

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

## WOOP! WHISPER

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### TONIGHT

November being Rotary Foundation Month is off to a kick start with the Melbourne Cup last week (we hope you picked the winner)!



Shocking takes out 2009 Melbourne Cup  
SHOCK JOCK TRIUMPH

Now this week we have Harry Durey, District Rotary Foundation Chair who will elaborate further on the Foundations mission statement as per District Newsletter which was sent to you this week.

### LAST WEEK

GUEST SPEAKERS - not 1 but 2!

Ian Wade from the "Challenge Foundation" (originally started out as "Yalbillinga") gave us an insight into the work the Foundation carries out in helping people with intellectual disabilities after leaving school to transition into gainful employment. Main enterprises are assembly and mail out services, electronic data transfer, sorting recyclables pressing matters, grease eaters and secure document destruction. Their newest venture is "EcoCover" developed in New Zealand. It is a sustainable Regional Project funded by Federal Government. A polished presentation found interesting by all.

Ian Wade and President Geoff



Maggie Simmons came to us as a guest of Trish Baker and quickly warmed up to impart many entertaining facts that gave Members a taste of what life was like on the road with no fixed abode.

Maggie is part of a solo group of Motor Homers, she drives a Mercedes Sprinter but anyone can join and enjoy any group such as this. "Freedom - is all about doing it" she said. There are many lifestyle advantages available. Caravan Parks are more restricting unlike the National Parks (free pass available if one is on a Pension). Activities abound such as bushwalking, bird watching (feathered variety) canoeing, the list is endless.

One of the funniest quirks is telling the kids that you are having a SCAN; **S**eniors **C**ompulsory **A**fternoon **N**ap other things include telling the same jokes over and over again because there are always new faces, finding great knowledge within the group such as cheap petrol, car repairs etc. Sounds like a great lifestyle Maggie, thanks for sharing it with us

### CLUB SPEAKER

was our Sergeant Norm jockeying up interest in the Melbourne Cup Sweepstakes. Winners are grinners. Norm will no doubt have the reins in hand to congratulate all tonight.

Maggie with President Geoff



### STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: Nil

Guests, friends & partners:  
Ian Wade, Maggie Simmons & Judy

Apologies: John, Patty, Clive, Rod, Keith, Rob, Merv & Mark

Attendance: 14/22 (64 %)

Lucky Draw:

Birthdays/ Anniversaries:

Elizabeth 13, Charles 16

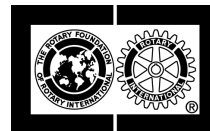
## SERGEANT'S SESSION

Blonde passwords were amusing but George was "lost and found" followed by Dick in Perth who lacked recognition software in this small world of ours.

Sel had a lucky win in Lotto (maybe he has done it again in the sweeps). Brian found himself cuddling the dog before David confessed to confused members regarding the movie premiere night but Sel remained "Numero Uno" to all those who visit Campbell St.

Taxes are pretty hefty in Woopi Land....Ray paid a coffee tax, Peter paid a shirt tax, Echah won the silks tax and of course all visitors were taxed. Trish managed to clean up with an early mark tax which is incredible (her clocks are slow) but won hands down with a mobile ring tax and no badge tax; good one Trish, we appreciate your generosity. The Whisper has it that spelling names incorrectly always pays!

**MEMBERS please note** Auction was postponed due to wet weather and will be held on this coming Saturday - November 14.



## NOVEMBER - ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

CLUB NOTICES		DISTRICT NOTICES	
Nov 9	Board Meeting	NOVEMBER	Rotary Foundation Month
NB:	New Auction Date below	Feb 13	Holly Wall in Public Speaking at Walcha
Nov 14	Auction: Help Corindi Red Rock RFS	March 12 -14	District Conference Port Macquarie
Nov 24	At Coffs South Shannon Creek Presentation	April 10-17	RYLA 2010 at Bonny Hills
Nov 28/29	Visit Shannon Creek Dam	June 20 -23	International Convention Montreal Canada
Dec 5	Auction: Help Corindi Community Group		
Dec 21	Christmas Function		
May 14 - 16	MUNA - Hosts Woolgoolga		

MEETING DUTY ROSTER			
Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	9 November	16 November	TUES 24 November
Attendance	Peter Lacy	Rod Mackenzie	Not Applicable
Welcome/Speaker Introduction	Patty Delaney	Pam Fayle	Not Applicable
Club Speaker	Rod Mackenzie	David Edwards	Not Applicable
Vote of Thanks	Rob White	Peter Lacy	
Guest Speaker	District TRF Chair Harry Durey	Meg Jenkins Contributing to Australia's aid programme in Laos	At Coffs South Club Shannon Creek Dam Bill Palmer, Deputy Mayor CHCC

**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)

## 20 Answers to the Question: Why Join Rotary?

### 1. Friendship

In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs; the need for friends and fellowship. It is one of the two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.

### 2. Business Development

The second original reason for Rotary's beginning. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help one another, and collectively help others.

### 3. Personal Growth and Development

Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.

### 4. Leadership Development

Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education in Leadership: learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.

### 5. Citizenship in the Community

Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.

### 6. Continuing Education

Each week a Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed as to what is going on in the community, nation and world. Different speakers, different topics.

### 7. Fun

Rotary is fun. A lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. And the service is fun.

### 8. Public Speaking Skills

Many an individual who joined Rotary was afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication. And opportunity.

### 9. Citizenship in the World

Every Rotarian wears a pin that says: "Rotary International". And every Rotarian is welcome - even encouraged to attend - at 28,000 clubs in 188 nations and geographical regions. There are few places on the globe, which do not have a Rotary club. Instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.

### 10. Assistance When Traveling

Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian who has needed a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc..., while traveling has found same quickly through Rotary.

### 11. Entertainment

Every Rotary Club and district has parties and activities, which provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary has conferences, conventions, assemblies and institute which provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education and service.

### 12. The Development of Social Skills

Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people, or who want to.

### 13. Family Programs

Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; spouse clubs and programs, and a host of activities designed to assist family members in growth and the development of family values.

### 14. Vocational Skills

Every Rotarian is expected to take a part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one a better doctor, lawyer, teacher (or whatever one does for a living) etc.

### 15. The Development of Ethics

Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test which governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

### 16. Cultural Awareness

Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of other cultures and learn to live and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.

### 17. Prestige

Rotary members are prominent people; leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks are executives, managers, professionals; people who make decisions and influence policy. Not everyone is invited to join Rotary.

### 18. Nice People

Rotarians above all are nice people; the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who adhere to the policy that while it is nice to be important, it is more important to be nice.

### 19. The Absence of 'Official Creed'

- Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting or rituals. It is an open society - of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

### 20. The Opportunity to Serve

Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind; its product is service. Rotarians provide community service - to both the local and international communities. This is the best reason perhaps for becoming a Rotarian; the chance to do something for somebody else. And to sense the self-fulfillment which comes in the process. And the return to one's own life. Rotarians believe in service above self, it is richly rewarding.

*"He profits most who serves the best".*

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