

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA INC.

WOOP! WHISPER

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Club President
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District Governor
Neville Parsons

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TONIGHT

Members and Partners will enjoy an informative evening. We have the pleasure of welcoming our District Governor, Neville Parsons as our Guest Speaker. Also on the program, Dokta Eugene Leduce, one of a group of doctors from Vancouver, Canada who form (VIVA), Victoria International Volunteer Association that provide humanitarian medical aid to third world countries. Lenakel Hospital, Tanna Island, Vanuatu, where our District has Project Tafea, is one of the hospitals that VIVA looks after. Dokta Eugene has just completed his 6 months tour of duty and is visiting relatives in Australia before returning to his practice in Canada. He will provide a slideshow and talk of his experiences with VIVA.



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

LAST WEEK

Our guest speaker was Mark Graham, a newly elected member of Coffs Harbour City Council with an environmental background; his topic, "Which Way Forward for the Mid North Coast". Mark's vision for the area came from his concerns regarding our current growth patterns provided by the ABS. Our greatest asset is water with the CSIRO predicting a horticultural focus from Port Macquarie to Tweed Heads. There are diverse opportunities not yet recognized or realized, one idea being a commuter rail service along the proposed new highway. Tourism is still number 1 and our coastal villages highly desirable. Current development needs to be rethought, medical, retail and community transport are high on his agenda. A lively Q & A ensued regarding Aged Care, completion of the proposed bike track, recommended horticultural crops and companies, Council's investments (sub-prime exposures) and how they would address this problem. Clearly Mark enjoyed giving his time. We enjoyed having him. He welcomes any suggestions via his council email.

CLUB SPEAKER

Patty spoke of the importance and benefits of volunteering and quoted ABS figures regarding the astonishing numbers of volunteers both in the field and behind the scenes such as carers. Patty took the opportunity to announce one of the Cancer Councils major fundraisers, Daffodil Day on Friday, August 28. The target mark for the Mid North Coast is \$85,000 with 500 volunteers involved to gain that charitable dollar. Cancer effects 1 in 2 people.




NEWS

A thank-you letter from Amelia Ward was read by President Geoff. Our donation towards new hand splints have given her more hand function for which she is very grateful.

Secretary David gave a brief analysis of the visioning exercise completed and gave members a hard copy to read at leisure.



Seen at Aloy Dee Thai Restaurant last Saturday night with a few of our members, current Yepper from Germany, birthday girl Laura having her cake and eating it to and about to make a wish come true! Hey Laura! We already know..... You are living in "The missing piece of paradise" affectionately know as Woopi! Hope you had a great birthday. 

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: Nil

Guests: Mark Graham

Apologies: Terry, Clive, Peter, Norm, Geoff Rogers, Sel (arriving late), George, Rob & Mark

Attendance: : 14/23 (61%)

Lucky Draw: Brian Armstrong

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

David Edwards 28 August

World Record - longest bra chain, Australia now has it! We have beaten Cyprus by 51km. It has taken a little over 3yrs to collect 166,735 bras to make 163km and take the record. Bras were kindly donated by Australians all over including our area which was organised by Karen Sedgwick. "Citizens who Care" spokesperson Rob Bauer said with a replacement value average of \$30 per bra that would make the record breaking effort worth \$6.2 million. A fantastic result for breast cancer awareness and for the McGrath Foundation as many people also donated funds. Lifeline will be distributing over 20,000 bras to Afghanistan and to many other third world countries. See more by following the link below shown on ABC TV.

<http://www.abc.net.au/local/videos/2009/08/09/2650398.htm?site=widebay>

INTERNATIONAL

Rob White forwards an email (below) from John Robertson, Project Coordinator, RAWCS which tells of the sad news of Kingsley a valued friend of Rotarians visiting the Kokoda Track. He was also advised by PDG Bob Young, who coordinates the RAWCS Committee PNG activities, that another casualty of the crash was one of the local PNG mine management team that has organised and provided valuable donations in order that Rotary may undertake projects in PNG. This is certainly a sad occasion for Rotary.

"I have been advised by Noel Causer that one of the casualties in the Kokoda Air Disaster was Kingsley husband of Grace who runs the Kokoda Post Office and both of whom have assisted many of our RAWCS teams to the area".

SERGEANT'S SESSION

The wheels fell off when it was discovered something about age deficient attention disorder reigned - what was that? Autographs were not forthcoming; there were peas on the floor; something about Tamworth footy knockout and then onto second in the State; taxes for visitors and for non payment of fees... Hurry back Norm, we miss you mate!



For Information: "Every Rotarian is responsible for Rotary's public relations"

quote *Rotary Downunder Magazine*. An informed Rotarian is a better Rotarian. Rotary World Press publications are a vital communications link between RI and Rotarians in your District. The network consists of 31 regional magazines published in 26 languages. *Rotary Down Under* is the **ONLY** direct link between you as a Rotarian and the RI

Board of Directors! See also <http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/>

CLUB NOTICES	20 Aug	RYDA - 9am Sharp	DISTRICT NOTICES	AUGUST is Membership Month - Have you received the "Membership Minute"?
	26 Aug - 6pm	Nth Beaches Residents Assoc. Inc. Meet		SEPTEMBER is New generations month
		Public School		
	26 & 27 Aug	District 9650 Yep Students visit 09		RYLA 10-17 April, 2010 at Bonny Hills
	30 Sept	GOTD Woolgoolga High		International Convention Montreal Canada - June 2010

MEETING DUTY ROSTER		Please swap nights if you cannot attend	
Date	17 August	24 August	31 August
Attendance	Rod Mackenzie	Merv Richardson	Patty Delaney
Welcome/Speaker Introduction	Geoff Royal	Ray Willing	TBA
Club Speaker	VIVA -Dokta Eugene	Dick Matthews	
Vote of Thanks	Geoff Royal	Patricia Baker	TBA
Guest Speaker	DG Neville Parsons	Gillian Sward "Being prepared for your later years"	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)