

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



Mark Graham is a Coffs Harbour City Councillor elected in 2008 who represents council on the Coastal and Estuary Management Advisory Committee, Coffs Coast Regional Park Trust, Coffs Coast Tourism Association (Alternate), Coramba Interagency Community Working Party, Environmental Working Group, Koala Plan of Management Advisory Committee, Orara



Meeting Place
Woolgoolga
Diggers (RSL)
Monday Evenings
6.00pm for 6.15pm
Apologies to
6654 1234

River Restoration Project Management Committee, Solitary Islands Marine Park Advisory Committee and the Yandaara Aboriginal Consultative Committee. Mark will no doubt impart an insiders shufti of the inner wheel of local government.

LAST WEEK

Dr Mark Kallman (one of our local Veterinary Surgeons) spoke of unusual snake biology and adaptations; a passion he acquired at the age of five being a young adventurous boy in Johannesburg's ant hills (I don't know anyone else that would put their hand in an anthill to see what they could find)! The very thought of this exploit sent shivers down most members spines and many were grateful that lively specimens were not on display (attendance at the meeting may have been higher if we knew this in advance!!)



Mark continued to mesmerize us (just like the King Cobra) with potent information on where snakes came from, the myths surrounding snakes, the many attributes snakes have and allayed our fears with punctuating facts that there are no poisonous snakes in the world! Frogs are poisonous, snakes are venomous, the most venomous is the Viper found in India (phew) and the deadliest is the Inland Taipan (can anyone remember where this one is)? Another feel good from Mark was that our Aussie snakes are a calm lot as they have no predators as such, unlike the Honey Badger in Sth Africa who enjoys a good stoush with a snake.

Mark's informative talk was in no way constricting, instead we were fed many explanations of amazing words such as compartmentalization, fasciotomy, neurotoxins, hemotoxins, myotoxins and cytotoxins and the potential opportunity for new drugs from snake venom. Mark concluded his side winding speech with a lively question time and the fact (luckily for him) that he has never been bitten, only spat at. We wished him well in his future endeavours. Ant hills in Australia might be more fun.

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: Nil

Guests: Dr Mark Kallman,
Laura - our YEPPER from Germany

Apologies: John, Terry, Patty,
Clive, Peter, Rod, Norm, Geoff
Rogers, Sel, Rob & Echah

Attendance: : 11/23 (48%)

Lucky Draw: David Edwards

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Merv & Joy 5 Aug, Dick 6 August,
Geoff Royal 7 Aug

A VOTE of THANKS

Whilst the editor was away the club received word from long standing Member, Charles Phipps, that he had decided to hang up his hat and retire from the club. Fortunately for us Charles has accepted an Honorary Membership and his wife Elizabeth (a Paul Harris Fellow last year) will continue to be a "Friends of Rotary" for our club. Elizabeth and Charles were seen working as usual at the Auction last week. Thank you both for many years of hard work and dedication.



MEMBERSHIP FEES (half year \$100) are **NOW OVERDUE!**



VISIT BY 9650 YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Keith advised District 9650 YEP students will be arriving on Wednesday August 26 and departing Friday, August 28. Billets are required for 2 nights. There are 15 Students and 2 accompanying adults. Please advise Keith how many you can accommodate. The opportunity is rewarding and lots of fun. A welcome BBQ has been organised and further activities TBA.

PUBLIC SPEAKING - Keith will liaise with Woolgoolga High and advise further. Probably incorporate into a September meeting. Judges are required. Zone is in October.

RYDA - [see next page for important information regarding our new project.](#)

ADVANCE NOTICE 17 AUGUST - Partners Night

A BIG NIGHT for our club with the DG Neville Parsons as our Guest Speaker along with a representative from VIVA (Victorian International Volunteers Association) - organised by Rob White. Sure to be a stimulating night so watch this space for further information.

CLUB SPEAKER

In the absence of our club speaker, Laura (our new Yepper) was put on the spot and gave an impromptu speech about herself. Mainz is her hometown on the Rhine River in Germany, not too far from Frankfurt. Laura attends a co-ed school and some of her favourite things are dancing and horse riding. Laura follows in her older sister's footsteps, Josephine who came to Australia on exchange 2yrs ago in Grafton. Well done Laura and happy sixteenth birthday for August 16.



