anyone wishing to volunteer may obtain further information by going to the website

<http://vap-ripoff.org/Blog/a%20rotarystory.html> Or speak to Rob White

CLUB SPEAKER

Rob Mackenzie used his role as Club Speaker to speak on a topical subject and enlighten the audience on some "Santa facts"

It is estimated that there are some 2 billion children in the world, of which 15% are estimated to be Christian (378,000 million). This translates into 822 Santa visits per second. His distance travelled is calculated to be 75.5 million miles. It is estimated that his freight load would be 321,300 tons. As no reindeer can fly, then they would have to be very fast over the ground

All in all these facts add up to a very busy Christmas Eve for Santa and his fleet footed team of reindeer.

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians : Nil

Visitors: Minami, Jessica Portsmouth,, Sam Wiggins, Rory Courtenay, Alan Courtenay

Apologies: John Arkan, Brian Armstrong, Trish Baker, Terry Booth, David Edwards, David Fayle, Pam Fayle, Ian Fitzgerald, Clive Joass, Norm Michener, Keith Minhinnett, Charles Phipps, Merv Richardson Geoff Rogers, George Smede, Echah Wright, Mark Wright

Attendance: 9 of 26 (34.6 %)

Lucky Draw: Alan Courtenay

Birthdays: Bronwyn Mackenzie 18/1

Anniversaries Charles & Elizabeth Phipps 18/1

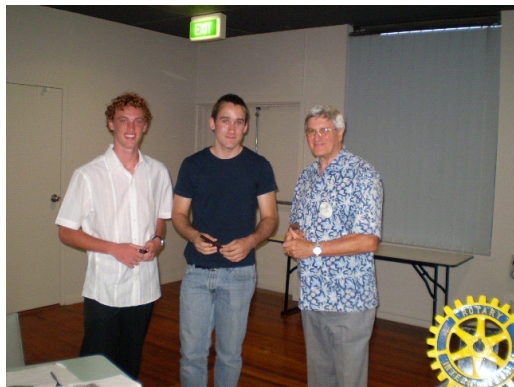
SERGEANTS SESSION

In the absence of regular Sergeant Norm, Karen was recruited to do the honours, and collect some revenue. By the end of the session she left members with empty pockets, and had them pleading for Norms' early return.

President Peter was the first to pay the penalty for falsely informing everyone that Karen had "volunteered" for the position. Nevertheless she then proceeded to vent her anger on all and sundry. Those who were fined included all those who have suffered super losses, all those who had represented the Club at school prize giving functions, all who supported the Australian cricket team, and all who were wearing shorts.

Others who were fined included Patty for limping around on one foot, and Rob who brought his special cushion to sit on

GUEST SPEAKERS



The Honeywell Engineering Summer School is a program for students from NSW & ACT who are entering Year 12 and are contemplating going on to study engineering. They attend a 6 day school living on campus at the University of Sydney during which time they are introduced to various engineering activities undertaken at the Universities and at different engineering businesses.

Woolgoolga Rotary Club sponsored Sam Wiggins and Rory Courtenay who recently participated in the program along with 100 students from NSW & ACT. In the course of the 6 day program they visited 6 universities, where they built and tested engineering models, witnessed the manufacture of robots. In addition they visited the Cochlear factory and a desalination plant.

Both Rory and Sam reported that the program gave them a great insight into the engineering profession, and will greatly assist them in making their decisions on what type of engineering studies they will pursue.

Our thoughts are with Rob White who is currently in hospital in Coffs Harbour. We hope that you have a good outcome, and will be home again soon

Also our sympathies go out to Sue and George Smede, following the recent sad death of Sue's sister

CLUB NOTICES

7/2/09 Next Monthly Auction

DISTRICT NOTICES

9/2/09 D.G.'s Tour to India (Postponed)

27/2/09 Nominations close for RYLA

20/3/09 Nominations close for D G 2011-2012

27/3, 28/3, 29/3 District Conference Narrabri

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

| Date | 12/1/09 | 19/1/09 | 26/1/09 |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Attendance | Keith Minhinnett | Charles Phipps | No |
| Welcome/Fellowship | David Edwards | Pam Fayle | Meeting |
| Club Speaker | N.A. | David Fayle | |
| Vote of Thanks | George Smede | Rob White | |
| Guest Speaker | N.A. Barbecue at Auction Shed | TBA | Australia Day Holiday |

RYLA

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership recognition program where young people, (18 to 25 years) who currently hold leadership positions, or have shown the potential to lead, either in the community or at work, are nominated and selected to participate in a week-long residential conference.

Nominations are being sought for the next conference 18th - 25th April 09 at Bonney Hills