

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

## Woopi Whisper Woopi Whisper

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Club President  
**David Fayle**  
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**Jo Wilkin**  
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**DON'T FORGET.. AUCTION THIS SATURDAY, 5 FEB. PART PROCEEDS TO LOCAL SCOUTS & PART TO HELP BELLBOWRIE (W. BRISBANE) WITH FLOOD RELIEF—PARTICULARLY A HORSE-RIDING CENTRE FOR DISABLED RIDERS AND THE GIRL GUIDES HALL, BOTH DEVASTATED BY FLOOD WATERS.**

### TONIGHT (7 Feb)

We are hoping Alastair Milroy can come to talk about developments with the proposed multipurpose centre and, if not, we have plan B & plan C, both interesting presentations.

### LAST WEEK (31 JAN)

**John Alford** is very proud of his job and loves his work as part of a service provided to 6.7 million people in NSW. There is a call on an ambulance every 23 seconds on average and in most cases they are there within 10 minutes. NSW has 800 ambulances, 4 planes and 9 helicopters.



Like all paramedics, John has had 3 years training (including on-the-job training) and has to do regular courses to update his knowledge and skills. Woolgoolga has had its own ambulance service since 1967 and has 4 full-time officers and 2 part-time officers and 2 ambulance vehicles. John has worked in Wahroonga and northern parts of Sydney, Walcha, Raymond Terrace and at the Northern Operations Centre doing dispatch work. He has also participated in the Ceremonial Guard and is a peer support officer receiving long service and good conduct medals and a service commendation for his efforts. He is also very proud of his role as a presenter in the Traffic Offenders Program.

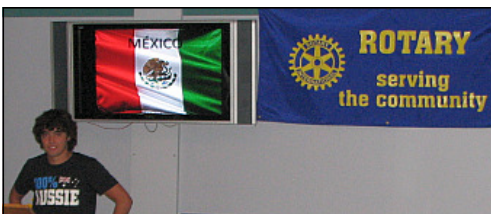
John provided useful info on recognising symptoms of heart attack and stroke and what to do while waiting for an ambulance. He gave us an insight into the work he does and we are very lucky to have him here in Woolgoolga.

### CLUB SPEAKER

We took advantage of YEPER **Emilio Vasquez Fortanet** being in town to complete his diving certificate, and heard a presentation he prepared earlier for his own host club, Coonamble. Emilio gave us a lot of info on Mexico, its structure of government, the story of independence and a little about the 111 million people that live there.



He showed us some sights of his home town, Acayucan, which is largely agricultural, producing cattle (Sebu beef cattle), coffee, sugar cane and citrus as well as fish. It has a population of 100,000.



Emilio passed his scuba diving qualification during his visit (a cold prevented this during the dive course). Earlier in the day Echah had him out on the beach exercising her horses!!

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



**John Alford**

### STATS AT A GLANCE

#### Visiting Rotarians:

**Visitors:** Stina Palm, Emilio Vazquez Fortanet, Greg and Ryan Williams, Heather Messer

**Apologies:** John, Bill, Rob, Merv, George, Rod, David E, Keith, Karen

**Attendance:** 12 (57.1%)

**Raffle winner:** Geoff Royal

**Birthdays:** Patty Delaney, 8 Feb

**Anniversaries:** nil this week

## SERGEANTS' SESSION

Corporal Peter was ready with some jokes and puzzles but was fined for the telling!! Trish was also fined for a very bad joke. Terry was fined for not being at Rotary on his wedding anniversary (fancy!) and Ray was fined because Judy won last week's raffle (no such thing as a free bottle of wine!). Ed was fined for missing a few things in the Whisper (now corrected) and there were some white water/canoeing/sunburn and sunstroke fines for the more active among us.



## CLUB NEWS

**YEP update** photo top right shows our Stina at the end of her holidays about to walk horses on the beach, complete with an Ozzie suntan, swimmers and riding boots!! - a real Ozzie these days & now back hard at work in year 12. Photo at left shows President David finally presenting Japanese YEPER Yumika Hoshina with a club banner (we had run out when she was last here). Yumika also attained her scuba diving certificate last week and is now back at school in Tamworth after a few days R&R diving, surfing, canoeing and riding ponies on the beach—riding for the first time ever, and bareback!



**Midnight Basketball** Last week Coffs Harbour Club told us about the Midnight Basketball competition they are sponsoring this season (from 12 Feb at CHEC). They issued an invitation for Woolgoolga to consider becoming involved next season. Great way to keep young people off the streets and out of trouble.

**Visiting GSE team from Canada** Coffs Daybreak will host an event for all Coffs Clubs (incl us) 6pm on Wednesday 2 March at Coffs Deep Sea Fishing Club. 2 course dinner for \$25-30 per person and entertainment from the Canadian team. This will be instead of our meeting on Monday 28 Feb. Let Pam know if you wish to attend.

**Kits for Kids** As there are no DSG funds available for our 'Kits For 10 Kids' educational resource material for 2011, Rob White has put his hand up as the club project leader, and will seek help from club members to undertake fundraising & will need a few to pack the 40 boxes and despatch them for shipment to Vanuatu as part of Project Tafea.

**District Conference** is on in Coonabarabran this year and it's time to think about registering. Dates are 17-19 March. Program and on-line registration forms are available on the website: [www.rotary9650.org.au/conference](http://www.rotary9650.org.au/conference).

**Flood Relief Donations RI D9650 ZONE 8 DISASTER RELIEF A/CC No: 100131356. (electronic deposits: BSB is 802-214). OR** direct deposit at any Holiday Coast Credit Union Branch, (Membership No. 80765; Acc. classification S14.2. Provide source in the 'payment reference' space, eg individual's name. OR Post cheques to **District Treasurer: Michael Carrigan, PO Box 141, Narrabri 2390, NSW.**

**REMINDER: Members who pay 6 monthly dues, they are now due for Jan-June 2011.**

### CLUB NOTICES

5 February Auction (Scouts & Flood Relief)  
 13 February Pres. David joins polio trip to India  
 14 February Board meeting  
 28 February NO MEETING— (see below)  
 2 March Coffs Cluster GSE dinner Coffs Deep Sea Fishing Club (instead of Mon mtg).  
 9 April Curryfest.

### DISTRICT NOTICES

13 Feb-2 Mar 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	7 February	14 February	21 February
Attendance	Echah Wright	Terry Booth	Patty Delaney
Welcome/ Fellowship	Dick Matthews	Norm Michener	Keith Minhinnett
Club Speaker	Terry Booth	Patty Delaney	David Edwards
Vote of Thanks	Merv Richardson	Sel Rogers	Geoff Royal
Guest Speaker	Alastair Milroy tbc	tbc	tbc

**Your Rotary Club  
Needs  
YOU**

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

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

**WISH TO PROPOSE A  
NEW MEMBER?**  
(See Pam)