

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

## WOOP! WHISPER

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Club President  
**Geoff Royal**

District Governor  
**Neville Parsons**

RI President  
**John Kenny**



### TONIGHT WE ARE TRIALLING THE "TERRY PROPOSAL".

For those who wish to enjoy some fellowship over dinner, meet in the bistro at 6pm, order your own dinner and plan to finish eating by 6.45. Late-comers please be at the meeting room at 6.45 for a 7pm meeting start.

### TONIGHT'S MEETING (15 March)

Grab a tea or coffee, sign in and tonight's meeting will begin at 7pm with the reading of the 4-Way Test (no grace or toast). We will begin with the sergeant's session then we will have a presentation and then our club speaker. Finally we will have director's reports. The meeting will end by 8pm at the latest.

### LAST MEETING (8 March)

Carl Freeman gave us an update on the valiant efforts of his team to breathe life into the Northern Beaches Youth Centre (NBYC) and the inadequate nature of current facilities. It does seem to be true though that at least some of the trouble among local youth has settled down a bit in recent months.



Plans are afoot to utilise the Community Centre and possibly Yeates Hall for some activities, but these venues are deemed inadequate over the longer term. NBYC is looking at the prospects of building a gated multipurpose venue for everything from basketball to music lessons and which other community groups can utilise. It is a big venture for the community to consider, plan and, if appropriate, embark upon. Local business groups and other relevant groups in town are being consulted including Rotary.

[There will be a meeting, to which Rotary is invited, on Thursday 18 March at the NBYC in Queen St, 7pm-8pm and it will look at the viability of setting up a steering committee to progress the project. Let Secretary David know if you can and want to attend.](#)

### CLUB SPEAKER

**Dick Matthews** claimed he had run out of topics but clawed back the audience with a nippy little talk about crabs of Christmas Island complete with fabulous photos of the red mass on the move crawling over, under & through anything in their path. A bit inappropriate of him to mention on International Women's Day that the males lead the way to the water's edge and the women just follow them to mate!. Still, a female produces a spectacular 100,000 eggs and when they hatch the waters run red with tiny crabs.



Meeting Place

**Woolgoolga Diggers**

**Monday Evenings  
6.00pm for 6.15pm**

Apologies to

**6654 1234 by  
10.30am Mondays**



### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** Bill Carroll

**Visitors:** Judy Jackson, Carl Freeman

**Apologies:** John, Clive, Rob, Ray, Echah, Mark, Keith, Trish, George, Terry, Rod

**Attendance:** 13 (54.2%)

**Lucky Draw:** Brian Armstrong

**Birthdays:** John Arkan, 15 March, Trish Baker 20 March

**Anniversaries:** none this week

## SERGEANT'S SESSION:

Well, where to begin...there were lost boys, Grandads and money falling from armoured cars as well as some pretty dodgy auction? pick ups. There were betting fines, new computer fines, jig-saw puzzle fines and even a Mongolian fine (beware—I think we've all probably been guilty of NOT going to Mongolia!!) Given it was International Women's Day there were quite a few girly fines including a fine on our Sergeant for showing his collection of photos of women (it wasn't like that.... honestly!). And in honour of the day, Brian received the Lara Bingle fine!



## CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



**TAKE 2: ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR THE AUCTION ON SATURDAY 13 MARCH** and do a “don't rain dance” beforehand please. Remember, some are away at District Conference, so help out if you can.

**District Conference delegation:** David and Pam Fayle, Peter and Sally Lacy, Patty Delaney, Karen Sedgwick plus our exchange student, Laura and our public speaking competition finalist Holly Wall will all be representing the club from 12-14 March at Port Macquarie.

**Member's News** **Charles Phipps** is still in Coffs Hospital after a breaking his femur badly. We all wish him the best for a speedy recovery. **Rob White** is soldiering on at home. **Clive Joass** is out and about and appearing in the newspapers so hopefully we'll see him back at Rotary some time soon.

**Coffs Rotary Club's 60th birthday** Woopi Club members are invited to join the celebrations at the Deep Sea Fishing Club at 6pm on Sat, 20th March. Please let **Secretary David know by 10 March** if you wish to attend.

**MUNA Update** Cheques for teams are starting to come in and we will schedule a committee meeting soon to allocate countries and look at topics for debate. A billeting and help sheet will be passed around club members soon, before we go further into the community for additional assistance. **Keep 14-16 May free to help run MUNA.**

**Rotary Foundation** The Club is donating A\$1,200 to the Rotary Foundation (over and above this year's contribution to Polio Plus). We are also making a small donation to **Operation Cleft**.

### CLUB NOTICES

15 March	Trial of the Terry proposal
27-28 Mar	Fish Auction date
29 March	General Assembly and trial 2 of the Terry proposal
14-16 May	MUNA
21 Jun	Changeover

### DISTRICT NOTICES

10-17 April	RYLA at Bonny Hills
2 May	District Assembly Kempsey
14-16 May	MUNA at Woopi
20-23 Jun	International Convention Montreal Canada
3 Jul	District Changeover

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	15 March	22 March	29 March
Attendance	Patty Delaney	David Edwards	Pamela Fayle
Welcome/ Fellowship	Keith Minhinnett	Geoff Royal	N/a
Club Speaker	Norm Michener	N/A	N/a
Vote of Thanks	George Smede	N/A	N/a
Guest Speaker	Presentation tbc	Membership and Partners Night Peter & Amelia Ward	Gen. Assembly, to give D1 ideas for his year ahead + some fun activities

**Your Rotary Club Needs YOU**

**Vacancies for Secretary and Vice President 2010-2011, and President-Elect 2011-2012**  
See Geoff or David F.

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

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