

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

## Woopi Whisper

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

**AUCTION this Saturday 4 Feb, help out if you can.  
Part proceeds to Woolgoolga Rural Fire Service this month**

### THIS WEEK (6 Feb)

Come along and bring your partner again if they're interested—we have some more wonderful young people presenting and it's a chance to meet and hear **new Principle of Woolgoolga High, Guy Wright**. The students who attended the **Honeywell Engineering Summer School** are coming along with their teacher to tell us about their experience.

### LAST MEETING (30 Jan)

What a treat from two lovely and lively young women. Our **Elisabeth** has been with us for 6 months now and treated us to a film she had made about her own home life in Belgium and some interesting info on Belgian politics, sporting stars (reassuring us that Kim Clijsters is NOT Australian) and food (of the sweet and fattening variety, yum!). Elisabeth had lots of shots of her family life (a talented photographer). We saw scenes of Elisabeth involved in her hobbies and having adventures with friends (no couch potatoes in sight!). She had prepared herself for all of Norm's difficult questions only to find he was in Melbourne!!! Club banners were exchanged.

Elisabeth's schoolfriend **Hella Kern** who is here in Woolgoolga on a non-Rotary exchange for 12 months is from Bavaria in Germany and came along with Elisabeth to do a presentation



about her home town, school, family and friends. The girls have been spending a lot of time together during the holidays and many club members have got to know Hella as well as Elisabeth during the break. Hella

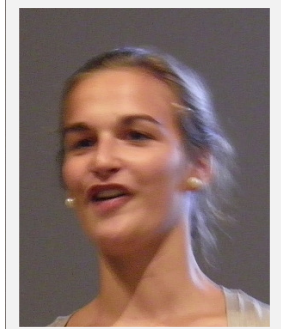
comes from a very beautiful area of southern Germany and there were lakes, castles, mountains and glorious snow in the slide show she presented. Both girls took questions and what wonderful ambassadors they are for their countries (see photo above right of Hella, YEP Counsellor Patty and Elisabeth).

### A THANK YOU TO OUR CLUB

**David Stevens** from the Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome Association came along to thank the club for its support last year for the organisation's inaugural conference at Darlington Park when a group of club members attended and cooked a bbq for the families of children and young adults who are affected. The Club congratulates David for the work he is doing to provide a support group and encourage information flow for families affected by this thankfully rare syndrome. David spent some time explaining the difficulties a small genetic defect causes.



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



Elisabeth de Halleux  
presenting on her  
homeland, Belgium

### STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: nil  
Visitors: David Stevens, Hella Kern, Elisabeth de Halleux and partners Ila, Marlies, Marie, Sue E, Lyn, Judy, Bronwyn, Sally  
Apologies: John, Rob, Norm, Karen, George, Keith, Gareth  
Attendance: 16 (69.6%)  
Raffle winner: Geoff  
Birthdays: Garry Kennedy 6 Feb, Patty Delaney 8 Feb,  
Anniversaries: nil

## SERGEANT'S SESSION

Given recent watery times it wasn't surprising that there were a couple fines for some of our old hands for building the Rotary shed too low! There was also pothole tax for some drivers and plenty of tax for the tennis tragics. Elisabeth was fined for missing the first day of school but will be there with bells on the rest of the week! There was re-entry tax for the sergeant himself and exit tax for yours truly as I hand the Whisper over to Secretary David for a few weeks.

## CLUB NEWS

Small Business Social Forum is on from 6.30pm at Woolgoolga Pool on Monday 13 February. Pool Manager and friend of Rotary, Scott Hunt, will be inviting 6 or 7 local business people along and each member should try to bring along someone from the local community. Members will be paying the standard \$20, but guests will not be charged. Club Services Director Terry will be sending out an email with details and will be contacting a few members to help out with some tasks. Jaimie Hunt will be there to talk about his Brazil experience and we hear he may be providing us with a taste of Brazil from the BBQ as he embarks on his career path to become a chef.



Movie Afternoon to raise funds for the EndPolio Now campaign will be held at Birch Carroll & Coyle Cinemas, Bray St Coffs Harbour on Sunday 19 February at 2.30pm. Cost is \$20 a ticket (pay on the day) and there is a lucky door prize of 2 bottles of wine. Let Secretary David know if you are attending (bring as many guests as you like) so he can provide numbers to Assistant Governor Rob Anderson. The movie is called "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" and stars Judi Dench, Bill Nighy and Maggie Smith which sounds promising indeed.



Recreational Vehicle Fellowship Visit is 14-21 March and we expect 20 or more guests at our Partners Night on 19 March. We should make sure they all come along to the fish auction as well!!

Swedish Rotary Friendship Exchange is 26-29 March. Thanks to Ray & Judy, George & Sue, Karen & Col, Echah & Graeme, David & Pam and Norm & Helen for agreeing to host visiting Swedes and to John Arkan for assisting in planning parts of the visit. We will roll out our secret Swedish-speaking weapon, Tom Podbury, for the visit!

Condolences to the Smede family on a recent family bereavement.

**Treasurer Geoff says DUES ARE DUE NOW - if you pay half yearly**

### CLUB NOTICES

4 Feb Auction (helpers are Woolgoolga RFS)  
 13 Feb Small Business Social Forum at the Pool  
 19 Feb 2.30 movie fundraiser, Bray St Coffs  
 3 Mar Auction (helpers: Red Rock Corindi RFS)  
 14-21 Mar Rotary Recreational vehicle fellowship visit  
 17-18 Mar Fish auction

### DISTRICT NOTICES

4 Feb YEP rebounders debrief, Armidale  
 16 Feb Presidents & Secretaries meeting  
 9-11 Mar District Conference Inverell  
 16-8 May International Conference Bangkok

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

Date	6 February	13 February	19th for 20 February (no meeting...instead...)
Attendance	Dick Matthews	Terry Booth	
Welcome/ Fellowship	David Fayle	Norm Michener 3mins on the Club	Film afternoon on 19 Feb at 2.30pm
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	George Smede (Europe trip)	Jaimie Hunt (Brazil)	At Birch Carroll & Coyle cinemas, Bray St, Coffs
Introduce Guest Speaker	Peter Lacy	Terry Booth	Will be in lieu of Mon- day's meeting
Vote of Thanks	Karen Sedgwick	Norm Michener	
Guest Speakers	Honeywell summer school students report	Small business So- cial Forum at the Woolgoolga Pool	"The Best Exotic Mari- gold Hotel" movie fund- raiser

**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)