

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

WOOP! WHISPER

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TONIGHT'S MEETING (24 May)

Tonight, our own Patty Delaney will be talking to us about Cancer Awareness and the Relay for Life. The Cancer Council has asked all Rotary clubs to invite a speaker to outline these issues and as we have our own resident expert, tonight's the night. Come along if you can...it might just save your life or the life of somewhat near and dear.



Please note next week (31 May) in your diaries. It is a newly announced Partner's Night: our exchange student Laura is going to tell us all about her homeland Germany—we only have her for a couple more months now so don't miss this one..

Meeting Place

Woolgoolga Bowling Club

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

6654 7700 by 10.30am Monday

LAST MEETING (17 May)

Scott Hunt, Manager of Woolgoolga Pool originally came to Woopi for 2 years and stayed for 26. He loves his job and loves the community. Scott leases the pool from Coffs Council and when he walks away from the job will not leave with any assets. Despite this, his pride in his work has seen him sink more than \$200,000 of his own money into improvements, landscaping and maintenance of the complex over the years.

These days, the Pool is in serious need of repair by the Council. It is losing 10,000 litres a day due to a leak in the pipes. This is water for which Scott pays the bill on the way in and then on the way out again although Council has temporarily picked up some of that bill after finally coming all the way to the northern beaches to see the complex (first visit to the pool by the mayor ever!!). Coffs Council has spent money of Coffs pool and Sawtell pool and has neglected Woolgoolga Pool for many years.

Scott does not believe in making noises about these things and had assumed that Council was dealing with the other pool managers on the same basis. Silly Scott. The others have got funding for repairs, have not had to sink their money into the complexes and Council recently found \$5 million to repair Coffs Pool even though Scott has had his hand up for much longer. Some of us think Scott is too nice and doesn't whinge enough. Council recently undertook to spend \$100,000 straight away to deal with the leak—that was February and Scott is still waiting. Meantime, Sawtell Pool just scored \$250,000 for beautification. Time for some letter writing folks!!

CLUB SPEAKER

Karen, who has somehow managed to escape the 3 minute time slot, finally got a guernsey and thoroughly entertained us talking about the Giants' Causeway in County Antrim, Ireland. We not only learned the scientific explanation for how the rocks were formed 60 million years ago in the Paleogenic period, but also the much more interesting tale of Finn McCool (Fionn mac Cumhaill), the Irish giant, who built the causeway to fight Benandonner, the Scottish giant who ran away frightened of a "baby".



STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: none.

Visitors: Laura Hohrein (YEP), Scott Hunt.

Apologies: John, Clive, Rob, Mark, Rod, Alastair, Ray, Brian, Echah, George, Terry.

Attendance: 14 (56%)

Lucky Draw: Patty Delaney

Birthdays: Keith Minhinnett 26 May

Anniversaries: none

SERGEANT’S SESSION:

Talk of the stimulus plan didn’t save Dick from a fine for falling asleep at MUNA. Karen’s birthday was cause for celebration fines. Bill was fined for having too good a time at MUNA enjoying the lolly bribes. MUNA was also Sel’s downfall, he was fined for missing the turn-off to the school—twice in the one day. Merv scored a littering fine, although it was down to Keith’s bag tying skills. There were also a couple of touchy feely fines with Patty fined for too much hugging and Trish for patting Dick down while looking for a pen!

CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Gulargambone, a village in western NSW (between Coonamble and Gilgandra) does not have its own Rotary Club and the local teacher sent out a call for help in sponsoring 8 kids to attend The Science Experience at the University of NSW. Woolgoolga Rotary has decided to sponsor one student and we have heard that 6 of the 8 kids are now sponsored by various clubs in the district.



RYAG Equine Tamworth: Our Club is sending local horse enthusiast Holly Lockwood to attend RYAG Equine (\$200), a 3-day horse camp at Tamworth 28—30 May 2010 for Year 10 & 11 high school students interested in a career in the industry.

MUNA Well, we did it! It’s over!! Well done everyone. A special MUNA edition of the Whisper reveals all.

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. Karen’s partner Col is entering a 4 person team we understand. Contact Secretary David for info.

LIONS Club Changeover All members have been invited to attend on Thurs 17 June (\$20, 6:30 for 7pm, Bowling Club). President-elect David will represent the Club; let Secretary David know before 11 June if you wish to attend.

Australian Rotary Health The Club has decided to donate \$500 . (One major focus is mental health research. It also provides scholarships for Rural Nursing and Medical Training.)

Northern Beaches Youth Centre Sunday 23 May 2-6pm there will be a folk band performing at the Centre. Drop in and check it out to support the organisers.

Cancer Fundraiser Have some fun playing bowls to raise funds. 9.30am, Sunday 13 June, \$10 a person and you don’t need to have bowled before. Contact Trish for info or check out the poster in the Post Office window.

Coffs Harbour Stroke Recovery Club 1-4pm Wed.,26 May, at Coffs Ex-Services. Support for stroke recovery.

CLUB NOTICES

- 31 May Partners night
- 5 Jun Auction
- 21 Jun Changeover
- 12 Aug RYDA
- 16 Aug District Governor Jo Wilkin's visit
- 9 Sep Getting Out there Day

DISTRICT NOTICES

- 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 | | | |
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| Date | 24 May | 31 May Partners Night | 7 June |
| Attendance | Sel Rogers | Karen Sedgwick | Ray Willing |
| Welcome/ Fellowship | Brian Armstrong | Trish Baker | Terry Booth |
| Club Speaker | George Smede | Brian Armstrong | Trish Baker |
| Vote of Thanks | David Edwards | Pamela Fayle | Rod Mackenzie |
| Guest Speaker | Patty Delaney Cancer Awareness | Laura Hohrein “My homeland— Germany” | Rashmeer Bhatti “Woolgoolga’s Sikh history” |

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

**Vacancies for Directors,
See Geoff or David F.**

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

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