

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

## Woopi Whisper

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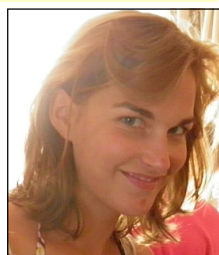


Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

**IT'S PARTNER'S NIGHT SO BRING ALONG YOUR PARTNER OR A GUEST OR TWO TO HEAR ABOUT ELISABETHS LATEST ADVENTURES IN AUSTRALIA**

### THIS WEEK (23 Apr)

Every year the District's exchange students go on "safari" and travel to some of the more remote parts of our continent. They go with students from one or two other Rotary districts, make many friends and generally have a wonderful experience. Elisabeth has just returned from this year's safari and will be coming along to tell us about her adventures.



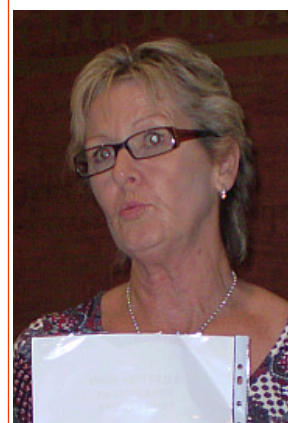
### LAST MEETING (16 Apr)

Given the torrential downpour that started half an hour before the meeting and kept up throughout (definitely special Rotary Rain!), we had a pretty reasonable turnout to enjoy the new décor at the club and a delicious roast chicken dinner.

**Gail Horne (r) and Sue Rae (l)** came along and told us about the Salvation Army Op Shop on River Street which is a major source of their funding to assist people in our community. The shop is finding it tougher in its new location away from the main shopping centre and they are hoping to work cooperatively with other organisations, including Rotary, to boost their ability to assist in Woolgoolga. Gail asked us to consider sending any leftover auction items to them and asked for ideas on advertising and boosting the number of visitors to the store. At a subsequent board meeting we decided to make our contribution to Mental Health Hat Day (18 May) a bit more interesting by holding a best hat competition which will support the Op Shop as well as raising funds for mental health research (see Club News pg 2 for details).



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



**Gail Horne,**  
**Salvation Army**  
**Family Store**

For those wishing to visit the store for some bargains, it is at 59 River St and open 10-3 on weekdays plus an extra hour until 4pm on Wednesdays and Saturday mornings 9 to 12.30. Phone 6654 0631 for further information on items they have available.

### CLUB SPEAKER

Our newest member Mary Bryant used her speaking slot to introduce herself to us. Mary has 5 children. Her husband is based in Sydney but travels all over NSW for work so Mary is used to "batching" while he travels (but saves up the house maintenance and other tasks for his home visits!!). Mary herself is a retired school teacher and prior to moving to our area a few years ago, she lived in Port Stephens. Mary is very interested in many of the Club's activities and keen to help in the community. She has already jumped in to help with many programs and is pleased the club has a focus on youth in the community. Welcome again Mary, we are very glad you have joined us.



### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** nil  
**Visitors:** Gail Horne, Sue Rae (guest speakers) and partner Judy.  
**Apologies:** , Rod, George, Keith, Peter B, Garry, Rob, Glenda, Sel, Echah, Trish, Gareth  
**Attendance:** 13 (54.2%%)  
**Raffle winner:** Ray  
**Birthdays:** nil  
**Anniversaries:** nil

# SERGEANT'S SESSION

There were some stormy fines for all those with duck feet who braved the wet weather to attend (hopefully the chickens who weren't there will all be fined next week!!) David & Pam paid a spice fine for being up to their elbows in curry mix preparing for Curryfest. There were some interesting "wet nuts" fines ... not going to explain that one but will (dangerously) leave it to your imagination.



## CLUB NEWS

**Mental Health Hat Day** is on 18 May and we will be marking the occasion at our meeting the following Monday (**Monday 21 May**). That evening will be a partners night and we will be holding a **mad hatter competition (with prizes)**. We are hoping that as many members, partners and guests as possible will pop into the Salvation Army family store on River St. and help them out by purchasing an "interesting" hat to wear on the night. Extra points may be awarded for cross dressing, make up and accessories. Gail is getting in an additional supply of hats in to sell to any wayward Rotarians who drop by. Entry in the hat competition will be \$5 which will go towards a club donation to Rotary Health for mental health research and your op shop purchase will help the Salvation Army assist those in need in our community. Invite some friends along for this one!!



**PLANT STALL:** We are planning an autumn/ winter produce & plant stall for June auction (2 months time) because it's always a low earning month in need of a boost. Pot up some plants over the next few weeks, bottle some preserves, plant some vegies or just go through your garden shed and give us your old garden tools, pots, gardening books or magazines. (contact Pam for details).



**News from Rachel Hall** our outbounder in Denmark. Rachel has been enjoying lots of school and quite a few birthday parties, including her own celebrations which involved traditional Lagkage birthday cake. She's been out and about seeing some of northern Germany and the island of Ærø off the Danish coast as well as the nearby city of Odense. She has also become a fan of football (and we don't mean Aussie Rules!!). Great update Rachel.



**Heritage Walk:** President Norm has secured the Club a **\$15,000 state government grant** for the Heritage Walk project. Congratulations Norm!! This means planning can get under way and Norm will be talking to Council and involving a group of interested members in development of this great contribution to pride in our community and a lasting legacy from our Rotary Club.

### CLUB NOTICES

- 25 April ANZAC day march (Rotary wreath)
- 28 April Curryfest (main day—gate duty)
- 5 May Auction
- 21 May Mad Hatter Competition for Mental Health Hat Day
- 2 June Auction and winter produce & plant stall

### DISTRICT NOTICES

- 29 April District Assembly in Tamworth for those who can't make it to Kempsey in May (when it clashes with MUNA)
- 16-18 May International Conference Bangkok
- 18 May Mental Health Hat Day
- 18-20 May MUNA at Port Macquarie
- 20 May District assembly Kempsey

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	23 April partners	30 April	7 May
Attendance	Pamela Fayle	Geoff Royal	George Smede
Welcome/ Fellowship	Norm Michener	Garry Kennedy	Gareth Owen
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	David Edwards	Terry Booth	Echah Wright
Introduce Guest Speaker	Glenda Kennedy	Peter Lacy	Dick Matthews
Vote of Thanks	Patty Delaney	David Edwards	Terry Booth
Guest Speakers	Elisabeth de Halleux "Safari"	TBC	Julianne McKeon Coordinator Coffs Innovation Centre

**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)