

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

## WOOP! WHISPER

VOLUME 22 Issue 15 — 26 October 2009

Club President  
**Geoff Royal**

District Governor  
**Neville Parsons**

RI President  
**John Kenny**



### **MONDAY NO MEETING** Instead - Tuesday 27th is the Public Speaking Cluster Final



A change in venue to join other Rotarians for our cluster final at the Coffs Club (formally Catholic Club) 6.30 for 7.00pm. Please advise David Fayle ASAP if you and your partner can attend.

**Meeting Place**  
Woolgoolga  
Diggers (RSL)  
**Monday Evenings**  
6.00pm for 6.15pm  
**Apologies to**  
6654 1234

### **LAST WEEK**

One Woolgoolga High student, Holly Wall entered in our Public Speaking contest. Karen Sedgwick was our charming host with adjudicators Charles Boothman, Yvonne Armstrong and Pam Fayle.

Holly spoke on the subject of honesty and applied her thoughts on the chosen subject to the recent event of the balloon boy, Falcon in America. The balloon traveled 97km and managed to shut down airports and involved the Colorado Air force. The perpetrators of this hoax turned out to be actors who thought the publicity would enhance their chances of gaining a reality TV Show. But why did the public react so harshly? Does honesty really keep the world turning.....



Holly Wall



Adjudicators L - R Charles, Yvonne & Pam deep in conversation

Very interesting observations from an outstanding young lady who spoke confidently. We are sure that Holly took on board any critique the adjudicators imparted after her speech. We wish Holly the best of luck on Tuesday night so come along and show your support for Holly and the youth of tomorrow.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Charles Phipps stepped up to the tectonic plate and enlightened members and guests on the story of Mount St Helens and more recently, earthquakes and tsunamis in the South Pacific.

Mount St. Helens is an active stratovolcano located in Skamania County, Washington in the Pacific Northwest region of the USA. The volcano is located in the Cascade Range and is part of the Cascade Volcanic Arc, a segment of the Pacific Ring of Fire that includes over 160 active volcanoes. This volcano is well known for its ash explosions and pyroclastic flows.

Mount St. Helens is most famous for its catastrophic eruption on May 18, 1980, at 8:32 am PDT which was the deadliest and most economically destructive volcanic event in the history of the United States. The eruption caused a massive debris avalanche, reducing the elevation of the mountain's summit from 2,950m to 2,550m and replacing it with a 1 mile (1.6 km) wide horseshoe-shaped crater. The debris avalanche was up to 0.7 cubic miles (2.9 km<sup>3</sup>) in volume. The Mt St Helens National Volcanic Monument was created to preserve the volcano and allow for its aftermath to be scientifically studied.



### **STATS AT A GLANCE**

**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil

**Guests, friends & partners:** Holly Wall, Jeanette Maniatis, Karen, Yvonne, Tom, Laura, Marlies, Ila, Charles B, Charles P, Alistair Milroy, Jane Mann & Judy

**Apologies:** John, Norm, David E, Trish, Clive, Rod, Dick, Keith, George, Rob, & Mark

**Attendance:** 11/22 (50.00 %)

**Lucky Draw:** Eacah

**Birthdays/ Anniversaries:** Terry 30th Oct

## What is a tsunami?

Tsunami (pron: 'soo-nar-me') is a Japanese word; 'tsu' meaning harbour and 'nami' meaning wave. The phenomenon usually is associated with earthquakes, landslides or volcanic eruptions in, or adjacent to oceans and results in sudden movement of the water column. Until recently tsunami were called tidal waves, even though the event has nothing to do with tides.

A tsunami is different from a wind generated surface wave on the ocean. The passage of a tsunami involves the movement of water from the surface to the seafloor which means its speed is controlled by water depth. Consequently, as the wave approaches land and reaches increasingly shallow water it slows. However, the water column still in deeper water is moving slightly faster and catches up, resulting in the wave bunching up and becoming much higher. A tsunami often is a series of waves and the first may not necessarily be the largest.

Interesting Fact; Tsunami can travel at speeds up to 950 km/h in deep water which can be represented by the speed of a passenger jet. The highest tsunami occur when they encounter a long and gradual shallowing of the water. which allows time for the wave to build and interact with its surroundings. Successive peaks can be anywhere from five to 90 minutes apart. The wave train which arrives at the coast can reach heights of up to 30 metres above sea level or create barely noticeable ripples. In the open ocean, even the largest tsunami are relatively small with wave heights of less than one metre.