MESSAGE from Norm, Helen and Sarah Michener

Please pass on our thanks to all Woopi Rotarians for their thoughts, prayers and support. Camille's Cottesloe Beach WA celebration service went beautifully. We will scatter some of Camille's ashes on Look-At-Me-Now headland, Emerald Beach, early Sept. Date yet to be decided. All invited.



CLUB NOTICES	Date	Event
	10 Aug	Board Meeting
	17 Aug	DG Neville Parsons' Visit - Partners' Night
	20 Aug	RYDA
	26 & 27 Aug	District 9650 Yep Students visit 09
	30 Sept	GOTD Woolgoolga High

DISTRICT NOTICES	Event
	AUGUST is Membership Month - See Page 18 of August "Rotary Down Under" Magazine. Interested?
	New national TV commercial. Have you seen it?
	RYLA 10-17 April, 2010 at Bonny Hills
	International Convention Montreal Canada - June 2010

MEETING DUTY ROSTER		Please swap nights if you cannot attend	
Date	10 August	17 August	24 August
Attendance	Sel Rogers	Rod Mackenzie	Merv Richardson
Welcome/Speaker Introduction	Echah Wright	Geoff Royal	TBA
Club Speaker	Patty Delaney	VIVA -Dokta Eugene	Geoff Rogers
Vote of Thanks	Ray Willing	Geoff Royal	TBA
Guest Speaker	Mark Graham Coffs Councillor	DG Neville Parsons	TBA

**The future of Rotary
Woolgoolga
IS IN YOUR HANDS**

Directors required

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

AUCTIONEERS required
for 1st Sat of the month
(see Sel & Keith)



WOOLGOOLGA - 20 August 2009

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED - All members invited to participate

Keith and his committee over the next 10 days will re-circulate a Roster and advise members of various duties required eg Teachers Aide/Presenters Aide and provide you with a formal program with a timetable for the day. Your day will commence at approx 9am and finish at 2pm but this has yet to be confirmed. More great information can be found at www.ryda.org.au

HELP MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR LOCAL YOUTH - "IT'S IN YOUR HANDS"

WHAT IS RYDA? Rotary Youth Driver Awareness

The RYDA Program is a road safety education program aimed at reducing death and injury amongst young people on Australian roads. The Program targets 16 to 17 year olds who are at the stage of their lives where they start to drive or ride in a vehicle driven by their peers.

RYDA'S MISSION

To provide first quality road safety information to youth. To help ensure that when young people commence driving they have had the best road safety education possible.

HISTORY of RYDA

In July 2000 after a devastating loss when 4 teenage boys lost their lives in a horrendous car crash on Old Northern Rd in the Hills District the Hills Rotary Clubs set out to help avoid a repetition of this appalling accident in a practical way by establishing and sponsoring a youth driver awareness program.

A public meeting was held where local Rotary clubs in this district, the Salvation Army, the RTA, local police, councils, schools, businesses, Road Safety offices and community groups were well represented. Also attending the meeting was Rotarian, Bruce Angus who had successfully run a small country-focused driver awareness program in the Wingecarribee area called "U-Turn the Wheel".

Curriculum and session plans were carefully constructed and refined in close collaboration with the Department of Education and Training, the Department of Transport, the Police Department, the Department of Health and the Department of Fair Trading. Approximately 1,200 Year 11 students from six schools in the Hills area attended the program in its inaugural year. Now almost 100,000 students have participated in the RYDA program, held in venues all across Australia.

VOLUNTEERS ON THE DAY - A brief synopsis

There will be a RYDA Day Manager and Assistant. Any questions you have should be directed to the Day Manager. You will be required to wear identifying clothing (this TBA but possibly your blue Rotary Shirt).

The Program will commence with a welcome and introduction by the RYDA Day Manager before students are lead by their Guide to attend the first session. Time is allocated for morning tea and lunch (sausage sizzle). You will greet and accompany students, assist presenters or teachers and ensure the program runs smoothly and on time.

The RYDA Program is delivered in six sessions. Students will be divided into groups. Each group is allocated a Guide (volunteer Rotarian) who will lead the group from session to session. Students must stay in their allocated group all day to gain the full benefit from the RYDA experience. To help students identify their group they will be allocated with a colour (usually arm-bands). So come along, enjoy being part of a fabulous program. Take away the positive rewards!