

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

WOOP! WHISPER

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Meeting Place

Woolgoolga Diggers (RSL)

**Monday Evenings
6.00pm for 6.15pm**

Apologies to

6654 1234

TONIGHT (9 March)

The meeting this evening will be held at the normal time in our normal location [→]. Guest speaker tonight is Echah Wright, telling us more about her adventures, from Nepal to Bhutan via India. The Club speaker will be Norm Michener. Our thoughts are with the SMEDEs in their bereavement.

EVENING BBQ on Friday 6 March: There is an evening BBQ at Woolgoolga Beach Reserve BBQ this Friday, 6 March, at 6pm (BYO), with MINAMI and her mother MIKA, who arrived as expected on Wednesday.

BOWELSCAN ROSTER

(at Auction) Sat 7 Mar	Karen Sedgwick
Mon 9 Mar	am Pam & David Fayle / pm Ray Willing
Tues 10 Mar	am Keith Minhinnett / pm Norm Michener
Wed 11 Mar	am Peter Lacy / pm Dick & Marie Matthews
Thurs 12 Mar	am & pm Sel & Ila Rogers
Fri 13 Mar	am Dick & Marie Matthews / pm Ian Fitzgerald
Sat 14 Mar	am volunteer(s) sought—contact Ian



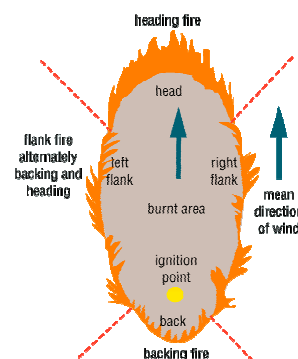
**March is
Rotary
Bowelscan
Month**

MARINE CENTRE VISIT (the following Mon 16 Mar in lieu of normal meeting) Please let CHARLES know your numbers for the National Marine Science Centre visit, and whether you wish to take the bus, leaving the RSL Club at 6pm (space for 11 passengers). The National Marine Science Centre is in Bay Drive, Charlesworth Bay, near the Novotel Pacific Bay Resort. Finger food will be provided.

LAST MEETING (2 Mar)

Dr PHIL LACY, main speaker, brought us up to speed with the fundamentals of bushfires, including the roles of fuel load, moisture, temperature and wind. Wind, for example, affects fire risk in numerous ways including desiccating fuel, increasing oxygen supply to areas of combustion, carrying heat and burning embers, and bending flames down closer to fuel. His main conclusion was that in these forests,

controlled burning is important to reduce fuel load. On 7 Feb in Victoria, the conditions were so extreme that a computer model predicting bushfire behaviour, the McArthur Model, was unable to accept most of the key input data, being off the scale [47°C, humidity ~15%, and winds gusting from NW to 115 km/h]. Using the



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STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians : nil

Visitors: Peter Lacy, Judy Jackson, Sally Lacy

Apologies: Clive Joass, Rob White, Rod Mackenzie, Patty Delaney, George Smede, John Arkan

Attendance: 20 of 26 (77%)

Lucky Draw: Merv Richardson

Birthdays: John Arkan 15 Mar

Anniversaries: nil

Figures courtesy of Phil Lacy, Bushfire CRC

closest available numbers, the model predicted that burning embers could start spot fires over 17 km downwind. While with Forests NSW, Phil did his PhD on using fire to manage fuel in eucalypt plantations in the Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre (CRC). He is now Manager, Northern Operations at PF Olsen.

CLUB SPEAKER was DICK MATTHEWS, with a wise insight into how the individual is not as indispensable as they may believe themselves to be — embedded in a poem called *Bucket Philosophy*.

REPORTS: KAREN, the club’s liaison with the Woolgoolga Youth Initiative, reported that the newly formed group has been meeting weekly, and has obtained an ABN as WYI Inc. They hope to reopen the Centre by the end of this month.

KEITH reported that there were now five applications for outbound Rotary Youth Exchange, and that it appeared to be a strong field of candidates. Three YEP students currently with other clubs are returning this week to complete their dive course.

Three teams have nominated for the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), for Board consideration. With three teams, we would need an additional driver to Narrabri.

IAN reported success in getting newspaper coverage of Bowelscan.

SERGEANT NORM and deputy TERRY could not quite match the sterling achievements of recent weeks, and had to resort to fining MARK for being a “Mexican”, as well as for his fiery thank-you speech.

BRIAN was even fined for coming from south of the border. PETER, having been fined for wearing the presidential chain recently, was fined for not wearing it – what a fine quandary that puts him in! KAREN had to cough up for her Irish joke about the minister, rabbi and priest and a brothel.

NEW DISTRICT WEB SITE HAS NOW OPENED:

www.rotary9650.org.au [*this new site is now in operation for our Rotary District*]

www.rotary9650.org.au/Conference.htm [*District Conference 20-22 Mar*]

www.rotary9650.org.au/D9650_Youth/index.htm [*District Youth Programs incl. RYDA, MUNA, YEP*]

www.rotary9650.org.au/D9650_Youth/Yepper.htm [*Youth Exchange Program—YEP*]

www.rotary9650.org.au/D9650_Rawcs/index.htm [*Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)*]

www.woolgoolgarotaryclub.org.au [*our own club website*]

CLUB NOTICES

- 16 Mar Visit to Marine Centre (in lieu of normal meeting)
- 28-29 Mar Fish Auction
- 10-12 Apr Sikh Games
- 13 Apr Curryfest [note change of date to Easter Monday!]
- 1 May Trivia Night (Coffs Harbour Daybreak Rotary Club)

DISTRICT NOTICES

- 20 Mar 09 Nominations close for D G 2011-2012
- 20 Mar to 22 Mar District Conference Narrabri
- 11 Apr to 18 Apr RYLA, Port Macquarie

District 9650 Conference in Narrabri 20—22 March
Transport available from Coffs, leaving Fri 20th 9am, returning Sun 22 at noon
 — for details Wayne Stokes 0419 556 956

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	9 Mar	16 Mar Marine centre visit	23 Mar Partners night
Attendance	Selwyn Rogers	Ray Willing	Geoff Royal
Welcome/Fellowship	Keith Minhinnett	n/a	Charles Phipps
Club Speaker	Norm Michener	n/a	Keith Minhinnett
Vote of Thanks	John Arkan	Peter Lacy	Brian Armstrong
Guest Speaker	Echah Wright Nepal to Bhutan via India Illustrated	n/a	Kevin Montgomery How to be Healthy

Woolgoolga Senior Citizen of the Year

— nominations sought

If you know of someone who would be ideal as Woolgoolga Senior Citizen of the Year, now is the time to nominate them (nominations due 12 Mar). Contact Woolgoolga Senior Citizens Centre 6654 7311 or Geoff Royal for details.