

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

THIS WEEK (19 Dec)

What do you think it is? Christmas?! Well yes, it is ... almost and certainly time for the Club to celebrate the festive season. Those who have RSVP'd all have recipes and we have a few guests coming. Please BYO drinks, wear your party clothes (or an Indonesian outfit) and be at Echah's at 6pm. Instructions on how to get there have been emailed. Members only (not partners) to kick in \$10 for a Club Xmas cause (see pg 2).

LAST WEEK (12 Dec AGM)

Last week was our AGM and we had a good turn out. The semi annual report has been circulated and what a busy 6 months it has been with lots of runs on the board for the Club and many hands making light work. Our half year financial report was received and accepted by the meeting and Officers for the 2012-13 Board were nominated and elected: Incoming President is Pam Fayle, Vice President (and past President) Norm Michener; Secretary, David Fayle, Treasurer Geoff Royal and Directors: Patty Delaney, Karen Sedgwick, Terry Booth and Dick Matthews. Peter Lacy will be supporting the Youth Director as a non-Board member and Garry Kennedy will be supporting YEP International Director by running the Dive School.

We are still short a couple of Directors so have a think about it and let Pam or Norm know if you are willing to serve on the Board from mid 2012.

Prior to the AGM as part of the ordinary meeting we were able to hear Directors reports and a report of RAWCS activities from Rob White. President Norm and YEP Director

Patty presented YEP blazers to our two outbounders: **Paul Harrison** who is heading off before Christmas and flies to Argentina on 28 December; and **Rachel Hall** who is heading to Denmark on 19 January (flight details

will be advised so that members can see Rachel off at the airport). Both will be great ambassadors for Woolgoolga and are very excited about the year ahead. Meantime we expect Jaimie Hunt back from Brazil in January and will keep members posted on his eta.

OTHER ACTIVITIES LAST WEEK

The Club recently part-funded a workshop for students to make 10 African djembe drums at Woolgoolga High School (\$1,000). Ten excellent drums were constructed on in the workshop 5-7 Dec, and the diverse group of students (& Secretary David) had a ball playing them. The project is already successfully helping students from diverse backgrounds to better integrate into school life and to gain enrichment from involvement in music.



Meeting Place

**Woolgoolga
Bowling Club**

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

**6654 7700
by 10.30am Monday**



STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: nil

Visitors: Peter Bannister,
Rachel Hall, Paul Harrison,
Elisabeth de Halleux

Apologies: John, Garry,
Glenda, Keith, George, Trish,
Gareth, Echah

Attendance: 14 (63.6%)

Raffle winner: Sel

Anniversaries: Rod & Bronwyn Mackenzie 15 Dec,
Echah & Graeme Wright 20 Dec,
George & Sue Smede 30 Dec

THE DIVE SCHOOL PHOTO

For those of you who haven't seen the great shot Garry took at the Dive School - check it out at right (a larger signed version was presented to the club by all of the students and the local paper produced it last Friday along with the story).



SERGEANT'S SESSION

We began with an Old Rotarians Christmas joke (how appropriate!) . Elisabeth was fined for her work experience exploits but demonstrated how Australian she has become by fining Patty for "dobbing" on her!! Ray was fined for hiring cleaners and gardeners so he would have others to blame for the state of things when Judy gets back from her overseas trip—very clever! Editor was fined for driving over a red cone and destroying it and Geoff received a "roughing it" fine for the state of his kitchen (mid renovation). Norm won the pyrotechnic award for scorching his face but couldn't laugh about it—hurt too much!

CLUB NEWS

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)

All Nations Community Cafe Xmas dinner will be served to cafe volunteers and their clients on 21 December in the grounds of the church at 1 Landrigan Close. **The Club will be making a \$500 donation** towards this effort and the ongoing efforts of the Community Cafe. Karen is organising some potato peelers while Rob & Edith will be there to serve the dinner so let Karen know if you can help with preparation from 1-3pm on the day.

RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Awards applications close 2 Feb (see Peter)

Rotary Friendship Exchanges to Brazil, Sweden, Pennsylvania and Italy are available (see Rod) **Let Rod know if you can host a Swedish couple when they come on exchange in late March (3 nights 26-28 March inclusive).**

Whisper Editor will be OS during February tbc. Want to try your hand as Whisper editor for a month? (see Pam)

Bishop Druitt Cambodia projects: to check out projects being assisted by 29 year 12's visiting Cambodia (including with funds we donated), check out www.tabitha.org.au/cms/ & www.scv.org.au.

Fundraiser for Rachel Hall was a most pleasant Danish indulgence at the art gallery and the Club will be presenting Rachel with a nice cheque.



CHRISTMAS GIVING: With money raised from the Christmas market and members' contributions at our Club Party we will be donating to the Lalibela Orphanage in Ethiopia via Sheridan Blaney who runs the Orphanage. They need funds to buy the materials to make beds for the children. Check out www.ashleyhaven.blogspot.com for information.

CLUB NOTICES

19 Dec Club Christmas function at the Wrights
 21 Dec All Nations community cafe Xmas dinner
 9 Jan Sawtell BBQ 6pm Boambee Creek Reserve
 16 Jan First meeting for 2012.
 4 Feb First auction for 2012 (helpers are Woolgoolga Rural Fire Service)

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	19 December (Xmas party)	9 January (Cluster BBQ)	16 January (1st meeting)
Attendance	Na	Let Terry know if	Sel Rogers
Welcome/Fellowship	Norm Michener	Attending:	Patty Delaney
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	Terry organising entertainment	As an annual New Year event	Tbc (possible induction)
Introduce Guest Speaker	Na	Sawtell RC hosts a BBQ	Garry Kennedy
Vote of Thanks	Norm Michener	At	David Fayle
Guest Speakers	Indonesian Rijsttafel at Echah Wright's home	Boambee Creek Reserve from 6pm (cost \$15 ea and drinks on sale).	Adele Bennett Solitary Islands (masters thesis & film)

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)