

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

FIRST ROUND OF OUR DISTRICT PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST IS ON THIS WEEK SO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THESE TALENTED YOUNG STUDENTS. PARTNERS & FRIENDS ARE MOST WELCOME.

TONIGHT (29 Aug)

Tonight is the 1st round of the Windsong Public Speaking Competition. Local contestants will be competing to represent Woolgoolga in the cluster final to be held in Coffs Harbour at the Coffs Surf Club on 28 September. Partners are welcome to come along. **Attendance numbers not recorded on last week's dinner sheet or already emailed to David need to be phoned to Peter Lacy for the next 2 weeks please (phone number in box at right) as David & Pam will be travelling and away until 10 September.**

LAST MEETING (22 Aug)

Ken Boyle entertained us with tales of his 4-wheel drive adventure travelling from Coober Pedy to Warburton—often on tracks rarely travelled since the 1950s and the days of the British atom bomb testing when army surveyor Glen Beadell first developed the tracks. Not sure what state Ken & Judy's bums were in after kilometre after kilometre of those huge corrugations!!



We went to Anne's Corner and on to Surveyor General's corner on tracks that were barely there. Ken showed us some amazing photos of blue skies, dry red dust, mulga, gibber plains, spinifex, desert oaks and feral camels (alive and dead!) and even some shots of early explorer graffiti (not many people shots out there though!!).



Fascinating scenery seen by very few people. Great care needed to avoid your vehicle's air filter clogging with the red dust or your radiator blocking up with spinifex seeds and overheating not to mention potential tyre damage. Not for the faint-hearted.

CLUB SPEAKER

Keith has just returned from travelling and adventures with his sons. With one son he went diving on the HMAS Adelaide which has recently been sunk as a diving wreck. Keith said it was an interesting dive and quite spooky to see a big grey ship looming instead of a barnacle-covered wreck/reef. Keith sat in the captains chair on the bridge and on the loo on the mess deck (hope he didn't flush!) The dive was 22 to just



over 40 metres at deepest point. Then for something completely different with his other son he went camping near Dubbo for the Society for Creative Anachronism medieval re-enactment and became an archer for the event (has the arrow bruises to prove it - part of life's rich pageant Keith!).



Meeting Place

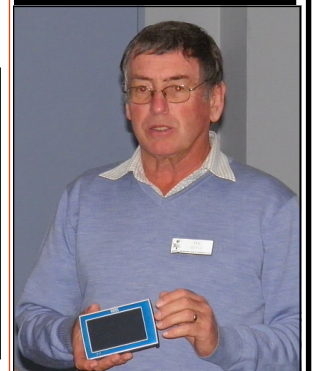
Woolgoolga Bowling Club

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

6654 9584
by 10.30am Monday



Ken Boyle—never leaves home without GPS, satellite phone & emergency beacon—and that's just to do the shopping!!

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: nil

Visitors: Ken Boyle

Apologies: John, Rob, Bill, Lyndee, Ray, Rod, Patty, Gareth, Garry, Echah, Norm, George

Attendance: 12 (50%)

Raffle winner: Trish

Birthdays: Elisabeth de Halleux 25 Aug (18th), David Edwards 28 Aug, David Fayle 30 Aug, Peter Lacy 31 Aug, Edith White 4 Sept.

Anniversaries: nil

SERGEANT's SESSION

Acting Sergeant Glenda put in a fine performance and boosted the coffers. She started with a Sherlock Homes/Watson tale of a stolen tent and after fining herself for driving without lights on, virtually no-one escaped notice. There were raffle fines, a lurgie levy for those who had been ill—even a carrot fine on Dick for not eating all his vegies—again! Holiday fines for those who had travelled and departure tax for those about to embark. David E who incurred a late fine last week copped one this week for being “right on time”!! Trish was fined for losing her keys in a most creative way and then Geoff was fined for not being fined. Finally Sel owned up to also not having been fined and incurred a “disappointment” fine to remedy the situation.

CLUB NEWS

Working Bee at the Auction Shed now on Sat 27th Aug 8.00am. Help needed to collect trailer loads of gravel & shovel it out where needed around the shed. Let Dick know if you are available.

Birthday celebrations for Elisabeth our YEPPER (her 18th) will be at the Thai Restaurant in Woolgoolga at 6.30pm on Saturday 27th Aug. Confirm attendance with Keith by SMS to 0435 196 989 or via email.

Rotary Friendship Exchange is calling for applications (by 30 September) for trips to Sweden (May 2012) Philadelphia (Sep 2012) & Nova Scotia (May-June 2012). Coming soon are trips to Florida, Italy and 3 Indian Rotary districts. Check out the district website for application forms or contact Rod Mackenzie. Selections made 6 October.

YEP News 2008-9 student **Minami** from Japan will be visiting next Jan-Mar. Our scuba diving course for YEPPERS starts Mon 28 Nov this year, following the YEP outbounders' briefing in Nambucca Heads 26-27 Nov. Mark that one in your diaries. (Billets for students for a week will be needed).

Plant Stall is on at the September auction so bring along your contributions. The stall will be set up at the side instead of the \$2 tables and we already know of heaps of pot plants, garden tools, garden books & magazines, bags of horse manure, tomato and herb seedlings, lots of pawpaw chutney and lemon butter. The extra funds earned will be used for Africa - via a donation to the Rotary Foundation Fund for Africa. Contact Echah for info.

Africa night is on Sat 17 September at the Community Centre. Ethiopian food and African entertainment and funds will be raised for Africa (details to be confirmed). This will be in lieu of our Rotary meeting on 19 September. Tickets are \$20 a head—see Karen or get tickets from Trish at the Post Office. There will be raffles with beaut prizes as well so turn up with empty stomachs and full wallets please!

Waratah Respite Centre have sent a nice thank you for the funding assistance to put down a concrete slab for their new storage shed at the CWA.

Annual Fees Are Now OVERDUE Fees are either \$100 for 6 months or \$200 for the full year. You are not covered by Rotary insurance for Rotary events if you are overdue on fees so please pay Geoff now.

CLUB NOTICES

27 Aug Working bee at the shed 8.00am. Elisabeth's birthday party 6.30pm
 29 Aug Club level of public speaking competition
 3 Sept Auction (Bishop Druitt Cambodia building project). Also Plant Stall for Africa.
 12 Sept Board meeting

DISTRICT NOTICES

28 Sep Cluster Final of the Windsong Public Speaking, Coffs Surf Club
 10 Nov Presidents & Secretaries meeting
 16 Feb Presidents & Secretaries meeting
 9-11 Mar District Conference Inverell
 6-8 May International Conference Bangkok

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	29 August public speaking	5 September	12 September Board
Attendance	Geoff Royal	Karen Sedgwick	George Smede
Welcome/Fellowship	Sel Rogers	George Smede	Ray Willing
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	Na (public speaking)	Geoff Royal	Gareth Owen Tanna Report
Introduce Guest Speaker	Karen Sedgwick	Norm Michener	Echah Wright
Vote of Thanks	Echah Wright	Terry Booth	Patty Delaney
Guest Speakers	Public Speaking contestants compete (partners welcome)	Rod & Ray Rotary Friendship Exchange & travels to South Africa	Glenn Pearson Northcott Disability Service

**Your Rotary Club
Needs
YOU**

Help with
AUCTION PICK-UPS
or want to be an
AUCTIONEER?
(See Dick)

WISH TO PROPOSE A
NEW MEMBER?
(See Pam)

KNOW A FAMILY
INTERESTED IN
HOSTING a YEP
STUDENT?
(See Patty)