

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

## Woopi Whisper

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

**AFRICA NIGHT IS SAT. 17 SEPT. 6.30pm. THIS IS IN LIEU OF OUR MEETING ON MON. 19 SEPT. HOPEFULLY YOU HAVE ALREADY BOUGHT TICKETS TO ATTEND AS THIS IS A CATERED EVENT WITH SPECIAL ETHIOPIAN FOOD.**

### TONIGHT (17 Sept)

We've moved next meeting to Saturday night as Karen has organised an Africa night. If you have pre-purchased tickets come along to the Community Hall at 6.30pm. If not, contact Karen, but I believe we are pretty much fully booked. Ethiopian food is on the menu and lots of people from the community have purchased tickets to attend. There are raffles so bring along money for tickets. The event is a boost to some local Ethiopian refugees who are hoping to start an Ethiopian restaurant. It is also a fund raising event for a contribution to disaster relief in East Africa. It is BYO drinks and plastic cups will be provided but if you like to drink your wine out of a glass, bring one along with you.



### LAST MEETING (12 Sep)

**Glenn Pearson** from Northcott Disability Service told us about his organisation which was founded in 1929 by the Rotary Club of Sydney and known for years as the NSW Society for Crippled Children. The Organisation began serving kids with polio and TB, but these days provides support for some 10,000 people with disabilities, carers and families.



Northcott employs over 500 people throughout NSW providing accommodation, day programs, respite, employment, an equipment loan service, services for older carers and an early start diagnosis service to identify problems in pre-school to age 6 kids. The majority of cases now relate to cerebral palsy, autism (on the increase), intellectual disabilities and spina bifida (on the decline due to greater dietary intake of folate by mothers and tests for early identification). Over a third of clients are in rural areas. Northcott also plays an important role in advocacy, most recently pushing hard for a Federal disability insurance scheme which is close to being realised given reports of bipartisan support for it. **The Club has decided to donate \$250 to Northcott to assist specifically with running the Coffs Coast Spina Bifida clinic that benefits local clients.**

### CLUB SPEAKER

Gareth, back from Tanna, told us of his adventures as part of the 6th district team to go this year. Since 2004, 46 teams have done Rotary work on Tanna and we are proud of Gareth for his contribution. The team concentrated on Lenakel Hospital where they tiled 2 wards, repaired the nurses station and painted as well as replacing all the fly screens. They also worked on several schools (there are 72 schools on Tanna, some hidden in the bush). The kids helped out with hammer and nails and the team built 35 storm shutters from scratch, installed blackboards, painted buildings and built new entrance doors. Hard work aside, Gareth returned with photographic evidence of the dreadful roads, the live volcano and fun times.



Meeting Place

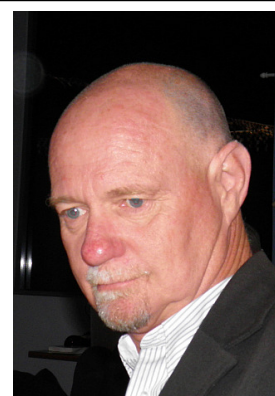
**Woolgoolga Bowling Club**

Monday Evenings

**6.00pm for 6.15pm**

Apologies to

**6654 9584**  
by **10.30am Monday**



*Glenn Pearson from Northcott Disability Service*

### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** Bernie Rees (Ginninderra Rotary ACT)

**Visitors:** Glenn Northcott and partners Lisa and Edith

**Apologies:** John, Bill, Lyndee, Echah, George, Keith.

**Attendance:** 18 (75 %)

**Raffle winner:** Karen

**Birthdays:** Marlies Booth 18 Sept, George Smede 19 Sept.

**Anniversaries:** nil.

## SERGEANT's SESSION

Sergeant Rod and Corporal Garry extracted “re-entry” tax from quite a few after their recent travels and Peter paid (and paid & paid & paid—just kidding) for his 50th wedding anniversary (Congratulations Peter & Sally). There were talking fines issued and confusion fines for those finding their places at the additional table we had to set up. Karen incurred an “organisers” fine in advance of our Africa night. There was visitors tax and our visitor paid to swap definitions by telling us what his club’s aboriginal name ‘Ginninderra’ means (sparkling like the stars) in return for us telling him that Woolgoolga means a red flower/berry (type of Lilly Pilly). After we thought the pain had passed, Garry imposed a ‘guilty’ fine on anyone who still had their money out on the table in anticipation of a fine!!



## CLUB NEWS

The September plant stall netted just over \$400 which will be sent to the special Rotary Foundation account to assist East Africa. Thank you to Echah and all those who donated plants etc or helped out on the day. We are likely to organise similar plant stalls about twice a year given the additional funds they generate. Our next special stall at an auction will be the Christmas market stall at the December auction so put your thinking caps on re ideas for this one.

Auction Shed Improvements Big thanks to **Barry Morgan** and club members Dick, Garry, Terry and Keith for their work on drainage around the shed prior to last auction.

Bus Shelter Update Big thanks to **Martin van Waelsden** for his graffiti removal work. The Council has provided the Club with graffiti removal solution, paint etc for ongoing maintenance. Big thanks to **Stuart Lessells** at the Council for ongoing support and to the Council team headed by **Mark Ellis** for their renovation work on the shelter. Thanks also to Terry for keeping this project moving.

Rotary Friendship Exchange is now calling for applications (by 30 September) for trips to Sweden (May 2012) Philadelphia (Sep 2012) and Nova Scotia (May-June 2012). Check out the district website for application forms or contact Rod Mackenzie for further info. Selections for the 2012 trips will be made on 6 October. **There are 2 last minute vacancies on the Brazil trip for March.**

YEP News 2008-9 student **Minami** from Japan will be visiting next Jan-Mar. Our scuba diving course for YEP-PERs is from 28 Nov this year. Mark that in your diaries. (Billets for YEP students for a full week needed).

**FOR YOUR DIARIES: We are holding a Small Business Social Forum on Monday 17 October 6pm for 6.15 inside the Woolgoolga Post Office. This is instead of our usual meeting and is an opportunity to meet local business people, share views on the needs of our community, better inform the community on what we do and perhaps subtly encourage a few new members to join. See Trish or Ray for details and let Pam know of any potential new members you might wish to invite along for this event.**

### CLUB NOTICES

17 Sept Africa night at the Community Hall  
(partners night instead of Monday 19th)  
19 Sept NO MEETING (Africa night instead)  
1 Oct Auction (Northern Beaches Youth Centre)  
10 Oct Board Meeting  
17 October Small Business Social Forum at the PO.

### DISTRICT NOTICES

28 Sep Cluster Final of the Windsong  
Public Speaking, Coffs Surf Club  
28 Oct Science Experience apps close.  
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	19 September	26 September	3 October
Attendance	NO MEETING	Ray Willing	NO MEETING
Welcome/Fellowship	due to the 17 Sept	Echah Wright	Public Holiday
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	Africa night at the	David Fayle Magical mystery tour	Labour Day
Introduce Guest Speaker	Community Centre	Terry Booth	Public Holiday
Vote of Thanks	( partners night)	David Edwards	
Guest Speakers	NO MEETING	Scott Wolgamot Operations Manager Blueberries Berry Exchange	NO MEETING

**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)