

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

WOOP WHISPER

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TONIGHT (1 Jun)

The speaker this evening will be Greg Ray, President of Woolgoolga Chamber of Commerce. He will be talking about the new Tourism Development Strategy.... so come along and have a whale of a time!

Meeting Place

**Woolgoolga
Diggers**

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

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LAST WEEK'S VOCATIONAL VISIT

Last week many of us rugged up and clambered into the bus to head for Coffs Coastal Patrol. Big thanks to Geoff for driving the bus (good practice for taking the Club places as President next year!).

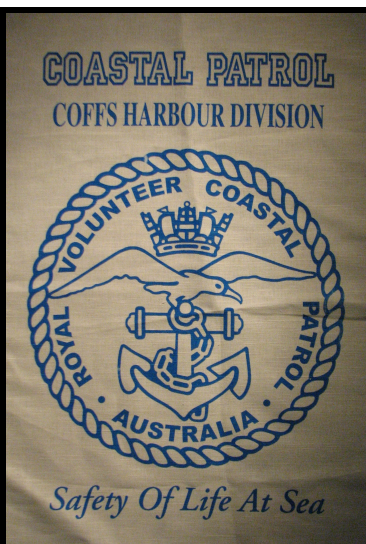
North Coast Regional Director Linda and her team cooked up a fabulous bbq complete with desserts and we sat looking out over the lights of Coffs while we enjoyed dinner.

Linda explained that the Coastal Patrol as an organisation will cease to exist in about 6 months time when it is rebadged as Marine Rescue NSW, a name change that comes with government funding for uniforms and other things, while leaving current assets locally owned. The Organisation will continue to depend on volunteers, much as the SES currently operates. Linda cashed in on the occasion by promoting sales of the soon-to-be-historic Coastal Patrol tea towels and most members bought one, including Brian, despite his professed allergy to them!!

Coastal Patrol in Coffs has over 60 volunteers and trainees and operates 24 hours a day every day of the year. Linda told us a few tales of the sea and we all noted the importance of logging your voyage if you want a chance of being rescued should anything happen. We also decided it was best not to float off the search grid if you want to be found!!!

We received a Watch Room briefing from Adrian who showed us how the radios and tracking systems function. Coffs Coastal Patrol logged over 23,000 radio calls last year and the second group through was treated to an actual call in from the boat "Spirited One" logging its progress up the coast and checking the weather forecast.

Due to the Club lap-top dying, the downloaded photos of the night have probably gone into the ether, but there are always those tea towels Brian!!



STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians : Nil

Visitors: several partners accompanied us on the visit

Apologies: John, Terry, Clive, Norm, Keith, Geoff Rogers, George, Echah, Mark, Sel, Ray, Rob, Dick

Attendance: 12/25 (48%)

Lucky Draw: n/a

Birthdays: Helen Michener
2 June

Anniversaries: Sel and Ila
Rogers 7/6

CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Need a heart-starter???? Don't forget to bring some extra cash along to this week's meeting. Rob White has arranged for some great PNG coffee (have both beans and ground coffee) as a fund-raiser for RAWCs. Each bag costs \$12 and they'll be on sale at the front desk.

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE....Please note that the Italian dinner cooked by students at Woolgoolga High School is now on Wednesday 10 June and not 3 June as previously advised. Please let Secretary David know if you wish to attend (this week please as the Club is not meeting on Monday 8 June due to the long weekend). Dress for the event is Italian (red, white and green clothing, pasta necklaces, moustaches [fake or otherwise] are recommended but white suits, Italian designer shoes and ties also acceptable!! Numbers are limited, bookings nearly full and it is first in best dressed!!

Two of our prospective **YEP outbound students** have dropped out so we are now moving forward with Tom Podbury and Brianna Keys, both of whom attended District interviews in Port Macquarie this weekend.



Thanks to Keith and Peter for pulling on their wellies and wading down the Pacific Highway to Taree to observe the **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program** in action on Wednesday (not long after the highway re-opened we understand). We will do this in **Woopi on 20 August**. RYDA involves a full day program for up to 200 High School students with six sessions : a talk from a crash survivor , a practical demonstration of stopping distances , hazard perceptions , safe celebrating , the financial cost of a car & a talk by the Police.

Editor hopes to have the lap top and the macros as well as access to photos restored by next week, although there is some chance all files are lost!!!! In the meantime excuse any formatting and typographical errors.... and remember always that **“Dyslexics have more Nuf!!!!”**

CLUB NOTICES

- 6 Jun Monthly Auction
- 8 Jun NO MEETING
- 10 Jun Italian dinner at Woopi High
- 13 Jun old/new Board Meeting 11.30-1pm + lunch
- 22 Jun Changeover Dinner
“The Future of Rotary is in your hands”
- 17 Aug DG Neville Parsons' Visit
- 20 Aug RYDA (youth driver awareness)
- 30 Sep GOTD (Woopi High getting out there day)

DISTRICT NOTICES

- 21-24 Jun RI Convention Manchester England
- 27 Jun District Changeover Tamworth

District Website: www.rotary9650.org.au

- June is Fellowship Month
- July is Literacy Month
- August is Membership Month

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

IMMEDIATE VACANCIES

Director

COMMUNITY SERVICES

(see Peter)

Help with

AUCTION PICK-UPS

(see Dick or Sel)

AUCTIONEERS

For 1st Sat of the month

(See Sel & Keith)

BOARD—2009-2010

(see Geoff)

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	1/6/09	8/6/09	15/6/09
Attendance	Echah Wright	NO MEETING	Pam Fayle
Welcome/ Fellowship	George Smede		David Edwards
Club Speaker	Merv Richardson	Long Weekend	Geoff Rogers
Vote of Thanks	Terry Booth		Patty Delaney
Guest Speaker	Greg Ray (new Tourism Devt. Plan)		Brett Cameron (topic tbc)