

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

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DON'T FORGET, AUCTION THIS SATURDAY 7 AUGUST

TONIGHT (9 Aug)

Tonight's speaker is John Black who will talk to us about drug and alcohol awareness and some of the programs he is involved in. Some may have met John last year when he helped us out on Rotary Youth Driver Awareness day by taking charge of the module on safe celebrating.

LAST MEETING (2 Aug)

Unfortunately our guest speaker Gareth Owen had to cancel at the last minute due to a serious attack of gout which left him immobile. Despite his absence, Norm had left us prepared and after a few technical hiccoughs we showed the DVD, "Power of Choice".



This is a program which originated in Port Macquarie and, very similar to RYDA, it was designed in response to the alarming statistics on P-plate fatalities on our roads.

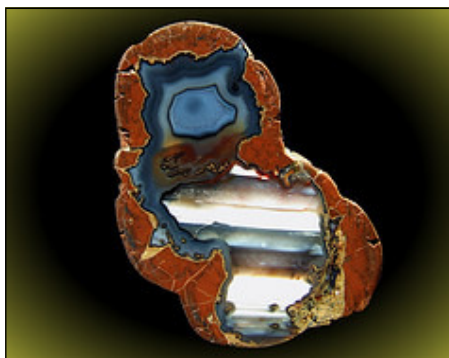
It was a timely reminder of the value of programs like RYDA in demonstrating to young drivers the importance of attitude and behavior before getting behind the wheel or into a car as a passenger. Schools in the Port Macquarie area that have used

the program have not since had any student fatalities and we hope RYDA will deliver that outcome for us here in Woopi as we prepare to hold it for the second year.

CLUB SPEAKER

Geoff Royal entertained us with a talk on "thunder eggs". Geoff had samples collected from private properties when he was younger and had more time on his hands. Samples from Nightcap Ridge and Perch Creek showed how unassuming the rocks look from the outside before they are opened to reveal wonderful layers and sometimes crystals.

Geoff has also collected thunder eggs from Agate Creek, 300km west of Cairns in northern QLD. Many of the locations such as Perch Creek were hard to get to—lots of walking and some steep slopes that are hard to traverse when you're loaded down with a bag of samples. Geoff has been sitting on these rocks since the 1970s, still hoping to find time to polish them—although Rod did ask how long it takes for them to hatch! Photo at right is a polished sample, something for Geoff to aspire to when time permits ...



Meeting Place

Woolgoolga Bowling Club

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

6654 7126 by 10.30am Monday



STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: nil

Visitors: Stina Palm, our YEP student from Sweden;

Apologies: John, Rob, George, Norm

Attendance: 17 (80.95%)

Lucky Draw: Keith

Birthdays: Dick Matthews 6 Aug, Geoff Royal 7 Aug, Laura Hohrein 8 Aug

Anniversaries: Merv & Joy Richardson 5 Aug.

SERGEANT'S SESSION

Due to technology problems again, there were several computer fines and Pam got the SKYPE fine. There were a couple of late fines and a late start fine for President David. Ray was fined for coming along so he wouldn't have to cook his own dinner (Judy is away). Echah got the stardom fine again for appearing in the paper (2 weeks in a row now!). Terry's renovation fines continued (Marlies is now way up a ladder painting!) and Patty was awarded the Swedish fine for rugging up as if she were in Stina's hometown, rather than the other way around.

RYDA is on THURS 12 AUGUST (9-2:30). Volunteers are needed for catering at morning tea and lunch, including BBQ. Please let Ila or David Fayle know if you can help. Volunteers are also still needed for several other tasks, including an assistant ("gopher") to help deal with unforeseen problems that arise (forgotten items that need collecting, equipment failures etc).

CLUB NEWS

Charles Phipps has surprised his medical advisors and on Thursday headed home from hospital several weeks ahead of schedule. We hope he continues to improve and that he can drop by one of our meetings some time soon.

Northern Beaches Youth Centre's on-again-off-again "Battle of the Bands" is currently OFF. Plans to hold it at Seaview Tavern (with \$100 sponsorship from us) have been shelved - the boy organising band participation quit.

Past YEP student visits: Unfortunately former Austrian YEPPER Hanni had to cancel her month in Woolgoolga due to an emergency appendectomy (so Patty had to post the Tim Tams she'd bought in advance!!). However, former Swiss YEPPER Christina Kiener is likely to be with us in early September for a visit.

SPY (School Pathway for Youth) is a mentoring system being organised at Woopi High by Jeff Allen (careers adviser). It is for year 11 kids staying in school until age 17 who do not want to go right through to year 12. If you would like to assist as a mentor to arrange work experience or other information to help these kids make the transition into the work place, please contact Jeff Allen (or talk to Ray for information as he is mentoring a student).

Please save all your used postage stamps and give them to Rob White (or to Ila Rogers).

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).

Curryfest Committee would like Rotary participation and will meet at 5.30pm on 17 August at the Visitors Information Centre (contact Karen if interested).

CLUB NOTICES

7 Aug	Auction (Northern Beaches Care)
9 Aug	Board meeting
12 Aug	RYDA (confirmed date)
16 Aug	District Governor Jo Wilkin's visit (partners night)
9 Sep	Getting Out There Day
29 Nov-5 Dec	YEP Dive School

DISTRICT NOTICES

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

14-15 Aug	YEP inbounders briefing Uralla & YEP district tour begins
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	9 August Board meeting	16 August Partners night	23 August
Attendance	Pamela Fayle	Patty Delaney	David Edwards
Welcome/ Fellowship	Geoff Royal	David Fayle	Karen Sedgwick
Club Speaker	George Smede	n/a	Ray Willing
Vote of Thanks	Keith Minhinnett	David Fayle	Merv Richardson
Guest Speaker	John Black "Drug and alcohol awareness"	District Governor Jo Wilkin (& husband, Lindsay) will be visiting from Coonabraban	John Paul Ndayiragije A refugee from Burundi will tell his story

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

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

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