

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

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TONIGHT'S MEETING (10 May)

Tonight, Rashmeer Bhatti, who has written a book about Woolgoolga's Sikh history, will be talking to us about some of the interesting aspects of this part of our local community's colourful history (assuming she recovers from flu in time—we have plan B!).

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY ILA!

LAST MEETING (3 May)

I'm sure we all felt young again listening to **exchange student Laura Hohrein** and our **RYLA candidate Ryan Williams** talking of their recent experiences. To cap it all off, an excited and exciting letter from our **outbounder in Sweden, Tom Podbury**, was appreciated by all (see Club news for a summary).

Laura Hohrein had a great time on safari. She shared her slides with us and took us from Melbourne to the fossils of Narracoorte Caves, sleeping in a gaol in Gladstone (with some ghosts), touring Coober Pedy and learning about opal mining and of course visiting Uluru (where surprise, surprise—she met some German tourists).



At the rock, Laura took sunset photos and did the base walk and the climb. From there the safari went to the Olgas and onto Kings Canyon, Laura's favourite spot. There was lots of fun on the way: camel rides, balloon rides, aboriginal concerts, a visit to the Flying Doctor and playing with snakes at the reptile centre. Back on the coast, she learned that the rainforest near Cairns was "wet"!! A highlight at Kuranda was not only the Barron Falls, but also a great German restaurant! A crocodile farm and the jellyfish at Whitehaven Beach

didn't put her off diving on the Barrier Reef followed by other water experiences including kayaking, surfing and jet boats. Finally it was capped off with the Sydney experience: Bondi Beach, shopping, the Opera House and lazing around the Harbour. A great tour, thanks Laura.

Ryan Williams told us about his week at RYLA in Bonny Hills. Although he was the youngest of 30 participants, he feels he learned a lot. Ryan was impressed with John Carroll, the motivational speaker and said the most useful thing for him was learning about "goal-setting" as he contemplates where to go and what to do with his life from now. One thing's for sure, Ryan is definitely interested in Rotary and has been talking to friends about setting up a local Rotex group of former exchange students to help in the mentoring of new students and to assist in the community. Karen has already convinced Ryan to join her in helping with the Northern Beaches Youth Centre (see Club news).



Meeting Place

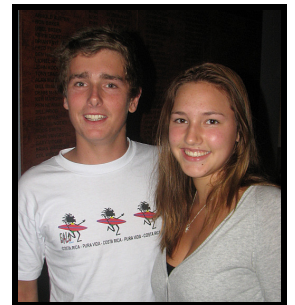
Woolgoolga Bowling Club

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

6654 7700 by 10.30am Monday



STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: none.

Visitors: Win Fayle (Armidale), Ila Rogers.

Apologies: John, Clive, Rob, Mark, Rod, Alastair, Ray, Echa, Keith, Peter, Merv

Attendance: 14 (56%)

Lucky Draw: David Edwards

Birthdays: none this week

Anniversaries: none

SERGEANT’S SESSION:

Norm “posted” a lot of fines—there were tales of the last post and a post office story (Trish arrived just in time). Last week’s auction gave rise to a few fines (we never seem to get all those pick-up addresses right!). Lots of footy fines, injury fines (David again) and even a mother-in-law fine this time.

CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Camille Sticker The project was well received at District Assembly and a number of Clubs have indicated support.

District Assembly Our delegation to the district assembly commented on how well the event had been organised and brought back lots of useful information. David and Pam will be going to Assembly in Uralla on 23 May.

NBYC Karen reported she is on the Committee (on behalf of Rotary) to take forward consideration of a multipurpose building for community and youth activity use. Given continued Club concerns about absence of youth in the planning processes, Ryan Williams has agreed to accompany Karen to the next meeting and to bring along one or two other youth leaders.

Pride of Workmanship Please let Geoff or Pam know before the 17 May Board meeting if you have nominations.

MUNA Update MUNA tasks and billets are being allocated this weekend. We are still short 5 billets but efforts are under way to address that. Most planning is complete and helpers get their marching orders this meeting.

Kits for Kids Geoff Rogers has amassed the contents (thanks again) and Sel & Ila will be organising the packing.

Craft Expo Invitation Port Macquarie Rotary is sponsoring a craft expo 9-11 July and has invited district Rotarians to the opening gala (which includes a charity art auction). 60 craft exhibitors and upwards of 150 paintings on view and on sale. Contact Secretary David for details (opening night tickets are on a first come, first served basis).

Rotary Golf Challenge Coffs Harbour City Rotary is organising a big Golf Challenge on 6 June at Bonville. Best team wins \$1,000 for their charity account. There’s also a \$10,000 prize for your favourite charity if you manage a hole-in-one. Put a 4 person Ambrose team together and contact Secretary David for entry details.

YEPPER News Thanks to Tom Podbury in Sweden for a great update for the Club. Tom enjoyed a visit to Denmark (Hamlet’s castle) recently and has seen some beautiful parts of Sweden. He is coping well with the language (but tells us no-one sounds like the famous Swedish Chef)!! He’s visited an ice hotel, been ice fishing and met the Australian Ambassador to Sweden. And, he is no longer freezing as the temperature has finally climbed above zero.



CLUB NOTICES

10 May Partners night
 14-16 May MUNA
 17 May Board meeting
 31 May General Assembly
 21 Jun Changeover

DISTRICT NOTICES

14-16 May MUNA at Woopi
 16 May District Assembly at Moree
 23 May District Assembly at Uralla
 20-23 Jun International Convention Montreal Canada
 3 Jul District Changeover

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	10 May Partners night	17 May	24 May
Attendance	Keith Minhinnett	Merv Richardson	Sel Rogers
Welcome/ Fellowship	Sel Rogers	Karen Sedgwick	George Smede
Club Speaker	Bill Carroll	Alastair Milroy	George Smede
Vote of Thanks	Pamela Fayle	Patty Delaney	David Edwards
Guest Speaker	Rashmeer Bhatti Woolgoolga’s Sikh history (assuming she recovers from flu)	Scott Hunt Woolgoolga Swimming Pool—the ongoing saga.	tbc

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU
Vacancies for Directors, 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)