

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

## WOOP! WHISPER

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### TONIGHT'S MEETING (7 Jun)



Curious about Woolgoolga's Sikh heritage? Rashmeer Bhatti, who has written a book about Woolgoolga's Sikh history, will be giving us an insight into this part of our local community's colourful history.



**Don't forget the auction this Sat 5 June— weather permitting! (Looking pretty dicey at this point!) Please think about how you & your friends & family might be able to chip in and give more help to the thinning ranks of those doing auction pickups, rubbish removal, carrying goods, and being auctioneers. Brian will train volunteers on the public address system this Sat.**

### LAST MEETING (31 May) - Laura on Germany

A large audience was treated to an outstanding talk on her homeland, Germany, by YEP student Laura Hohrein. We learned a little more about Laura — her love of ballroom and show dancing, and travel, and 6 years as a Scout — about her family & best friend, and about her home city, Mainz, near Frankfurt, with its 1000-year-old cathedral, old town with half-timbered buildings, boutiques etc. Germany was neatly encapsulated in the rest of the talk, *Germany between Tradition and Future*: bordering 9 neighbours; 82m people in 16 states or Länder; area fits into Australia nearly 23 times; parliamentary democracy with Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Horst Köhler; former East & West reunified in 1990, celebrated now by German Unity Day. Laura took us



on a trip through some of the major tourist areas, including a favourite place, the Black Forest, famous also for the Black Forest Cake, which Laura bakes much better than Australians! Also, Cologne is not only famous for its cathedral, but also the chocolate museum! We learned about Germany's religion, education, music and poetry, the origin of the flag colours, and about the national traits such as obedience to authority, tidiness, organisation and punctuality. Patty assured us that Laura was indeed tidy! And the impressive modern side of Germany, including an impressive track record of innovation and technology — including magnetic levitation trains setting track records in China! BMW, Mercedes, Audi, VW and Porsche; Mayer Werft; Siemens; printing from Gutenberg to Heidelberg; auto-charging of trucks on tollroads; MP3 sound format invented by Prof K Brandenburg ... the list goes on. Beer, wine and cuisine featured too, and the oldest food quality law in the world, the Beer Purity Law of 1516.

A very occasional stumble over a complicated word only served to remind us of how impressively fluent her English is. Thank you Laura for the huge amount of work you put into this talk! We also enjoyed the gummibears specially imported for this session.



**CLUB SPEAKER:** Brian Armstrong's alarming promise to tell us all about his 36-year teaching career quickly fizzled to nought, as he revealed that he was intending to

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:** Carol Lewis, Fred Day, Helen, Sally, Bronwyn, Marlies, Joy, Marie, Yvonne

**Apologies:** John, Clive, Rob, Mark, Alastair, Ray, Pam, Trish.

**Attendance:** 17 (68%)

**Lucky Draw:** Joy Richardson

**Birthdays:** none

**Anniversaries:** Sel & Ila  
Rogers 7 Jun

leave us during June for a Rotary Club much nearer his Boambee home, where he would have to get up early for meetings! He thanked the club very much for an enjoyable 15 years, during which the club had undergone many changes, and the best and worst of times, surviving them all. He emphasised the need to do something to bolster auction pickups (as already mentioned on page 1).

Brian — *we* thank *you* for all you have done for the club, and wish you and Yvonne well and hope to see you often.

### SERGEANT'S SESSION:

Another heroic fine session by Norm & Terry. Peter Lacy came up with several things you never knew your mobile could do. (1) If your car has remote keyless entry and you've locked your keys (but not your mobile!) in, phone someone at home, and while holding your mobile near the car door, have them press the "unlock" button on your spare keys. Your car should unlock! [Many who had locked keys in copped fines.] (2) if your mobile battery is low, press the keys \*3370# to activate a hidden reserve. This will recharge during your next recharging. Fines:

Sel had "done bloody nuthin' for two weeks" [*but your editor can assure readers that half of his Sunday had been spent on auction pickups and taking rubbish to the tip*]; "d" being next to "f" on the keyboard was dangerous for David F trying to type "my wife Pam" ... ; Echah, en route to the two previous meetings, had missed both, chasing escaped horse and dog (the horse made it to a local bar, where a concerned barman asked, "Why the long face?"); George had missed last week planting his Russian garlic in the full moon, but it was heavily overcast (then denied it all!); Merv forgot his wallet, and knocked a hole in the bathroom wall; Terry injured himself demolishing a garage; and nobody at all had applied for \$250,000 of funds for community gardens from Coffs Council (with many puns!).

### CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

**Kits for Kids:** missing from the article last issue was a big thank you to Rob White for organising the funding through a District Simplified Grant (DSG) to District 9650 from The Rotary Foundation. Look out for follow-up stories in Rotary Down Under and the local press.

**Changeover Dinner** will be \$30 per head, and all members should receive their invitations by tonight's meeting or by mail. The first course will be finger food from 6pm on, then we will sit at 6:30 for the rest.

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

**A reminder about the bowls Cancer Fundraiser** 9.30am, Sunday 13 June, \$10 a person. Contact Trish for info.

**Trailer fixed.** Thanks to Terry for arranging a new jockey wheel and other repairs.

#### CLUB NOTICES

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

20-23 Jun International Convention  
 Montreal Canada  
 3 Jul District Changeover  
 Jan 2011 Polio vaccination trip to India  
 Feb 2011 GSE team from Alberta visits

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	7 June	14 June Public Holiday	21 June Changeover
Attendance	George Smede	No meeting	Bill Carroll
Welcome/ Fellowship	Trish Baker	"	Geoff Royal
Club Speaker	Sel Rogers	"	n/a
Vote of Thanks	Rod Mackenzie	"	n/a
Guest Speaker	Rashmeer Bhatti "Woolgoolga's Sikh history"	NO MEETING	Holly Lockwood on RYAG-Equine

**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)