

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

## WOOP! WHISPER

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Club President  
**Geoff Royal**

District Governor  
**Neville Parsons**

RI President  
**John Kenny**



### TOMORROW NIGHT - YES TUESDAY

The dam busters are off to Coffs Club (6 for 630pm). We will hear from Bill Palmer, Deputy Mayor CHCC about the construction of the Shannon Creek Dam.

A Bus leaves the RSL at 5.30pm sharp.

We visit the dam on Saturday 28 November (see map- page 3)



#### Meeting Place

**Woolgoolga Diggers (RSL)**

**Monday Evenings**

**6.00pm for 6.15pm**

**Apologies to**

**6654 1234**

### LAST WEEK

#### Guest Speaker

Meg Jenkins presented a picture of Laos from her role with ABV (Australian Business Volunteers) a NGO (non government organization) under the banner of the Australian Foreign Aid Program "AUSAID". Their mission is to contribute growth in developing communities through the transfer of knowledge and workplace skills. This is achieved using the expertise of highly skilled volunteers. Assignments usually last three months and many programs have been operating for over 30yrs in 15 different countries. Other priorities were empowering women, developing primary education, addressing diseases (Aids/Malaria - using global partnerships) and delivering clear water programs.

Meg talked about her involvement with an eco tourism development by the Laotian community (not by entrepreneurs) at the caves near Viengxay. These caves (some 480 of them) were occupied by the "Pathet Lao" (Lao communist troops) who moved underground during the undeclared American secret war waged from 1964-1973 (as part of the American struggle against the Vietnamese). More than 2million bombs were dropped during this campaign (more than fell on Europe during all of WW II). Particular attention was given to respecting their needs, culture and to capacity build, based on self help work with many organizations and charities.

A brief history of Laos followed and Meg explained how this communist country was paradoxical and painted a picture of what life is like in this developing country. All in all the project has been a success and Meg received an "Altruism Award" from the ABV for her services. Well done Meg, your story certainly inspires a visit to Laos.

Meg Jenkins



#### Club Speaker

We were illuminated by David Edwards' lamps. In a hurricane 3 minute performance David explained how these lamps are designed differently to expel hot air and cold air in different ways and provide glowing differences. At first glimpse the only differences in the lamps David (aka "Flo") is holding is the colour. Not so, they have different air flow. The hot blast version we discovered gives one a brighter light. Great 3 minuter David! You are a shining example and just maybe a little bit of hot air wins!



David "Flo" Edwards

#### STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests, friends & partners:  
Meg Jenkins, Bronwyn, Marie, Helen, Karen & Judy

Apologies: John, Brian, Trish, Clive, Peter, Sel, George, Rob, Echah & Mark

Attendance: 12/22 (55%)

Lucky Draw: Bronwyn

Birthdays/ Anniversaries:

Joy 27th, Ray 29th

## SERGEANT'S SESSION

Many found themselves in hot water when asking personal questions about nuts and groins resulting in an accident which led to a detour via Bruxner Park Road and some serious allegations of nut stealing. Some could obviously not hear at all so the loudspeakers did not perform adequately but in the end worms were the order of the day followed by new glasses, disappointed Essendon fans, ecstatic Irish fans, humungous parrot fish and various other stimulating bits and pieces. If you can remember to wear your badge and your new glasses whilst reading the "Whisper" that also helps. Happy birthday, another year bites the dust!

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are notified that the Annual General Meetings of the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc. will be held during the Club's regular 6.15 p.m. dinner meeting at the Woolgoolga RSL Club on Monday 14th December, 2009.

The ordinary business for the general meeting is:

1. To confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting.
2. To receive from the board reports contained and published in the Annual Report upon the activities of the Club during the preceding financial year.
3. To receive and consider the financial statements contained and as published in the Annual Report and as submitted to members pursuant to section 26(6) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1984.
4. To elect officers

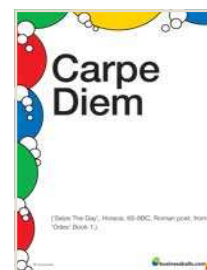
Notice has not been received of any other business for the annual general meeting.

Date: November 9, 2009

Secretary David Fayle

### NOW CALLING for NOMINATIONS 2010-11

They are President Elect (2011-12), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and up to 5 Directors. "Volunteers" for Sergeant, Corporal and Lance Corporal are also sought.....



CLUB NOTICES		DISTRICT NOTICES	
Nov 24	Coffs South Shannon Creek Presentation	NOVEMBER	Rotary Foundation Month
Nov 28	Visit Shannon Creek Dam	Feb 13	Holly Wall in Public Speaking at Walcha
Dec 5	Auction: Help Corindi Community Group	March 12 -14	District Conference Port Macquarie
Dec 14	AGM & Election of Officers	April 10-17	RYLA 2010 at Bonny Hills
Dec 21	Christmas Function Venue TBA	June 20 -23	International Convention Montreal Canada
Jan 11	New year BBQ with Sawtell Rotary Boambee Creek Reserve 6pm		
May 14 - 16	MUNA - Hosts Woolgoolga		

MEETING DUTY ROSTER			
Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	TUESDAY 24 Nov	30 November	7 December
Attendance	Not Applicable	Peter Lacy	Keith Minhinnett
Welcome/Speaker Introduction	Not Applicable	Pam Fayle	TBA
Club Speaker	Not Applicable	Keith Minhinnett	Ray Willing
Vote of Thanks	Geoff Royal	Mark Wright	TBA
Guest Speaker	At Coffs South Club Shannon Creek Dam Bill Palmer, Deputy Mayor CHCC	Mark Linney Bowelscan	TBA

## 2010 Calling for NOMINATIONS

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

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

