

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

## Woopi Whisper

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

### THIS WEEK (27 Feb) - Five students reporting

Our Club supported three students to attend The Science Experience at the University of New England recently. Tonight they will be reporting on their experiences. Not only that, but we also hear from two recipients of our new Club Scholarship scheme, who attended a workshop in Brisbane, with some support from our club.

### MOVIE EVENING FOR POLIO PLUS (23 Feb)/ ROTARY 107!

A healthy contingent of Rotarians, partners and friends from our club headed for Sawtell on Thursday night for to see *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, a movie set in India. They



helped to jam-pack the historic theatre with 185 people, with at least 30 more having to be turned away by the overwhelmed organiser, DG Rob Anderson.

(Those unfortunately included our Terry and Marlies, who had timed their return from Victoria to attend) The cinema staff, probably flabbergasted by a rare full

house, really did well to help Rotary out, including reducing the normal charge.

The film got rave reviews from those attending: full of “one-liners”, memorable scenes involving old blokes and fake Viagra, and Dame Maggie Smith (famous for roles as countess, professor etc) playing a commoner. Apparently, “it’ll always be right at the end, and if it’s not right, it’s not the end!”

It was a great gathering of Rotarians and friends, with every club in the cluster participating – even Dorrigo! Similar events involved Rotarians right around the country.

India, this past twelve months, due to the efforts of Rotary and its partners, has had NO cases of polio! However, the job is not yet complete—as Rob Byrne powerfully pointed out to our joint meeting at Thora Hall recently, during his cycle trip to raise money for PolioPlus. The movie night raised \$2,600 for PolioPlus — a fitting way to celebrate the pending success in India, Rotary’s 107th birthday that day, and a great contribution towards the final eradication of polio worldwide.

### REFURBISHED SCHOOL DESKS & CHAIRS TO VANUATU

Due to the unflagging effort of Rob White, Vanuatu schools will have some more much-needed furniture. Chairs (95) and desks (35) were donated to Rotary by the Woolgoolga High School at their end of year cleanout of redundant classroom furniture. Rob White and Dick Matthews loaded them into our trailer (a feat in itself) and hauled them



to Rob’s. Rob & Edith White did a major cleaning job on the chairs, while the Woolgoolga Shed (“Mens’ Shed”) kindly agreed to refinish and varnish the desk tops—a big task.

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:** n/a

**Visitors:** Elisabeth, Hella, numerous partners and friends attended

**Apologies:** John, Rod, Dick, Sel, Pam, David F, David E, Ray, Geoff, Keith, Gareth, George

**Attendance:** 11 (48%)

**Raffle winner:** n/a

**Birthdays:** Graeme Wright 29 Feb, Bill Carroll 4 March

**Anniversaries:**

Rob then drove the lot to Brisbane by trailer (Edith could not go as the car was chock-a-block full!). There Rotarian John Greenwood and his Pac Rim Container firm packed them in a 20ft container together with a furniture truck load of 'Wishlist' hospital equipment /furniture/ educational resource kits and books from Coonabarabran, Coonamble & Moree Rotary Clubs. The container is programmed to depart Brisbane for Port Vila on 10th March.

*Thank you Rob, Edith and the team from the Shed!*

## ROTARY FURNITURE GOODWILL PROGRAM

Rotary has been doing similar work (without the refurbishment step) for at least three years. Schools upgrading furniture have redundant furniture to discard. Rotary saw an opportunity – instead of this ending up in landfill dumps, why not send usable furniture to schools in under-privileged parts of the world that do not have enough? For every student that now can have a desk and chair, Rotary can make a difference to their whole education experience. The **Rotary Furniture Goodwill Program** started in mid-2010, and has since shipped over 108 containers to ten different countries. That represents over 1,080 classrooms and about half a million student years if the furniture lasts 20 years. The estimated value of the furniture sent is \$11 million; however, the benefit to young students is immeasurable.

The containers have been sent to ten countries – Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Samoa (after a cyclone), Timor L'este, Chile, India and Sierra Leone.

The second phase of the program has been the Goodwill component which involves matching of recipient and donor schools. The hope is to create a cultural and social relationship, school to school.



## NEWS FROM OUR OUTBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS



You can find the monthly YEPPERS and read full reports at [www.rotaryyouthexchange9650.com.au](http://www.rotaryyouthexchange9650.com.au) (scroll down) News from **Rachel Hall, Denmark** in email (trimmed): "Been [in Denmark] about 2½ weeks now. Over the past few days the temperature has been between -20 and -10. From the 29th-5th I was away on a Language Camp which proved to be interesting to say the least. One of the days we went to a city called Aarhus and went to an Art Gallery and such. Such a great day :). Over the past few days I've just been enjoying my time back in little old Faaborg with my family and going to school, etc. The snow is amazing and I am slowly getting used to the cold. I miss home but I am so grateful to have this experience so I will make it the best it can be :) I go to London in a bit under two weeks which will be amazing! Until then take care and talk soon.

From **Paul Harrison's (Argentina)** 1st YEPPER: I sit here and wonder how a month has passed so quickly. Everything has been awesome; when I was sick I got a little homesick but not much, I think it's because I'm used to my mum looking after me. I'll be honest in Brazil I partied a lot and met a lot of girls. Beaches in Brazil were awesome and everybody I've met is really nice. Been having the time of my life and it's only the beginning. My Spanish to begin with was really bad, but I'm learning quickly and not worried about it, I should get the hang of it soon.

**On a sad note: the profound sympathies of all members and friends go out to the Wright family.**

### CLUB NOTICES

- 3 Mar Auction (helpers: Red Rock Corindi RFS)
- 9 Mar Club delegation off to District Conference
- 14-21 Mar Rotary Recreational vehicle fellowship visit
- 17-18 Mar Fish auction
- 26-29 Mar Swedish Exchange visit
- 7 April Auction
- 28 April CurryFest (main day)

### DISTRICT NOTICES

- 9-11 Mar District Conference Inverell
- 16-8 May International Conference Bangkok

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

| MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend |  |  |  |
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| Date  | 27 February                                  | 5 March  | 12 March Board mtg                               |
| Attendance  | Glenda Kennedy                               | Peter Bannister                                | George Smede                                     |
| Welcome/ Fellowship   | Echah Wright                                 | Gareth Owen                                    | Peter Lacy                                       |
| Club Speakers 3-5 minutes                                   | Peter Bannister                              | Ray Willing                                    | Pam Fayle  |
| Introduce Guest Speaker                                     | Karen Sedgwick                               | Sel Rogers                                     | Garry Kennedy                                    |
| Vote of Thanks  | Geoff Royal                                  | David Edwards                                  | Ray Willing                                      |
| Guest Speakers  | Students who attended The Science Experience | Garry Kennedy, Navy International Fleet Review | Bishop Druitt Students: Cambodian Community Work |

**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)