

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

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THIS WEEK IS GENERAL ASSEMBLY YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE A SAY

Followed by something much more trivial—a trivia quiz

TONIGHT (30 Aug)

No guest speaker this week—it is general assembly time—a chance for members to help shape the year and let President David and Board members hear your thoughts. But it's not all serious business....once we've finished that discussion we have some trivia time for your entertainment....don't miss it.

LAST MEETING (23 Aug)

John Paul Ndayiragije shared his amazing and spirited story of escape from danger in Burundi after his dad, a doctor, was killed when John Paul was almost 6. Few of us could imagine the hardship of 12 years at Lukole refugee camp in Tanzania where there was usually no clean water within 5-10 km, few facilities and little food or medicine, and 2 million refugees.



To survive you had to also be lucky not to have armed soldiers take your food from you. Surviving on 200gms of maize, kidney beans and soya flour for porridge plus veggies from UNHCR (often mouldy) made it difficult for John Paul's mum Alice to protect her family but she is a tough lady. Her language skills

and abilities as a midwife enabled her to work in the camp and amass funds to buy 5 sewing machines and start a small business. John Paul was 18 on arrival in Australia. Several brothers are still in Africa.



Life in Australia was difficult without language, friends and direction. School was not made easy by students bullying him and telling him to go back to Africa. John Paul went to TAFE to finish year 12, came 8th in the cross country national finals in Perth, and as an Ethnic Aide now helps refugees deal with the difficulties of settling in. He has started a soccer team and a traditional Burundi Drum Group. He is married and his wife is studying nursing. John Paul was NSW volunteer of the year in 2009 and we are honoured he has now become an Aussie. Australia needs more people like this very brave and spirited family who now contribute to our local community.



Meeting Place

**Woolgoolga
Bowling Club**

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

**6654 7126 by
10.30am Monday**



John Paul Ndayiragije

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: none

Visitors: The Ndayiragije family (John Paul and his wife Clarisse, Mum Alice and brother Erik) ; Bronwyn Mackenzie

Apologies: John, Terry, Norm, Patty, Keith, George, Rob, Trish

Attendance: 13 (61.9%)

Lucky Draw: Bill

Birthdays: David Edwards 28 Aug, David Fayle 30 Aug, Peter Lacy 31 Aug, Edith White 4 Sep

Anniversaries: none—too busy having birthdays.

CLUB SPEAKER

Ray found himself with a hard act to follow after John Paul's epic journey from Burundi, but always with an eye on the ball, took us on a soccer journey—fitting given John Paul's shared interest in the game. Ray's long association with soccer has not only given personal enjoyment, playing from age 12 to 33, but has since helped him raise a lot of money for several charities (he now treasures a ball he owns with Diego Maradona's autograph).



SERGEANT'S SESSION

Not surprisingly there were some sapphire fines—Dick and Sel are still gobsmacked and the rest of us are still emotional. There were several fines for those who volunteered as polling booth attendants. We understand Peter was using a big stick but haven't been able to establish whether it was to fend off voters or compress votes in the ballot box. President David was fined for not wearing his jewellery last week and Merv copped a fishing spot fine.

CLUB NEWS

Fundraising for the Orphanage in Nepal As well as a garden & plant stall at the 4 September auction, a bush-dance has also been arranged to raise funds for the orphanage. The Bush Dance will be on Saturday 11 September, 6.30pm at the Community Centre, featuring band "Tallowood". Tickets are \$22 (see Echah **SOON PLEASE**).
Sunday 19 September Coffs City Rotary invites all bike riders to join them for the BCU Coffs Coast Cycle ride (75km starting & finishing at the Jetty; proceeds this year to ROMAC (see www.coffscostcyclechallenge.com.au))

Ranfurly Library Service (RAWCs) collects English language books and sorts and ships them to neighbouring Pacific Island countries as part of the donations in kind program of RAWCs. They need primary and 2ndary school reading books, hard and paperback novels for all ages, complete post-1980 encyclopedia sets, National Geographic and Australian Geographic magazines, Readers Digest and condensed books, geography, science, maths and post-1980 travel books (especially with photos), atlases and dictionaries. They DO NOT NEED non-English books, religious books, training manuals or text books on economics, commerce, history, music, Australian law or government reports or records, tapes and CDs and cannot use these. Books should be clean and not ripped or missing pages and preferably packed in cartons the size of copy paper boxes. Contact Barry Moscrop 9692 8460 for further info on how and where to ship the books as the depot is in Rozelle, Sydney.

CLUB NOTICES	4 Sep	Auction (Woopi High helpers)
	4 Sep	Also the Nepal Orphanage fund raising Plant Stall at the auction
	9 Sep	Getting Out There Day
	2 October	Auction (Red Rock Corindi Surf Lifesaving Club helpers)
	29 Nov-5 Dec	YEP Dive School tbc

DISTRICT NOTICES	SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH	
	OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH	
	Jan 2011	Polio vaccination trip to India
	Feb 2011	GSE team from Alberta visits
	17-19 Mar 2011	District Conference Coonabraban

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	30 August	6 September	13 September
Attendance	Patty Delaney	Pamela Fayle	Dick Matthews
Welcome/ Fellowship	n/a	George Smede	Ray Willing
Club Speaker	n/a	Echah Wright	Terry Booth
Vote of Thanks	n/a	Sel Rogers	Geoff Royal
Guest Speaker	General Assembly- Your chance to have a say in shap- ing the year Plus Trivia Quiz	Carrie Skinner Red Cross Blood Services	Christina Kiener Former YEPPER from Switzerland "Life after Woolgoolga"

**Your Rotary Club Needs
YOU**

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

AUCTIONEERS
For 1st Sat of the month (See
Sel)