

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

## Woopi Whisper

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

**DON'T FORGET : YEPPERS BBQ THIS FRIDAY 6pm AT THE BEACH RESERVE and AUCTION + CHRISTMAS MARKET THIS SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER IF YOU CAN LEND A HAND.**

### THIS WEEK (5 Dec)

We are out and about for dinner and a vocational visit this week. We are meeting at the Pier Hotel at the Jetty in the Back Lounge at 5.30 and after something to eat or drink we will walk around to Pacific Vetcare Vet Clinic in Harbour Drive (across the road from the Promenade) where Dr Stephen Deist will show us around from 6.45pm.

### LAST MEETING (28 Nov)

**Rhonda Singh from Coastal Travel** (photo at right), her partner and their employee between the three of them have 53 years of travel experience including airport work, travel guide work overseas, tour and private charter experience as well as standard travel advising. They pride themselves on looking after their clients in a world that is becoming increasingly dominated by arms-length internet bookings. In fact, Coastal Travel will soon be starting its own website where bookings can be made whilst retaining the involvement of a personal travel consultant.

Rhonda entertained us with tales of being called in the middle of the night by a client who was locked in a toilet somewhere in Singapore airport and needed rescuing and other dramas where having your own travel agent can really make a difference.

### CLUB SPEAKERS

Our visiting YEP exchange students introduced themselves and International Director Patty asked them to tell us what they liked and didn't like about Australia. Well the first question was easy—they love the country, the climate and us Aussies (although Tim Tams was a quirky addition)—the second part of the question brought forth a chorus of vegemite haters!! So those billeting the students should avoid vegemite sangers when packing lunch for the divers!

The students are reportedly having a great time doing the diving course and we will be seeing them again at a **club bbq at the end of the week at Woolgoolga Beach Reserve, 6pm Friday. Come along (meat provided so just bring nibbles, bread, a salad or dessert plate and of course BYO drinks). Karen and Echah are organising so if in doubt give them a call. This should be a pleasant way to work up some strength for the auction early Saturday morning folks!!!** Our own Elisabeth entertained us with tails of her work experience stint at the Breakers Bakery. Getting up at 1.30am was testing and there were a few baking mishaps as well!! Ray's birthday cake showed us what local bakers can produce!



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



**FOUR WAY TEST:**  
( 1) Est-ce la VÉRITÉ ? 2) Est-il JUSTE à tout intéressé ? 3) Est-il JUSTE à tout intéressé ? 4) Sera-t-il SALUTAIRE à tout intéressé ?

### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** nil  
**Visitors:** Rhonda Singh, partners Ila and Bronwyn and 8 YEPPERS here for the dive school including Paul Harrison and Elisabeth de Halleux .  
**Apologies:** John, David E, George, Rob, Gareth,  
**Attendance:** 17 (77.3%)  
**Raffle winner:** Dick  
**Birthdays:** Sue Smede 5 Dec, Echah Wright 9 Dec  
**Anniversaries:** Norm & Helen Michener 9 Dec



## SERGEANT'S SESSION

Sergeant Rod was back in town in fine fining form. There were phone fines (including on himself) and Ray was hit big time for his birthday (particularly given the bright birthday shirt—thankfully shirt not suit—that he was wearing. Elisabeth was fined for ruining some of her bakery items and Garry for his Yul Brunner hairdo fit for an old-style diving bell (somehow he knew that was on the cards!). President Norm was fined for overlooking Patty (literally).

## CLUB NEWS

Curry Pack Update After selling \$308 worth at the 150th celebrations parade in Coffs and more at Rotary meetings, we have now sold a total of \$493 worth of our new fund raiser. More packs will be available at the Dec. auction.

Danish morning tea fundraiser for outbounder Rachel Hall will be on Wed 14 December (venue tbc but possibly the Woolgoolga Art Gallery). Cost is \$10 per person. Danish pastries and butter cookies, tea, coffee will be available and Rachel will tell us all about the little town in Denmark that she is headed for. There will also be a raffle—the prize is a basket of mostly Danish goodies, ideal for the Christmas season (tickets \$2 each). Additional donations welcome. Pam & Elisabeth are organising but may need some help serving on the day.



Club Christmas Party is Mon 19 Dec and is an Indonesian “Rijsttafel” at Echah’s place (this means literally “rice table” & is a selection of Indonesian food—a banquet in fact). A meal preparation roster is circulating by both email and in hard copy so let Pam know if you can prepare a dish. Fun activities & games will also be on the agenda (let Terry know if you have any ideas for entertainment). We will also be taking the opportunity to think of others over Xmas & helping All Nations Church to serve Xmas dinner to the less fortunate in our community on 21 December late afternoon/early evening (coordinator needed).



Christmas Market At our December auction (Sat. 3 Dec) we’ll have a Christmas market selling all sorts of Christmas goodies. Bring along any decorations, Xmas lights, Christmas trees and ornaments to donate or think about baking something (Xmas cookies, Xmas cake, plum pudding, mince pies, sweets etc) or making something (Xmas tree ornaments, cards, toys or gifts).

RYLA applications close 2 Feb (see Peter).

Dinner with Elisabeth see Peter to put your name on the roster & invite our lovely exchange student to dinner.

NBYC Youth Centre Xmas party is 17 Dec (see Karen for details)

Northern Beaches Care/All Saints Xmas dinner will be served to Northern Beaches cafe volunteers and their clients on 21 December around 5.30ish. Let David know if you can help out.

**If you would like to serve on next year’s Board (from June 2012), let Norm or Pam know before the AGM on 12 December (this includes current Board members continuing as well as new blood).**

### CLUB NOTICES

2 Dec	BBQ at Beach Reserve for YEPPERS
3 Dec	Auction (Sherwood RFS) + Xmas market
5 Dec	Dinner at Jetty & Vocational visit (vet)
14 Dec	Danish morning tea with Rachel Hall
19 Dec	Club Christmas function at the Wrights
21 Dec	5.30ish Northern Beaches Xmas dinner

### DISTRICT NOTICES

16 Feb	Presidents & Secretaries meeting
9-11 Mar	District Conference Inverell
16-8 May	International Conference Bangkok
4-21 May	Rotary Recreational Vehicle Fellowship muster at Corindi

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

Date	5 December (vocational visit)	12 December (AGM)	19 December (Xmas party)
Attendance	David Fayle	Pam Fayle	Na
Welcome/Fellowship	Norm Michener	Na	Norm Michener
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	Na	Na	Terry organising entertainment
Introduce Guest Speaker	Stephen Deist will be showing us	Na	Na
Vote of Thanks	Pacific Vetcare	Na	Norm Michener
Guest Speakers	Hospital and clinic (preceded by dinner at the Jetty)	Na	Indonesian Rijsttafel at Echah Wright’s home

### Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

Want to be on the BOARD for 2012-13? - (see Norm or Pam)

Can you help with AUCTION PICK-UPS or auctioneering? (See Dick)

WISH TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER? (See Pam)

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