

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

WOOP! WHISPER

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District Governor
Neville Parsons

RI President
John Kenny



TONIGHT (MONDAY 12th)

Vicki Dover - Manager of the Woolgoolga Retirement Village will no doubt speak to us regarding all things golden in retirement and the operations of this wonderful facility in Woolgoolga.



Meeting Place

Woolgoolga Diggers (RSL)

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

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LAST WEEK

GUEST SPEAKER

President Geoff stepped up to the plate at short notice and spoke of his recent trip to South Africa for a Macadamia conference which included Swaziland and Zimbabwe. Sth Africa is working at a frenetic pace to be in readiness for the 2010 world cup so we moved on to Zimbabwe.

Geoff arrived at the end of the dry season, temperatures in the high 30's. Infrastructure generally leaves much to be desired. "Show and tell" was some local currency - fifty billion and ten trillion dollar notes but due to hyperinflation the US\$ is widely used.

Highlights of the trip; a helicopter ride over Victoria Falls from the Zambia side (machinery in better condition) and where one's weight is taken into consideration for front row seats. Being the end of the dry with low water flow the reduced spay made for some awesome photos and scenic vista from the onboard camera. Hippos and elephants were seen in their natural habitat.

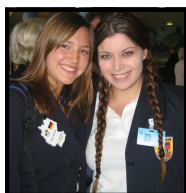
The Lion Encounter program was a "walk in the park" literally walking with lion cubs through National Park with only a stick and an instruction of saying "No" for protection.

Finally we followed Geoff on one of the "Big Four" through dry, dusty and thorny landscape on an elephant back safari. Obviously Geoff is going nuts over this holiday experience, so thanks for sharing it with us very much appreciated.

CLUB SPEAKER

Woolgoolga's YEP student Laura (shown here with Vigga from Denmark - Bellingham Rotary Club), told us of their travel itinerary of a recent tour of District 9650 with newly arrived Yeppers from Finland, Mexico, Austria, Indonesia, Norway, Thailand, Sweden and Switzerland.

The tour started in Uralla and ended in Port Macquarie. Many interesting sights and contrasting scenery surprised them. They will always remember the open skies with masses of stars out west, searching for sapphires, that huge golden guitar, the seal and porpoise kisses in Coffs, beach bonfires, snorkelling, whale watching, kayaking and learning of Aboriginal traditions followed by boomerang and didgeridoo instruction. Clearly a great bonding exercise for all involved and a lovely opportunity for those who opened their homes providing billets whilst showcasing their area. Many thanks to all who put in the hard yards pulling it all together.

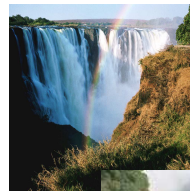


Laura & Vigga



Zimbabwe Flag

Green is for farming and agriculture.
Yellow is for the abundance of mineral wealth.
Red is for blood spilled during the war of independence.
Black represents the native people of Zimbabwe.
White is for peace in Zimbabwe.
The bird represents the bird of Great Zimbabwe.



STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: Nil

Guests, friends & partners:
Bronwyn, Ila, Judy, Sally, Tom, Brianna & Laura

Apologies: John, Brian, David E, Clive, Dick, Norm, Merv, Rob & Mark

Attendance: 13/22 (59.09 %)

Lucky Draw: Bronwyn

Birthdays/ Anniversaries:

Clive 6; Mark & Audrey 13; Sally 17

SERGEANT'S SESSION - Thanks Terry & Tom (In colours of Sad Sunday when Parra lost) Male penguins, ritualistic community bonds, compassion, freeze a jolly good fellow - worth a fine; as was the baby in the bullfight and hot off the press the firemen too! Football results, birthdays, visitors, late and re-entry tax, which some of us want to forget. 100% is on a role but Daisy and Dolly the cows aint no bull! Bad luck hockey players. Good luck and congratulations to our newest Grandparents life wont be dull.

OCTOBER - VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

There are many service organizations in the world today, but none so successful as Rotary International. There are many reasons for that, and Vocational Service is a major one. Vocational Service, in Rotary, means that we are committed to honest business and unassailable ethics, and that we are equally committed to using our vocational skills and advantages to help others. The idea is simple enough – but it is unique to Rotary. International President John Kenny and DG Neville Parsons are keen for us to revitalize this important aspect of our organization at club level. At least one vocational visit is being arranged to the Shannon Creek Dam.



Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence - a DISTRICT award for any person in the area (Rotarian or non-Rotarian) - details in the Manual and application form available, nominations close 29 January 10.



Rotary E-Learning Centre

Rotary International provides training opportunities for all Rotarians. The Rotary E-Learning Centre is your online resource for the independent study of Rotary, particularly for new members and club officers. Follow the link for more information <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Training/ForAllRotarians/Pages/elearning.aspx>

2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June

Sophisticated yet friendly, Montréal offers an ideal setting for Rotarians to gather at the 2010 RI Convention. More than 80 nationalities and ethnic groups reside in Montréal. In addition, it is also the largest francophone city outside of Paris, making it the most bilingual metropolis in North America. Register early now for “An International Experience” and to receive the best rates and accommodations.



