

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

WOOP! WHISPER

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TONIGHT'S MEETING (17 May)

Tonight, Scott Hunt, who manages the swimming pool in Woolgoolga, is going to give us the latest news on plans to deal with the big maintenance and repair issues confronting the pool complex. Come along and hear how much water leaks out of the pool each day and what and when the Council is proposing to do about it.

Please consider how you might play a role in (or with) the incoming Board. A reminder that there is a Board meeting to follow, for current and prospective Board members.

LAST MEETING (10 May)

Unfortunately our scheduled speaker Rashmeer Bhatti was struck down by flu, but she has promised to come and give her talk another time soon.

Instead of a touch of Woopi Sikh history, we were transported to Norway. Our girl in Ålesund, Norway, YEPER Brianna Keys, sent a fascinating report of her adventures so far in Europe, complete with photos so Secretary David was able to read out her news, accompanied by a slide show of her 13-day trip to Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, Venice, Paris & London. Among many notable sights were the mechanical chiming clock tower in Prague and the Eiffel tower at night, and view from on



top during the day. Venice was her favourite, and she even wanted to swim in the lovely green water (!!)

Brianna concludes: "if it wasn't for you [Woopi Rotary] I wouldn't be having this awesome year of my life. So until next time, Ha det bra ☺ (goodbye in Norwegian)".

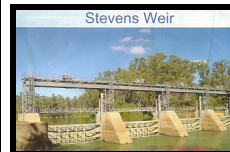
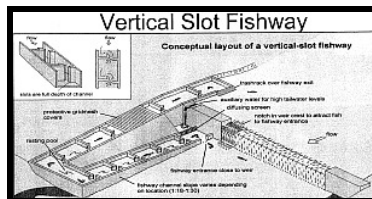
As with Tom Podbury's presentation last week, it was fabulous stuff and made us all very jealous.

As a special treat, we were also given a preview of the special recorded speech to MUNA delegates from Australia's real Ambassador to the United Nations, Gary Quinlan (right).



CLUB SPEAKER

Bill Carroll wins the prize for the most obscure topic ever for a 3 minuter: "Fish Ladders"...couldn't have picked that one!! So how do you get a fish to take the elevator?? Well, at the Stevens Weir on the Edward River they are building a vertical slot fishway—they're giving the fish a ladder so they can move upstream and restock the river more effectively after 10 years of drought. So no more easy fishing at the weir wall, the fish are on the move...upwardly mobile in fact.



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: Helen Michener, Marie Matthews, Robyn Carroll.
- Apologies: John, Clive, Rob, Mark, Rod, Alastair, Ray, Patty, Sel, Peter, Brian, David E.
- Attendance: 13 (52%)
- Lucky Draw: Terry Booth
- Birthdays: Karen Sedgwick 18 May
- Anniversaries: none

SERGEANT'S SESSION:

There were old people fines for walking and even a great cross-country skiing tip for the more sedate among us—"start with a small country!!". There were some betting fines for the closet punters and Keith has been forgetting gloves and helmets around town again—must be that carefree motorbike riding getting to him. We hear he's getting a new passport, so no highway in the world may be safe much longer!! Pam fined herself for verging on being undiplomatic during MUNA organising dramas, while Bill was fined for self awareness. Karen on the other hand was into self compassion (she fined and then forgave herself!). And finally, Sergeant Norm has us all interested in the latest trend—showering with one's glasses on—frightening we hear.



CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Pride of Workmanship Nominations to Geoff or Pam before the 17 May Board meeting please.

MUNA Update MUNA is finally about to happen and Pam has booked the van and men in white coats for next Sunday afternoon when it is all over. Thanks to all who are billeting and helping out. It is a big event for a small club but we are hoping it will be a great weekend. All the hard work is worth it when you get emails from excited kids out west who can't wait to roll their sleeves up and sort out some global problems.



Celebration The Club sent flowers to Ila Rogers to help celebrate her 80th birthday - spent with lots of family.

Sympathy Former member (1995-2002) Reg Dickinson passed away recently, and the Club sent sympathy and a bouquet to his widow Nerida.

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.

District Assembly President-elect David and Pam will be attending District Assembly in Uralla on 23 May. This is the last opportunity for those Board members who didn't make it to Kempsey earlier on.

CLUB NOTICES

14-16 May	MUNA
17 May	Board meeting
31 May	General Assembly
5 Jun	Auction
21 Jun	Changeover
12 Aug	RYDA
16 Aug	District Governor Jo Wilkin's visit

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	17 May	24 May	31 May
Attendance	Merv Richardson	Sel Rogers	Karen Sedgwick
Welcome/	Sel Rogers	Brian Armstrong	na
Club Speaker	Karen Sedgwick	George Smede	na
Vote of Thanks	Patty Delaney	David Edwards	na
Guest Speaker	Scott Hunt Woolgoolga Swimming Pool—the ongoing saga	tbc	General Assembly

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)