## SERGEANT'S SESSION

Mad dogs and Englishmen, or was that a monkey on my back or does a leopard ever change its spots? The moral to Sergeant Terry's story regarding age, youth and treachery; the visitors seemed to like it but the ladies had their vowels jumbled but won out in the end. A puzzling session that was finalised when the treasurer was given a cookie jar to save his pennies in or was that golf skins?



## OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

**Shannon Creek Dam visit with Coffs South Rotary Club.**

**24 November (Tuesday)** We will once again combine with Coffs South at the Coffs Club (old Catholic Club) to hear all about this newly completed project. The deputy major will join the meeting to tell all and answer any questions we may have before our road trip and escorted tour, scheduled for either November 28 or 29th (to be advised).

# May 14 to 16 - At Woolgoolga - Special Edition - see Page 3

<b>CLUB NOTICES</b>	Nov 7	Auction: Help Corindi Red Rock RFS
	Nov 24	Meeting with Coffs Sth Rotary Club - prelude Shannon Dam visit
	Nov 28/29	Shannon Dam Visit - Exact date TBA
	Dec 5	Auction: Help Corindi Community Group ??
	Dec 21	Christmas Function
May 14 - 16	MUNA - Hosts Woolgoolga	

**DISTRICT NOTICES**

NOVEMBER	Rotary Foundation Month
March 12 -14	District Conference Port Macquarie
April 10-17	RYLA 2010 at Bonny Hills
May 14 - 16	MUNA - Hosts Woolgoolga
June 20 -23	International Convention Montreal Canada

<b>MEETING DUTY ROSTER</b>		Please swap nights if you cannot attend	
Date	27 October	2 November	9 November
Attendance	NA	Dick Matthews	Peter Lacy
Welcome/Speaker Introduction	NA	Ray Willing	Patty Delaney
Club Speaker	NA	Norm Michener "The Melbourne Cup"	Rod McKenzie
Vote of Thanks	NA	Patty Delaney	Rob White
Guest Speaker	Public Speaking Cluster Final Coffs Club	Ian Wade, General Manager, Coffs Harbour Challenge	District TRF Chairman Harry Durey

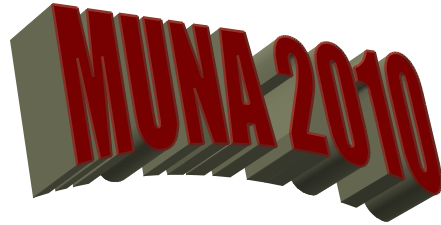
**The future of Rotary Woolgoolga IS IN YOUR HANDS**

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)



MUNA 2010 will be held in Woolgoolga from 14-16 May

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga in cooperation with Woolgoolga High School will be hosting the event. Current plans are for an evening event on Friday 14 May so participants can relax and get to know each other (networking is very important in the real UN!!).

The organizing committee for MUNA 2010 is:  
Pamela Fayle (chair) (phone 6654 7700 or [pamela@bioaccent.com.au](mailto:pamela@bioaccent.com.au))  
Keith Minhinnett Woolgoolga Rotary  
Patty Delaney Woolgoolga Rotary  
Frank Dean Woolgoolga High School

We're hoping the local Community will get involved in this event. The public are welcome to attend and observe the debates at the High School and we'll need local families to volunteer to billet some of the students in their homes for the nights of 14, 15 May. We're also hoping for a good showing of UN teams from high schools in the broader Coffs Coast region.

If you're interested in billeting a student or two next May or want further information on the event, contact Pamela Fayle at [muna@bioaccent.com.au](mailto:muna@bioaccent.com.au) or ph 6654 7700.



## Rotary and the United Nations

Rotary International's relationship with the United Nations is as old as the UN itself. In 1945 there were 49 Rotarians in 29 delegations at the UN Charter Conference in San Francisco.

With other non-governmental organizations (NGOs), Rotarians influenced the text and focus of the charter, particularly on economic, social and humanitarian issues.

Forty two years ago in 1945, RI had clubs in 65 countries and had expanded its purpose beyond meeting the needs of local communities to include efforts to further international understanding, goodwill and peace.

Many UN objectives were and are parallel to those of Rotary - to develop friendly relations among nations, to help solve international economic social cultural and humanitarian problems, and to promote human rights.

Rotary's humanitarian projects and those of the UN address similar global needs. Increasingly the public and private sector organizations pool resources for shared objectives.

The objects of Rotary and of the United Nations parallel the theme for year 1997 - 98, Show Rotary Cares - for our community, for our world, for its people. Rotarians around the world share with the United Nations the same fundamental goals of World Understanding and Peace.

Glen Kinross RI President 1997-98

