

# 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

Gillian Sward will be our guest speaker. Gillian is well known to many members. She is one of the strong supporting cast behind the very successful Curryfest and a new homeowner in Safety Beach. Gillian is a solicitor who will talk about "being prepared for your later years". Partners are very welcome to come.



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

### LAST WEEK - a busy night indeed!!

**Doctor Eugene Leduce** from Victoria (BC) International Volunteer Association has just completed 6 months in Lenakel Hospital, Tanna Island, Vanuatu. Eugene presented an outstanding slide show of his experiences in Tanna with his wife (also a Doctor). An interesting insight to what life is like for those who volunteer their precious time. Anybody wishing to do so should see Rob White.

**District Governor**, Neville Parsons visited, met with the Board and addressed members and partners with an inspiring talk that set the context for what we do. One key message was "**Rotary is what Rotary does**", and Neville was impressed with our past achievements, particularly the Seniors Centre, and the activities in progress, including, RYDA. Neville said "thank you for a wonderful time at your Club meeting last night and for your hospitality. I applaud the Club for the recent Survey of Service priorities and also for the about to be undertaken Community survey." As well as several Rotary contributions to the community, Neville also had the opportunity to see some of the sites of Woolgoolga, including headlands, and a visit to the Guru Nanak Sikh temple, hosted by Club member John Arkan and Harjinder Singh, priest of the Sikh temple. John explained the way of life that is Sikhism, and how followers' lives are guided by the teachings of the ten Sikh gurus, belief in the social equality of women and men, the flag, and the five symbols of Sikhism.



### YOUTH and RYDA in particular

The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness programme was conducted on Thursday August 20. Thanks to the members who stimulated the clubs involvement and facilitated the event - particularly Keith, David F, David E and Pam. There were numerous others who made their time and/or equipment available to ensure our 1st RYDA was a success - thanks to all concerned, we mention some:

Woopi High and students; Woolgoolga Rural Fire Brigade (with truck); Mike Blewitt Ford; the Cancer Council; Woolgoolga Bowling Club; Jim & Heidi's Driving Academy; Seniors Centre; Woolgoolga Sports Council; Ryan Earthmoving (safety barriers); Community Hall; Jim Woodhill (driver); Dr Rouan Lerm; Ambulanceman John Alford; Policeman Tony Saunders; Robert Hoiles-Office of Fair Trading; John Black - Ted Noffs oundation; particular thanks to brave crash survivor, Les Burrell;



### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** Neville Parsons, Peter Farquhar & Deb Farquhar

**Guests:** Dr Leduce, Laura, Tom and Brianna (Yeppers), Karen and many partners

**Apologies:** Terry, Clive, Peter, Norm, Geoff Rogers, George, & Mark

**Attendance:** : 16/23 (70%)

**Lucky Draw:** Rob White

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:**

Rob White 24, David Edwards 28, David Fayle 30, Peter Lacy 31

## RYDA (cont)

Rotarians: Tim Roe - RYDA Venue Chair, Armidale; Irene Prince and Peter Rheinberger-Coffs South; RYDA representative Greg Rappo and 2 "friends of Rotary": Karen Sedgwick and Luke Clarke, caterers and organisers - Ila, Marie, Judy and Donna Vale - a great catering effort.

Prime TV gave coverage on Thursday night. Your omnipresent roving reporter was able to gauge some feedback on RYDA the next day (Friday) when bumping into a group of Y11 students on a marine excursion at the beach. When asked, one of the RYDA participants said everybody thought it was good and "it really opened my eyes". Feedback has been positive from all of the 111 participating students and we look forward to some great coverage in the local press. See page 3 for some photo coverage of the day.

**GOOD NEWS WEEK** is published fortnightly by Woopi High. A team including our YEPER Tom won a debating competition by successfully arguing that "humanity is no longer humane". We expect Tom's Rotary experience will at least assist an understanding of his opponents' views in future!!! Well done Tom.

The Editor's mouth watered at the Good News write up on the flavours bestowed on fellow Rotarians and partners when they attended the "Allegro Ristorante at WHS".

**NBYC (Northern Beaches Youth Centre)** received some seed sponsoring and equipment from the Club. Karen Sedgwick has been the Rotary person involved. She asks if somebody can now take the reigns? NBYC reports that its recent movie night went really well. NBYC are concentrating on Youth Day 29th August from 4-10pm. There will be a BBQ and live music. More volunteers needed.

## SERGEANT'S SESSION

Time was short so cross fines only were offered up. Someone aired their dirty laundry in San Francisco with "Sam Ting" and you could hear a pin drop but unfortunately it was never found and as a consequence of this a new one was dutifully provided by our DG Neville. Being late is always a quandary for some, birthdays are never forgotten (as hard as we try) and you can't win the lucky door prize for nothing.

<b>CLUB NOTICES</b>	26 & 27 Aug	District 9650 Yep Students visit	<b>DISTRICT NOTICES</b>	September 5	21st Rotary Cartoons Awards - Rotary Club - Coffs Harbour City, Bunker Cartoon Gallery
	30 Sept	GOTD Woolgoolga High		SEPTEMBER	is New Generations Month
	September 5	Auction Woolgoolga High		March 12 -14	District Conference Port Macquarie
	September	Public Speaking - date TBA by Keith		April 10-17	RYLA 2010 at Bonny Hills
	October			June 2010	International Convention Montreal Canada
	November				
	December	Christmas dinner party - suggestions?			

<b>MEETING DUTY ROSTER</b>		Please swap nights if you cannot attend	
Date	24 August	31 August	6 September
<b>Attendance</b>	Merv Richardson	Patty Delaney	David Edwards
<b>Welcome/Speaker Introduction</b>	Ray Willing	David Fayle	TBA
<b>Club Speaker</b>	Dick Matthews	George Smede	Merv Richardson
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Patricia Baker	Keith Minhinnett	Geoff Rogers
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Gillian Sward "Being prepared for your later years"	Jim and Heidi Arnold "RYDA Feedback"	TBA

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

Directors required (Assistant Treasurer too!)

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

AUCTIONEERS required for 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the month (see Sel & Keith)



# Rotary Youth Driver Awareness

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Thursday 20 August 2009

HELPING MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR LOCAL YOUTH



Our no speed demon - Jim (Jim & Heidi's Driving Academy)



Tim Roe Rotary Armidale (L) with RYDA Rep Greg Rappo



Crashes do happen! Our brave man - Les Burrell



Wheely expensive - Finance & Insurance



Day Manager - Trouble shooting David



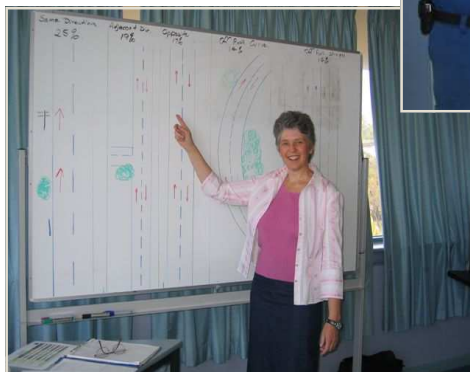
Some like it hot

*Some of Our Hands*



The boys in blue - John Alford (L) Tony Saunders

The girls in blue



Hazzard Perception

