

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

## WOOP! WHISPER

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### TONIGHT (1 Feb) [→]

**NOTE THAT WE WILL BE TRIALLING OUR NEW VENUE FROM 1st FEBRUARY...STILL THE RSL CLUB BUT IN THE PARTITIONED OFF HALL RATHER THAN OUR CURRENT ROOM.**

We will hear a presentation from **Annie Solomon-Finch and Jackie French of Northern Beaches Care**. This organisation supports some very needy families in the Woolgoolga area. Like us, they raise a lot of their money through donations of used goods which they sell in their store. We should have a lot of valuable information to share about helping our local community.

### LAST MEETING (25 January)

If you weren't there, you missed a **beauty**. A **BIG** thank you to **Peter and Sally** for their organising, MC'ing and decorating the tables. And a big thank you to those who dressed in Mexican, German and Australian national dress for the evening (we hear Woopi has sold out of zinc cream!!).

Surrounded by sombreros, akubras and the odd beer stein, our two returning YEP exchange students **Ryan Williams and Jessica Portsmouth** gave great presentations on their adventures in Mexico and Germany respectively. They introduced their presentations in Spanish and German respectively. Although both slideshows had shots of the sites, interestingly both focused on host families and the many friends they made...a strong indication that we are welcoming back two very good ambassadors for our Club, Woolgoolga and Australia.

The Club wishes Ryan and Jess all the best as they settle back into Australian school life and prepare for their futures with the experience of a lifetime under their belts.



Meeting Place

**Woolgoolga Diggers**

**Monday Evenings**

**6.00pm for 6.15pm**

Apologies to

**6654 1234**



### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** nil

**Visitors:** Marie, Ila, Bronwyn, Joy, Judy, Sally, the entire Portsmouth family, Steve Podbury and Dana Vale, Greg Williams and Heather Messer, Bob Guthrie, Brian Muller and exchange students Jessica, Ryan and Laura.

**Apologies:** Clive, Rob, Karen, Brian, Terry, Norm, Echah, Mark, Alastair, George

**Attendance:** 15 (62.5%)

**Lucky Draw:** Ray Willing

**Birthdays:** Graeme Smith (27 Jan); Patty Delaney (8 Feb.)

**CLUB SPEAKER** Rising to the occasion with no notice, Patty gave us an update on our past exchange student, Minami, whom Patty and Graeme visited in Japan recently. We all went to sleep Monday night with visions of Graeme wandering like a kid in a lollyshop in the Japanese version of Bunnings!!



**SERGEANT'S SESSION:** In the absence of the dynamic duo (Norm and Terry) Pam and Keith stepped in and extracted some money for a very lengthy Welsh tale (sponsored by the Colonel) and some very painful Mexican, German and Australian jokes. Those who didn't make it to the airport for Jess, Brianna and Tom paid for their absence and Bronwyn paid because she was spotted at the airport anyway! Peter paid for some (un)eventful fishing and Ray braced himself and paid for his support.

**CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES**

**\*\*\*\*\* NOTE: Fees (\$100 for the half-year) are now due please. IF you haven't coughed up yet ,please pay Geoff Royal as soon as possible \*\*\*\*\***

**Shed Cleanup** Those who can help out on Saturday morning (30th) at 9am, there is a need to do a bit of a clean up and take a load of rubbish to the tip before our first auction of the year.

**Auction** First auction of the year is on Saturday 6 February for those who can make it. Our helpers this month are **Mullawarra Dune Care**.

**Temporary arrangements** President Geoff is currently doing the treasurer's job and Pam is doing the Whisper.

**Update on Rob White** Rob phoned us while briefly in town on Australia Day. He is part way through his 2 month hyperbaric (deep diving) treatment in Brisbane. Doctors have told him he won't notice any results until he is three-quarters of the way through the treatment. Edith is travelling back and forth between Brisbane and Woolgoolga. The Club wishes both Rob and Edith all the best in the coming weeks.

**Bowel Scan** David Edwards has arrangements for BowelScan well in hand. When planning your forward calendar leave some time free to do a stint selling the kits in the plaza during the week 7-13 March. It's a very worthwhile thing to do for the community.

**Dorrigo Visit** Please let David Fayle know if you can participate on Sunday 14 February.

**CLUB NOTICES**

30 Jan 9am shed clean-up  
 30 Jan 3.30pm MUNA Committee mtg,  
 1 Feb tbc Old/new board special meeting (c.8pm)  
 6 Feb AUCTION  
 8 Feb Board meeting  
 14 Febtbc Dorrigo visit  
 7-13 Mar **Bowelscan week in Woopi**  
 14-16 May MUNA

**DISTRICT NOTICES**

13 Feb Holly Wall, Public Speaking Walcha  
 12-14 Mar District Conference Port Macquarie. Register on-line.  
 10-17 April RYLA at Bonny Hills  
 20-23 Jun International Convention Montreal Canada

District Website: [www.rotary9650.org.au](http://www.rotary9650.org.au)

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	1 Feb	8 Feb	15 Feb
Attendance	Merv Richardson	Sel Rogers	Karen Sedgwick
Welcome/ Fellowship	David Edwards	Pamela Fayle	Rod Mackenzie
Club Speaker	Terry Booth	David Fayle	Peter Lacy
Vote of Thanks	Rod Mackenzie	Dick Matthews	Norm Michener
Guest Speaker	Annie Solomon Finch & Jackie French from Northern Beaches Care	TBA	TBA

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

**CURRENT AND 2010 BOARD VACANCIES**

See Geoff

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

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