

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

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Club President  
**David Fayle**  
District Governor  
**Jo Wilkin**  
RI President  
**Ray Klingensmith**



**AUCTION THIS WEEK, SAT 2 APRIL. WE WILL BE ASSISTING CORINDI-RED ROCK RURAL FIRE SERVICE .**

### TONIGHT (4 Apr)

Dennis Houghton & Paul Maher from the SES will be coming to tell us all about this great organisation of volunteers and what they do to support our community in times of need.



### LAST WEEK (28 Mar)

Our own Assistant Governor, **Rob Anderson** was on hand to talk about Rotary and stimulate interest from the prospective new members who attended membership information night. Rob reminded us that Rotary is 106 years old and there are over 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide and around 1,650 of them are in our own District 9650—spread out geographically in 56 clubs.



Rob made it clear that Rotary was about both the little things we do in our communities, as well as the big projects, such as our involvement in global eradication of polio.

Rob himself has been heavily involved in ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) and spoke passionately of this as one example of the rewarding things Rotarians support by taking action locally and globally.

And finally, Rob spoke of his success in becoming a District Governor designate for 2013-2014 and his aspirations for a great District Conference in Coffs that year. He was also glowing from his successful “Rock to Clock” walk in Coonabarabran at this year’s District conference, where he raised over \$3,000 from sponsorship (including from our Club).

### CLUB SPEAKER

Pam in her role as Membership Director made a presentation on some of the Club’s activities covering the broad range of our involvement locally with youth and community activities such as RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) and establishing the Seniors Centre, to district activities including YEP (Youth Exchange Program) and MUNA (the Model United Nations Assembly), to national projects such as Bowelscan and international activities including RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) projects on Tanna Island Vanuatu, global polio eradication effort and disaster relief efforts like Aquaboxes and Shelterboxes.

It continues to be a big agenda for a little club, with plenty of scope for individual members to focus on areas that they are passionate about and flexibility to introduce new projects that benefit the community.



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



**Rob Anderson**

### STATS AT A GLANCE

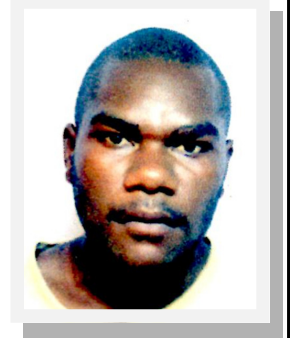
- Visiting Rotarians:** Rob Anderson (Coffs Harbour)
- Visitors:** Gary & Glenda Kennedy, Lynda Hagar, Gareth Owen, Herbert Schwarzenecker, Catherine Woodrooffe, Rolf Jauernig, partners Edith, Bronwyn, Helen and Marie
- Apologies:** John, Bill, Ray, Echah, Merv, Terry, Sel, George, Peter, Nadine Marshall, Meena Singh, Louise Clarke, Lisa Owen, Helen Schwarzenecker, Peter Ainsworth
- Attendance:** 12 (57.1%)
- Raffle winner:** visitor, Gareth Owen
- Birthdays:** Norm Michener 4 Apr
- Anniversaries:** nil .

# SERGEANT'S SESSION

Our very well-travelled Sergeant Rod offloaded a heap of travellers' tales and was ably assisted by Trish as stand-in corporal. President David copped a fine for replacing the grace with the Object and 4-Way Test, leaving a room full of hungry Rotarians staring at their dinner. Rob was fined for sending Edith out in the rain to sell raffle tickets, Norm for forgetting dates for the District Assembly and prospective member Lynda for not arranging better weather for the fish auction (the perils of jumping in and doing Rotary work!!)

## CLUB NEWS

**Meet Joe Yavili**, the student we are supporting through a RAWCS scholarship. Joe is studying human geography, English for academic purposes and sociology in a program that will qualify him for subsequent government support to complete his studies at the University of the South Pacific. Joe is about to turn 22 and hopes to become a secondary school teacher.



**The Highway Bus shelter** Terry, Norm and President David met with Coffs Council representatives to discuss next steps for arranging for ongoing Rotary involvement in quelling graffiti and helping maintain the highway bus shelter, which was originally erected by Rotary. Plans are being looked at for some structural improvements to make it easier to maintain and then it is likely that Terry will be organising a working bee or two, including to make a small garden around the walls to deter graffiti.

**REMEMBER – All available hands are needed at the Auction this week, Sat 2 April**, as many of us are out of town. Corindi -Red Rock Rural Fire Service are helping. Here's hoping that weather is good, because if not, the option of postponing to Sat 9<sup>th</sup> is NOT available, as it is Curryfest day.

**Curryfest is on Saturday 9 April** –let Ray Willing know if you are available to help out or if you've forgotten when you are on gate duty. The Club also donated \$100 to the Northern Beaches Youth Centre to enable them to purchase inputs for their Curryfest sausage sizzle stall to raise funds.

**MUNA** (Model United Nations Assembly) is 13 –15 May so keep those days free to billet students or help out at the high school on the Saturday or on Sunday am. Pam will be circulating info and roster requests soon. We have 82 students registered and will need to find billets for 61 of them this year (Billets are for 2 nights Fri and Sat). Kids are coming from Coonabarabran, Narrabri, Gunnedah, Tamworth, Quirindi, Wingham, Wauchope, Taree, Port Macquarie, Coffs and our own Woolgoolga. **Our own club sponsored teams will be representing Iran, New Zealand, India and PNG this year.**

### CLUB NOTICES

- 2 April Auction (Corindi Red Rock RFS)
- 9 April Curryfest
- 11 April Board meeting
- 18 April Pride of Workmanship and new member induction night
- 7 May Auction (Red Rock Corindi Surf Lifesaving)
- 30 May Possible social evening at the theatre

### DISTRICT NOTICES

- 30 April District Assembly Port Macquarie
- 13-15 May MUNA in Woolgoolga
- 20 May Hat Day for mental health research
- 21-25 May Rotary Internat'l Convention, New Orleans

| MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend |                                   |   |  |
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| Date  | 4 April                           | 11 April board meeting  | 18 April partners night                            |
| Attendance  | Dick Matthews                     | Norm Michener   | Keith Minhinnett                                   |
| Welcome/Fellowship  | George Smede                      | Ray Willing   | Echah Wright                                       |
| Club Speaker  | Peter Lacy                        | Dick Matthews   | Herjot Lehl  |
| Introduce Guest Speaker                                     | Geoff Royal                       | Pamela Fayle  | Karen Sedgwick                                     |
| Vote of Thanks  | Trish Baker                       | Terry Booth   | Peter Lacy   |
| Guest Speaker   | Dennis Houghton & Paul Maher, SES | Jill Clayton & Briony Barber, "Bridging the Gap" Community Services | POW Awards (& investiture of some new members 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)