

# 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

Peter Newbold from the Tursa Employment agency will talk to us about employment opportunities on the Northern Beaches.



**Meeting Place**

**Woolgoolga Diggers (RSL)**

**Monday Evenings**

**6.00pm for 6.15pm**

**Apologies to**

**6654 1234**

### LAST WEEK

Keith advised the YEP district stopover visit went well and all had a great time. He thanked those who provided accommodation and helped make the visit a success. As a consequence of this visit a social dinner evening is suggested for club members (perhaps an Italian night) to utilize the left over (now frozen) lasagne. Acting President Sel called for suggested dates.....

Dick told members of his official club duty presenting an annual debating trophy. This competition has been running for 9yrs between local primary schools; Korora, Sandy Beach, Mulla-way and Woolgoolga. The big night was 28 August with 24 participants. Korora won the night... Treasurer Ray was under pressure to reveal who hadn't paid their membership fees and changed the subject admirably by tempting Members present with draft Annual Financial Statements which are now ready for viewing by those who wished to indulge. They will be audited late September, early October due to the Auditors being too busy until then. Members were undeniably distracted! Please email Ray if you wish to peruse.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Jim and Heidi Arnold from the Learn to Drive School in Woolgoolga provided some RYDA Feedback. Jim was in charge of the track and Heidi was the class presenter for Hazard Perception.

Jim encouraged the club to continue with the program and told us of the positive response from the students. Jim was full of praise for the "RYDA" programme itself and how it was good for our youth but there was room for improvement. Jim's observations included more co-ordination, prior knowledge for presenters and volunteers and behind the scenes communication tools such as two way radios would help improve the day. Jim praised Jim Woodhill for his efforts and requested the club to secure him for next year along with the fire truck as a demonstration vehicle. Jim also suggested there could be parent involvement and asked if he could send his account of the day to "RYDA" management. He was encouraged to do so.

Keith added to Jim's report that a de-briefing was still to come at club level as well as valuable feedback from RYDA, Sydney which is expected shortly. Keith also informed the club that next year's date had been locked in with the school for 18 August 2010.

### CLUB SPEAKER

George gave us 3 minute eggs and cracked a few laughs with a continuation of his "Chook Chronicles". The strange winter weather has confused the chooks but production now seems to be back on track now that the little red hen's new hideaway nest with ten eggs was found.



### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:**

**Guests:** Jim & Heidi Arnold & Judy

**Apologies:** John, Trish, Patty, Pam, David, Clive, Peter, Rod, Norm, Merv, Geoff Rogers, Geoff Royal, Rob, Echah & Mark

**Attendance:** : 8/23 (35%)

**Lucky Draw:** Sel Rogers

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:**

Edith White 4, Brian 5, Peter & Sally Lacy 9, David & Susan Edwards 10

# SERGEANT'S SESSION

Acting sergeant Terry was like a grizzly bear in the woods about to receive food but visitors, bed and late tax was offered up first then followed massive amounts of lasagna and exploding pumpkin soup (cockroaches even made an appearance according to some eye witnesses) but it was something about chains, Brian's birthday and baby names that had us spelling out something wong. In the end it was decided that two wongs don't make it white!

## Auction September 5

Woolgoolga High provided assistance on the day. The weather was superb and a great crowd as usual. Members were kept busy throughout the day and a good result overall. Thanks to all that did the hard yards. See you next month!

## NEWS from DISTRICT

### Public Speaking Competition

This program is showcased in the finals on the Saturday of the District Conference each year. The lead up starts with clubs approaching their local secondary school(s) for candidates from Years 10 or 11 to compete at the club level. This round should be completed before the September/October school break. We hope to have ours on September 21 – so come along please. Club winners go to compete in their cluster round to find 9 cluster winners across the District. At Walcha, each February, the 9 compete and 4 are selected to present at our District Conference. The prize, donated by Harvey World Travel – Inverell, is a return airline ticket to New Zealand. The winner is hosted by NZ Rotarians during their stay.



Last year Luke Clarke went along from our club. This week-long residential program for 18 – 24 year olds seeks to strengthen leadership, citizenship, self-confidence, dignity and respect in young people. Participants frequently return from the week with comments of the experience as being life-changing and cathartic. Now is the time for us to start looking around for a young person, or persons, to send to RYLA in April 2010. See Keith for further information on all youth programs.

<b>CLUB NOTICES</b>	Sept 21 ?	Public Speaking TBC by Keith
	Sept 30	GOTD Woolgoolga High
	October	
	November	
	December	Christmas dinner party - suggestions?

<b>DISTRICT NOTICES</b>	SEPTEMBER	New Generations Month
	March 12 -14	District Conference Port Macquarie
	April 10-17	RYLA 2010 at Bonny Hills
	June 2010	International Convention Montreal Canada

<b>MEETING DUTY ROSTER</b>		Please swap nights if you cannot attend	
Date	7 September	14 September	21 September
<b>Attendance</b>	Ray Willing	David Edwards	Pam Fayle
<b>Welcome/Speaker Introduction</b>	Rod Mackenzie	David Fayle	TBA
<b>Club Speaker</b>	Merv Richardson	Terry Booth	TBA
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Patty Delaney	Brian Armstrong	TBA
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Peter Newbold Tursa Employment	Dean Evans (optometrist) Eye health issues	Hopefully Public Speaking TBC

**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)