

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

## WOOP! WHISPER

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Club President  
**Geoff Royal**

District Governor  
**Neville Parsons**

RI President  
**John Kenny**



### TONIGHT

Acting President Sel breathes a sigh or two of relief as we welcome back President Geoff from his visit to South Africa. No doubt we will get a précis of his experiences there. Thanks Sel - Good Job.

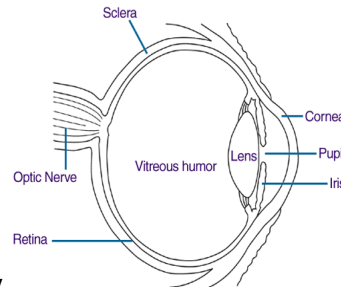


Rob White, Chairman of the District Committee of RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) and fellow member will talk to us about RAWCS and the many Rotary projects that fall under its umbrella.

### LAST WEEK

#### GUEST SPEAKER

Our local Optometrist Dean Evans who graduated from UTS Queensland talked about looking after our eyes in old age and the basic problems we all hope not to experience. A diagram of the various parts which make up the eye helped us to understand many unusual experiences such as dry eye, cataracts, pterygiums, floaters, tunnel vision, black and blind spots. A common but serious health issue that can effect our eyes is diabetes both type I and II. Other problems that can arise as we age include glaucoma and macular degeneration both of which can be easily checked. So the answer to the question is to check your lifestyle, wear protective "Cancer Council" approved UV rated sunglasses and to check your eyes. High blood pressure, alcohol and smoking are major concerns. It is recommended that an eye check be carried out every 2yrs if we are over 50.



Dean Evans

#### CLUB SPEAKER

Terry talked of kids leaving home and how to encourage them to take their "stuff" with them. Whilst sorting he came across an interesting aerogramme or two and proceeded to take us back 17yrs. Sage advice was given from past member Bill Seyner to Terry's daughter Kate who was in Belgium at the time on youth exchange. 'Twas a nostalgic retrospective of the club.

#### DIRECTORS' REPORTS

There were no formal Directors' Reports per se. However:

Keith confirmed that September 28 is the public speaking night.

Sel advised that October 19 was NOT to be a night to consume lasagna at Sel & Ila's. A daytime function is being considered - new date TBA.



### NEXT WEEK

A reminder that Monday 28 September is a partners' night when we will have our public speaking contest with the participants from Woolgoolga High as our special guests. Some interesting topics will be discussed so let's all support our local youth and listen to what they have to say.

#### STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests, friends and partners:  
Dean Evans, Laura and Judy

Apologies: John, David E, Clive, Peter, Rod, Norm, Geoff Royal, George, Rob & Mark

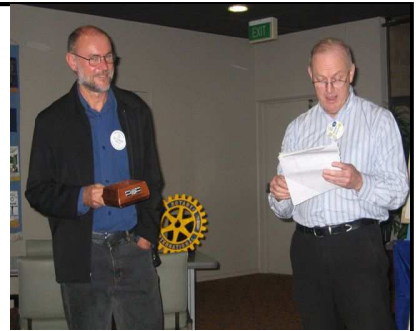
Attendance: 11/22 (50%)

Lucky Draw: David Fayle

Birthdays/Anniversaries:  
Clive & Karrena 22,  
George 19

# SERGEANT'S SESSION

There were grins all round as Acting Sergeant Terry started with a couple of jokes (doing the email rounds) about golf, massage and the rule of thumb. Quizzical notions regarding Members of Parliament came to a crashing halt. As you can see by the photo David F thought they were funny. Terry then continued (aided and abetted by David ) to extract some hard earned dollars. Not one member, visitor or friend of Rotary was spared. A supreme effort considering the current GFC.



Many new taxes appeared; an exciting takeover tax, a green tax and a 100% correct tax even though the maths was questioned, most impressive! If you have a birthday or anniversary, are late to meetings and win the raffle you will not escape the ever so observant A.S. Terry. Brian and Merv who did a splendid job the previous week were unfortunately singled out just because they posed a threat to the incumbents. Something about a "solid ring" was mentioned which we didn't quite catch. Shame our Guest Speaker for the evening wasn't talking about hearing loss but instead going blind was discussed, followed by discussion on a lost and hopefully to be found misplaced pair of sunglasses - both of which were promptly fined. Cleaners of ceilings crossed fined, whoever escaped paying rent did not go unnoticed, trying to be incognito in newspaper photographs, missing badges, whale rescuers and just because someone was looking at their shoes they had to pay up too, how bizarre! The session ended with an announcement regarding choir practice for all. Well done guys!



## MUNA 2010

May 14 through 16 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) are essential dates for you to block out in your diary as the Club will host MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly). Many kids from schools in the Cluster will participate. It is likely that we will need many volunteers for provision of accommodation and participation in the weekend's events. Since the founding of the United Nations in 1945, Rotary has been an invaluable partner. Rotary has worked hand in hand with the United Nations to meet some of the most pressing challenges of our time. So let's make sure that we keep on doing this through MUNA and inspiring today's youth to keep looking for ways to improve the planet.

<b>CLUB NOTICES</b>	Sept 21	Board Meeting	<b>DISTRICT NOTICES</b>	SEPTEMBER	New Generations Month
	Sept 28	Public Speaking Partners' Night		OCTOBER	Vocation Month
	Sept 30	GOTD Woolgoolga High		NOVEMBER	Rotary Foundation Month
	Oct 3	Auction: Help YEP Outbounders		March 12 -14	District Conference Port Macquarie
	????	Italian lasagna day - Sel & Ila's		April 10-17	RYLA 2010 at Bonny Hills
	Oct 27	Coffs Club (formally Catholic Club) 6.30 for 7.00pm Public Speaking Cluster Final TBC		June 2010	International Convention Montreal Canada
	Nov 7	Auction: Help Corindi Red Rock RFS?			
	Dec ?	Christmas dinner party - suggestions?			

<b>MEETING DUTY ROSTER</b>		Please swap nights if you cannot attend	
Date	21 September	28 September	12 October
<b>Attendance</b>	Rod Mackenzie	David Edwards	Patty Delaney
<b>Welcome/Speaker Introduction</b>	Geoff Royal	Keith Minhinnett	Merv Richardson
<b>Club Speaker</b>	David Edwards	NA	Peter Lacy
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Echah Wright	Geoff Royal	Dick Matthews
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Rob White RAWCS	Public Speaking	Vicki Dover (Woopi Retirement Village)

**The future of Rotary  
Woolgoolga  
IS IN YOUR HANDS**

Directors required  
(Assistant Treasurer too!)

Help with  
**AUCTION PICK-UPS**  
(see Dick or Sel)

**AUCTIONEERS** required  
for 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the month  
(see Sel & Keith)