

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

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AUCTION this Saturday. Support the Northern Beaches Youth Centre and help out at our last auction for the year if you can.

TONIGHT (6 Dec)

Our guest speaker for Monday night, Jeff Greenaway on Freemasonry, has had to postpone. In his place we will have 2 activities: Rob White will do a 10-15 minute presentation on a global look at RAWCS projects (other than Tanna and PNG which we have heard about recently) and we will spend 15-20 minutes discussing and ranking the 30 membership ideas. Please bring along your copy of the ideas sheet (we will have spare copies available) and any other thoughts/suggestions you have on growing our club.

LAST WEEK (29 Nov)

A big crowd met at the Sea Rescue Hall to welcome our visiting YEP students who had just finished their first training session at Woolgoolga Pool before trying the real thing in the ocean off the gorgeous Solitary Islands.



We had **Takuto Miwa and Yumika Hoshina from Japan; Emilio Fortanet from Mexico, Rebecca Taudes and Johannes Bernklau from Austria, Tati Giorgis from Argentina, Verner Salmi**

and Johanna Rynanen from Finland, Nani Ferreira Silva from Brazil, Jonathon Kreplin from Canada, Sarah Adamski from Belgium, and Johanna Budde from Germany. They were joined by our own **Stina Palm from Sweden and outbounder Jaimie Hunt** who is getting his first tastes of what it will be like on exchange next year in Brazil.

Thanks to all our host families for their efforts this week and big thanks to Keith and Patty. **Masterchef award to Keith for Monday night's sumptuous meal.** Thanks also to those who baked slices and goodies for dessert and/or otherwise helped out.



Meeting Place
Woolgoolga Bowling Club
Monday Evenings
6.00pm for 6.15pm
Apologies to
6654 7700 by 10.30am Monday



No culture or generation gap here!! ...Johannes and Dick tucking in!!

STATS AT A GLANCE
Visiting Rotarians: nil
Visitors: 13 YEP district exchange students; Jaimie Hunt, Mark Wright, Greg & Ryan Williams, Heather Messer. Also Rotary partners: Marie, Edith, Helen, Judy, Joy, Bronwyn.
Apologies: John, George, Sel, Merv, Terry, Echah, Ray, Bill, Karen, Trish, Peter, David E
Attendance: 9 (42.9%)
Raffle winner: n/a
Birthdays: Sue Smede 5 Dec, Echah Wright 9 Dec.
Anniversaries: Norm & Helen Michener 9 Dec.

CLUB NEWS

Two new banners exchanged last Monday with Clubs in Japan (Hitachi-Ota) and Mexico (Veracruz).



Last chance to nominate for Board positions for 2011-12 Our AGM is on 13 December so nominations need to be finalised for Norm Michener's presidential year (2011-12). Have a think and tell Norm if you are happy to nominate for a Board position which would be taken up in June 2011. Remember...it's your Club so help make it all happen.

Membership kits now available from Pam and a new campaign under way soon. We need more Club members to help us **make a difference in the community and more widely. Have a think about who should join us.**

Club Christmas Party is on 20 December. at the **Seaview Tavern starting at 6 for 6.15.** Cost is \$30 per head for a two course meal (roast pork with crackling and apple sauce, followed by pavlova with fresh cream & berries) and includes coffee/tea afterwards (but buy your own drinks before and during the meal). If you have dietary problems with this menu please let Pam know, so an alternative meal can be ordered for you. Honorary members will be invited as well as Club guests, Stina and her host families and families of our outbound students. No baby photos required this year, but we will be in touch about our entertainment and difficult questions may be asked this year!!

Dive School Don't forget the beach party on Friday evening 3 December on Mullaway Beach (weather permitting).

RAWCS—a chance to get a **perspective on what your District RAWCS does from the Pacific through South Asia to Africa:** District RAWCS meeting Sun 30 Jan, 11am ~1pm — Coffs Harbour, venue to be decided – Rotarians welcome. One highlight is the allocation of the Education Scholarship students to their funding club, incl. ours.

**Ask someone new to become a Rotarian to get involved locally and globally.
Invite them to join us and enjoy the 3 F's - Fun , Friendship and Fellowship**

CLUB NOTICES

4 December Auction (N.Beaches Youth Centre)
13 December Club AGM
20 December Christmas Party
10 January BBQ with Sawtell Rotary, Boambee
17 January First 2011 meeting at Bowling Club

DISTRICT NOTICES

DECEMBER IS ROTARY FAMILY MONTH
30 Jan (Sun 11am) District RAWCS meeting
Coffs (all welcome)
Jan 2011 Polio vaccination trip to India
Feb 2011 GSE team from Alberta visits
17-19 Mar 2011 District Conf. Coonabarabran
13-15 May 2011 MUNA in Woolgoolga
21-25 May 2011 Rotary Int'l Convention, New Orleans

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	6 December	13 December Annual General Meeting	20 December Christmas Party
Attendance	Peter Lacy	Patty Delaney	Geoff Royal
Welcome/ Fellowship	Pamela Fayle	n/a	David Fayle
Club Speaker	Membership discussion	n/a	n/a
Vote of Thanks	David Edwards	n/a	n/a
Guest Speaker	Rob White (RAWCS)	n/a	n/a unless you count Santa !

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

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

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

NOMINEES
For next year's board
(See President-elect Norm)

...and given the deluge of YEPPERS in Woopi this week it is time for a brief check on our OWN outlanders as they head for the home stretch in their last few weeks in Scandinavia.



For those of you who think it has been raining a lot here in Woopi...check out the following message from Brianna in Norway.... “The last weekend in October I went to Norway’s 2nd biggest city called Bergen. Here we were helping my host brother move apartments and also so I could go and explore a little bit. So during the weekend we helped my host brother pack up and move all his stuff and then my host sister and I explored the city. Bergen is meant to be the rainiest place in Norway, one time it rained for 89 days straight!”

So no complaining here folks until we have had at least 90 days of rain in a row!!

I’m sure you’ll all agree that Brianna’s companion (photo to left) is a bit of a troll - not a patch on her Woopi friends who I am sure she is looking forward to seeing again soon!

And this outlandish snippet from Tom.....

”The next week involved getting my class ready for our annual performance which involved music, dance, art and theatre. It was based in a failing hospital which is attempted to be shut down by the King, because people aren’t being sick anymore. In an attempt to fix this problem the hospital staff go into Alingsås and sabotage the community, making people sick. I have three very important roles, a sick person, an alcoholic and the queen of Sweden. The whole experience brought me very close to my friends in my class I thought.”



Yep, that’s our boy Tom on the left in drag— obviously not a shy bone in his body!! Less than 12 months and he’s already the Queen of Sweden!!

And below, I’m guessing he is in the role of the alcoholic!!! Looks like he had a lot of fun.

Tom’s Mum Donna is back home after visiting him in Sweden and is prouder than ever of her eldest boy after seeing him in situ conversing with his family in Swedish. Tom translated for Donna (a teacher) when she visited a local primary school to check out how things are done in Sweden.

I’m sure you’ll agree our two ambassadors are doing a great job and having the time of their lives on exchange.

