

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

## Woopi Whisper

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

### **AUCTION this Saturday 2 July—All hands on deck please. We are helping Northern Beaches Care this month**

#### **TONIGHT (4 July)**

Tonight Aaron Hardacre, local physiotherapist, will be talking to us about age-related conditions and their treatment - very appropriate given the auction-related aches and pains we'll all be carrying by then!! Aaron has also just taken over the leadership job in the local Chamber of Commerce so I am sure he will also be happy to give us a burst on his vision for Woolgoolga while he is in that role.



Given the topic, we'll also be trying to feel young again so we'll be celebrating Stina's 18th birthday (she turns 18 on Friday 1 July) and presenting her with a farewell gift. So partners are most welcome (let us know for catering) For those who can make it to farewell Stina at Coffs airport—she flies out at 10.10am on Thursday 7 July so be at the airport about 9.15am to say farewell (until we meet again) to our resident Swede.

#### **LAST MEETING (27 June)**

It was Norm's first meeting in the chair and he and Terry were well organised with white boards and butchers paper. A great brainstorming session followed as we workshopped the good points about the auction that we want to retain and listed some ways to try to improve things and to help raise more money for our efforts.

Thanks to Dick and Terry for leading the discussion. Thanks also to Treasurer Geoff for giving us the facts on how much the auctions gross, the running costs and the donations to helper groups each year. A combination of rained-out auctions and the economic downturn (with 2nd-hand dealers also doing it tough in current conditions) has meant earnings are down on recent years, but still delivering a sound budget for helping the community.

In coming auctions we will be trialling some of the suggestions under the guidance of Dick and an Auctions Subcommittee he will be forming (let him know if you are interested in being part of that). There were some great suggestions for bringing more people in, for reducing the amount of non-saleable items we have to double handle and reducing amount of rubbish to be dealt with, as well as ensuring sound reserve prices on select valuable items and avoiding taking up auction time for less valuable ones.



There were also suggestions for better advertising and signage (including on trailers) some shed adjustments to make work easier & safer and for some add-on features such as special monthly themes (Spring plant sale, Xmas-market event) and e-bay selling for select items to attract more buyers. Thanks to all for great contributions and as Dick said—one of the main things we need is more manpower...**so be there on Saturday if you can please!**

Meeting Place

**Woolgoolga  
Bowling Club**

Monday Evenings

**6.00pm for 6.15pm**

Apologies to

**6654 7700  
by 10.30am Monday**



**HAPPY 18th  
BIRTHDAY  
STINA  
(Friday 1 July)**

#### **STATS AT A GLANCE**

**Visiting Rotarians:** nil

**Visitors:** nil

**Apologies:** John, Ray, Rod, Bill, Sel, Keith, Gareth, Patty

**Attendance:** 16 (66.7%)

**Raffle winner:** Glenda Kennedy

**Birthdays:** Stina Palm 1 July; Marie Matthews 2 July so **MAKE A BIG FUSS ON AUCTION DAY!!!!**

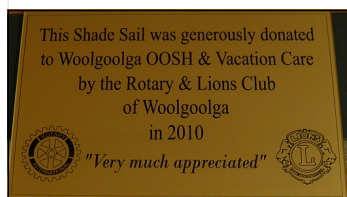
**Anniversaries:** none

## SERGEANT'S SESSION

Well, with Sergeant Rod still trekking (but sending a nice postcard instead), it was up to new Corporal Garry who kicked things off with a joke about a blind Qantas pilot which I know will pop into my mind next time I take off on a plane!! It was not sufficient to divert attention and Garry himself was fined heavily for getting bogged and being a bit injury-prone. Gareth will owe a birthday fine when next spotted and yours truly incurred a naughty-nightie fine for taking a week to find her nightie in the bushes after it left the clothes line during the mini-tornado last week!!

## CLUB NEWS

OOSH says thanks for the Shade Sail .On Tuesday 28 June David F., Echah, Karen, Peter & Sally and Lyndee were on hand when OOSH said thanks to Rotary and Lions with an afternoon tea (of course it rained didn't it, so there was no need for the sun protection that day!!).



Bus Shelter Update Thank you to Council which has been busy repairing the bus shelter, including new corrugated back and sides and fresh paint (more to come with window work and better lighting proposed for security purposes). Members should check it out every so often when passing and report graffiti or maintenance requirements to Terry so the Club can help maintain the facility. Photo at right shows the results to date.



Coffs Cycle Challenge run by Coffs City Rotary Club is on Sunday 7 August. See website: <http://coffscoastcyclechallenge.com> for details. Net proceeds to Rotary charities.

PLANT STALL Cleaning up after the storms? Don't throw it, grow it—pot up some plants, mulch some trimmings, save some seeds, make up some jam or chutney from winter produce and get ready for the big Spring Plant stall (Sat 3 Sept auction.) Old gardening tools and books or magazines also required. Contact Echah for details.

TANNA UPDATE Rob White tells us the next trip to Tanna is currently being planned for later this year and as well as including a retired doctor & nurse it will also involve our own Gareth Owen. Gareth will be going as the carpenter/handyman on the team and we wish him well (look forward to a report when you get back Gareth).

Farewell Merv Members were saddened to learn that Merv Richardson has resigned after serving the Club and the Community so well over many years. We will miss both Merv & Joy as they plan some well deserved retirement travelling, but hope they will stay in touch with the Club and Club members and still join us for dinner occasionally.

### CLUB NOTICES

2 July Auction (Northern Beaches Care)  
 7 July Stina leaves.  
 11 July First Board meeting of new Rotary year  
 17 July tbc Elizabeth (new YEPPER) arrives  
 7 August Auction (tbc)

### DISTRICT NOTICES

30 June National Youth Science Forum applications close  
 30 June RYAG Equine in Tamworth  
 5-17 July National Youth Science Forum

### MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	4 July	11 July	18 July
Attendance	David Edwards	David Fayle	Pamela Fayle
Welcome/Fellowship	David Fayle	Lyndee Hagar	Garry Kennedy
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	Patty Delaney (presentation to Stina)	Rod Mackenzie (exchange trip)	Keith Minhinnett
Introduce Guest Speaker	Geoff Royal	Karen Sedgwick	Ray Willing
Vote of Thanks	Keith Minhinnett	Gareth Owen	Geoff Royal
Guest Speakers	Aaron Hardacre Physiotherapist "Age related conditions & treatment"	Woolgoolga High Captains Rajpreet Singh-Bisla & Paul Harrison tbc	Alistair Milroy "Multipurpose Centre Update"

**Your Rotary Club  
Needs  
YOU**

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

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

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