

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

## WOOP! WHISPER

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Club President  
**Peter Lacy**

District Governor  
**Ken Hall**

RI President  
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### TONIGHT (15 Jun)

The speaker this evening will be Brett Cameron who will be demystifying hypnosis for us...so prepared to be entranced!!

### LAST MEETING (1 Jun)

As predicted, we all had a whale of a time when Chamber of Commerce President Greg Ray presented the new Woolgoolga Tourism Development Strategy. Woopi is known as the Cinderella town of the Coffs Coast and we've all been waiting for the fairy god-mother to add her sparkle—who knew she'd be a whale!!



Greg explained that a whale-watching theme played to Woolgoolga's strengths as an untouched, not overtly commercialised holiday destination. The strategy would establish our headland as the pre-eminent land-based platform for whale watching on Australia's East coast. Apart from seeing whales from your car at no cost, the spectacular sight of the Solitary Islands was a bonus. Organisations such as National Parks and Wildlife; Marine Parks, Coffs Council, National Marine and Science Centre, Southern Cross Uni's Whale Research Centre, Tourism NSW and NSW Department of State Development have reacted positively (including with \$\$ in some cases).

Greg presented the fabulous design for new billboards to be erected north and south of the town, explained that banners would be put along streets directing people to the headland and interpretive boards on the headland would be low profile and sensitive to the surroundings. Plans for a whale sculpture and murals would continue the theme.

Council is conducting a traffic and parking study, an issue that concerned some members and some serious ad money will be directed initially at New England+ Coastal areas. A new visitors' guide on things to do in Woolgoolga is being planned and allegiances with Coffs Pet Porpoise Pool and others will target tourists with similar interests. Eventually the aim is to have a full-time ranger on the headland to brief visitors (in season), an annual whale festival, a new visitors centre and possibly a Marine Experience Centre. The presentation stimulated huge (whale-sized) interest and questions from members and we all look forward to assisting the community's endeavours as the strategy unfolds.

Meeting Place

**Woolgoolga  
Diggers**

**Monday Evenings**

**6.00pm for 6.15pm**

Apologies to

**6654 1234**

### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians :** Nil

**Visitors:** Greg Ray and Bronwyn Mackenzie

**Apologies:** John, Clive, Mark, Ray, Rob, Patty, Karen, David Edwards, Charles

**Attendance:** 16/25 (64%)

**Lucky Draw:** Merv

**Birthdays:** none we know of.

**Anniversaries:** none we know of

(have to do better than this .....no fun at all!!)



**Club speaker Merv** took us on a walk down memory lane, introduced us to a little known piece of President Peter's past and made good use of a fabulous old record player and some 78's acquired from a recent auction...a chart-topping presentation we'll all recall fondly "while we're washing windows"!!

## SERGEANT'S SESSION

Norm was back and so were the maths and science jokes!! Although he paid a fine himself for falling off a ladder, some members were relieved that the scar on his head was not from a misplaced lobotomy! Keith was fined for his name being in the paper (beware, our new PR push is dangerous!!), President Peter for swimming in 14 degree water and Bronwyn for being somewhat warmer in her greetings to several club members. PS. Sel's jokes now have a word limit.

## CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

**YEP news:** new exchange student Laura from Germany will arrive on 25 July and outlanders are happy to be heading for Sweden (Tom) and Norway (Brianna). The Club is considering a request to assist with an additional in-bound student.

We are awaiting official confirmation that Woopi can host **MUNA** in 2009 and 2010 which should see lots of talented young debaters descend on the town each May so fingers crossed (and in true MUNA fashion, bribe anyone relevant with chocolate!!).

**6 June Auction results next newsletter.**

**Don't forget to RSVP for Changeover dinner on 22 June** (to Secretary David).

### CLUB NOTICES

- 10 Jun Italian dinner at Woopi High
- 13 Jun old/new Board Meeting 11.30-1pm + lunch at Fayles, 33 Headland Rd., Arrawarra Headland
- 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](http://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)

RYDA helpers for 20 August

(see Keith)

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	15/6/09	22/6/09	29/6/09
Attendance	Pam Fayle	Terry Booth	Patty Delaney
Welcome/ Fellowship	David Edwards	MC Pam Fayle	Dick Matthews
Club Speaker	Geoff Rogers	n/a	Sel Rogers
Vote of Thanks	Patty Delaney	-	Rod Mackenzie
Guest Speaker	Brett Cameron (Demystifying Hypnosis)	CHANGEOVER DINNER	David Fayle (Recent Europe Trip)