

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

WOOP! WHISPER

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TONIGHT (20 Jul) [→]

Tonight is Partners night, so don't forget to let the RSL know if your partner is attending and you haven't already marked it on last week's sheet. We have a well sculptured presentation this evening as Keith gives his "amateur's take on humble Hebel". And be warned....., it is interactive so you may need to get your hands dirty!! Sounds like a fun evening.

LAST MEETING (13 Jul)



Craig Milburn, Director of Corporate Business from Coffs Council (an escapee from Tasmania and a new Emerald beach resident) told us about the current budget situation and planning issues for the future. Bottom line: expect your rates to go up in future years!!

Like many other NSW councils, Coffs Council's budgetary situation is unsustainable over the longer term, with a \$1.1 million deficit planned this year after a long history of large deficits. Although a big \$305million spend on water and sewerage had set Coffs up for many decades and the airport was able to cope with long-term population growth and tourism growth, this progress came with its own maintenance costs. The State Government was increasingly offloading functions to Councils without giving them the money to pay for them. With escalating costs and State Government-enforced rate pegging restricting Council income it was hard to turn a vulnerable budget situation around.

The Council plans to cut 20-30 positions through natural attrition, subcontracting where sensible, has reduced hours of lifesaving on local beaches and some other services and cut out luxuries such as flowers on roundabouts. A future fund will be set up to capture public contributions and legacies in a tax deductible way so that the interest can be used for high value special works that can no longer be coped with on budget.



Planning is being put in place for 30 years and the Economic Development Unit is looking at export development to grow more business in the area. A very informative, slightly depressing talk with some glimmers of optimism. Craig answered lots of questions demonstrating the strong interest in his presentation.

The was no club speaker.

Meeting Place

**Woolgoolga
Diggers**

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

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STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians:

Visitors: Craig Milburn

Apologies: Clive, Ray, Rob, Karen, David E, Brian, Terry, Geoff Rogers, Mark, John, George

Attendance: 14 (56%)

Lucky Draw: Patty

Birthdays: Merv Richardson 18 Jly, Irene Rogers 20 Jly, Judy Jackson 28 Jly

Anniversaries: Rob & Edith White 20 Jly, Echah & Graeme Wright (1!) 21 Jly

SERGEANT’S SESSION:

Norm seconded David F to help collect fines and started with President Geoff for starting the meeting late and almost reverting to the old toast. Peter, returning to attendance duties after his Presidential year, showed he needed more practice at the front desk—finally sorting out the \$15 discrepancy but not before a fine went his way as well. A few cricket fines emerged and David F imposed a self-fine for a week of chaos, much of it involving computers but also some road-side roasted capsicums (you had to be there!!) Norm continues to entertain us with interesting snippets and has now moved onto some hilarious Church Bulletins.

CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

******* NOTE: Fees (\$100 for the half-year) are now OVERdue!! *******

Our new YEP exchange student, Laura from Germany, arrives at Coffs Harbour on Saturday 25 July at 9.40am for those who want to meet her at the airport. Despite having flown all the way from Europe, an effort will be made to acclimatise her and keep her awake to stave off jetlag. **There will be a “Welcome Laura BBQ” (byo) at midday on Saturday 25th, at the Beach Reserve** so mark it in your diaries (Laura will be the one with matchsticks propping up her eyelids!) Pam will be the one checking all picnic tables in Woolgoolga!!

Director’s Reports: (Echah said she hadn’t directed anything yet so we’ll have to fix that!!!...or fine it!!)

Planning is under way for **RYDA** on 20 August. Contact Keith if you know of any young (under 30) victims of motor accidents who have suffered life-long handicaps from brain injury and might help with the confrontational parts of the RYDA presentation. 180 Year 11’s will participate so lets hope the driver awareness they gain will save some lives in the future.

Outbounder **Ryan Williams** is now receiving his weekly “Whisper” and has passed on greetings to all from Mexico where he seems to be doing well in the wake of his Swine Flu adventures.

District YEP students will be visiting Woolgoolga on 25-27 August and we will need lots of volunteers to accommodate anywhere from 12 to 17 of them (details to follow).

We have received an open invitation to Club members to attend the **Woolgoolga Shed’s AGM 10am Monday 3 August at 207 Newman’s Rd, Woolgoolga.**

For the mathematically inclined: at 5 minutes and 6 seconds after 4 a.m. on 7th August this year, the time and date will be: 04:05:06 07-08-09. This will not happen again until the year 3009 so enjoy it!

CLUB NOTICES

- 25 Jul YEP student Laura arrives from Germany
- 27 Jul Assembly:- goal-setting for the coming year
- 1 Aug Next Auction (Sherwood Rural Fire Service)
- 17 Aug DG Neville Parsons' Visit
- 20 Aug RYDA (youth driver awareness)
- 24 Aug Partners night
- 30 Sep GOTD (Woopi High Getting Out There Day)

DISTRICT NOTICES

- 26 Jul RAWCS meeting Walcha
- 31 Jul semi-annual dues to RI Parramatta
- 31 Jul closing date GSE team leaders
- 31 Jul closing date Aust/NZ applications
- District Website: www.rotary9650.org.au**
- July is Literacy Month
- August is Membership Month

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	20/7/09	27/7/09	3/8/09
	Partners night	Assembly and Planning Night	
Attendance	Terry Booth	Rod Mackenzie	Dick Matthews
Welcome/ Fellowship	Trish Baker	n/a	Brian Armstrong
Club Speaker	Ray Willing	n/a	Mark Wright
Vote of Thanks	Mark Wright	n/a	Pamela Fayle
Guest Speaker	Keith Minhinnett <i>An amateur’s take on humble Hebel (interactive session)</i>	Goal-setting exercise for the coming year – your chance to have an input.	Dr Mark Kallman “Unusual Snake Biology and Adaptations”

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

Volunteers for ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS (RYDA)
20 August
(see Keith or David F)

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

AUCTIONEERS
For 1st Sat of the month
(See Sel & Keith)