CLUB NOTICES		DISTRICT NOTICES	
Oct 11	Italian Luncheon - Sel & Ila's 1130 for 1200 - BYO. See you there!	OCTOBER	Vocational Service Month
Oct 12	Board	NOVEMBER	Rotary Foundation Month
Oct 19	Public Speaking	March 12 -14	District Conference Port Macquarie
Oct 27	Coffs Club (formally Catholic Club) 6.30 for 7.00pm Public Speaking Cluster Final TBC	April 10-17	RYLA 2010 at Bonny Hills
Nov 7	Auction: Help Corindi Red Rock RFS?	June 20 -23	International Convention Montreal Canada
Dec 21	Christmas Function		
May 14 - 16	MUNA - Hosts Woolgoolga		

MEETING DUTY ROSTER			
Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	12 October	19 October	26 or 27 October
Attendance	Patty Delaney	Peter Lacy	TBA (See Below)
Welcome/Speaker Introduction	Merv Richardson	Geoff Royal	TBA
Club Speaker	Peter Lacy	N/A	TBA
Vote of Thanks	Dick Matthews	Keith Minhinnett	TBA
Guest Speaker	Vicki Dover (Woolgoolga Retirement Village)	Public Speaking	Possibly Public Speaking Cluster Final Coffs Club

**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 1st Sat of the month
(see Sel & Keith)



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MANILA

On Saturday, September 26, Typhoon Ondoy (international name Ketsana) brought a month's worth of rainfall to Metro Manila and the nearby areas in just a few hours. Initial reports suggest that close to 280,000 people have been affected and 51 people have lost their lives.

SRT members Lizzy Treglown (UK) and Peter Pearce (AU) are expected to be on the ground in less than 48 hours. Both Lizzy and Pete were part of the SRT that set up a "Shelterbox tent city" after Typhoon Morakot and have already received calls for help from their contacts in the Philippines. Speaking before departing, Lizzy said: "After spending nearly three weeks in the Philippines just over a month ago, we're really familiar with the infrastructure and how their systems work. This will allow us to deliver aid quickly and most effectively. Our contacts on the ground have already briefed us on the situation and we are in the strongest position we can be in to make things happen.

Our hearts go out to the people in the Philippines who have had to endure yet another devastating typhoon." The worst may not be over for the Philippines with weather experts warning another typhoon could hit the region in the next three days. Keep up to date with our deployments at www.shelterboxusa.org

NOW FOR AN UPDATE:

Shelterbox Response Team (SRT) members Rotarian Peter Pearce (RC Gosford) and UK SRT Lizzy Treglown are on the ground in Manila assisting those affected by Tropical storm Ondoy. It is reported that approximately 1.87 million people have been affected by this tragedy. 200 Shelterboxes landed today and this will be the beginning of our efforts to shelter those who lost everything. More reports as they come to hand.

SAMOA

Early yesterday morning a massive 8.3-magnitude quake caused a tsunami in the Pacific, killing at least 140 people in Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga. The wave was reported to be 8-metres high when it hit the regions. The disaster has claimed the lives of several Australians and more than 140 locals with thousands still missing or hospitalised. Working with the Rotary Club of Apia, New Zealand SRT members Owen Smith and Walter Van der Kley have been mobilised and will assess the extent for our emergency shelter. 100 Shelterboxes will be delivered to Samoa and more will be sent over the coming days once assessed.

SUMATRA

Later the same day, a 7.6-magnitude quake hit Indonesia's West Sumatra killing hundreds of people and burying many thousands more. The city of Padang and other areas in Sumatra took the full extent of destruction with the airport closed, roads and communication towers washed away. The airport will hopefully be re-opened later this evening to at least allow shipment of emergency goods including our Shelterboxes. Landslides in Pariaman, north of Padang have also buried many villages and cut off roads. UK SRT Andy Holland is on the ground in Padang and will be joined within 48 hours by newly re-located SRT Mike Greenslade who now calls Australia home.

The extent of emergency shelter is yet to be determined but initial Rotary and government estimates suggest the first shipment of 500 Shelterboxes will be deployed. With the wet season nearly upon all of these regions, the need for shelter is paramount.

Please help if you can. The need is now.

\$1200 will allow a survivor family shelter with dignity

Firstly, a huge thank you to all our fellow Rotarians who have called over the past 24 hours to pledge their support to assist those who have been devastated by the tropical storms, earthquakes and tsunami. Whilst the lines of communication are either slow or down, we have included all information available at this time – we will of course update you as it comes in. Again our sincere thanks for your pledges and well wishes, especially to our Shelterbox Re-