

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

## Woopi Whisper

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

### DON'T FORGET IT'S PARTNERS NIGHT

#### TONIGHT (18 July)

Tonight we will be hearing from **Alastair Milroy** who will be updating us on the Multi-purpose Centre—developments and issues. This is one of the biggest issues around in the community and an extensive process of community consultation and interaction with Council has been under way so come along, hear the latest and have a say.

#### LAST MEETING (11 July)

Illness wiped out a significant number of members (might have to be flu fines this week folks!!) Neither of our guest speakers could make it either. We all wish High School Captain and outbound YEPER for 2012, Paul Harrison, a speedy recovery from Whooping Cough and we are thinking of Rajpreet Singh-Bisla whose Grandma is in hospital. The dreaded flu bug also wiped out Peter and Lyndee and David E seemed to be coming down with it as well. We understand Trish was recovering from a car accident, so combined with a number of members being away travelling we were a small but friendly group and wish all of our sick and injured members a speedy recovery.

**Rachel Hall** (YEP outbinder to Denmark in 2012) dropped by to get some papers signed and we used the opportunity to get her to tell us about last weekend's YEP briefing at Armidale, which she did with her characteristic sense of humour and talent for speaking off the cuff. Rachel has now met up with the other district students headed for Scandinavia and learned a bit about visa requirements.

**Patty** gave us a debrief on her recent 12 day trip to Japan where she and Graeme met up with **Minami (YEP 2008-9)** in Kobe where she is studying. Patty entertained us with tales of a day of queues at Japan's Universal Studios and 4 lovely days in Nara visiting temples, the deer and some fabulous Japanese gardens in full bloom as well as buying a Shamisen (musical instrument as above right). Looks like Minami is off to Honolulu for some study soon but the **BIG NEWS is that she is coming back to Oz for another visit and basing herself in Woolgoolga from January to March next year.** Patty also broke the news that **Hanni from Austria (YEP 2007-8) is going to be visiting soon** with her partner Max (**3 August - 20 September**) so looks like a bumper year for YEP visits again this year and it is great that they have all been such good boomerangs.



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



**Rachel Hall reports on her YEP briefing**

**Karen** then entertained us with tales of her visit to Vanuatu where she was shocked at the lack of basic equipment and facilities to care for the disabled. She managed to visit Tanna one weekend and showed us photos of the dreadful condition of the roads. Karen said the hospital seemed in need of some TLC given smashed windows, torn fly screens and peeling paint. Some of the local women continue to have babies having prepared no clothes to wrap them in and Karen was able to help one woman out with a small clothing purchase while there. The volcano was quite active at the time and two visits (daytime and night) produced some spectacular photos.



#### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** nil  
**Visitors:** Rachel Hall and dad John dropped by during the meeting  
**Apologies:** John, Ray, Rob, Bill, Sel, Garry, Glenda, Lyndee, Terry, George, Rod, Peter, Trish, Gareth.  
**Attendance:** 10 (41.7%)  
**Raffle winner:** Echa Wright  
**Birthdays:** Merv Richardson 18 July (if you see him around town, wish him many happy returns)  
**Anniversaries:** Rob & Edith White 20 July, Echah & Graeme Wright 21 July.

## CLUB WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Pam did a live demonstration of recent updates to the Club website. Log onto [www.woolgoalgarotaryclub.org.au](http://www.woolgoalgarotaryclub.org.au) and check it out for yourselves. The site is still evolving so pass comments to Pam. Keith has also set up a facebook site for past and present YEP inbound and outbound students to and from Woolgoalga so they can all stay in touch. Pam will soon be linking the facebook page to the website. To check out the facebook page the URL is (deep breath first it's a long one...): [www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=hpskip#!/groups/WoopieYEP](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=hpskip#!/groups/WoopieYEP).

## CLUB NEWS

Darlington Park BBQ to help the Rubenstein-Taybi Organisation Thanks to those who turned out to help run the bbq for this organisation's inaugural conference. They were a most appreciative group and we will get the organiser to come along as a guest speaker soon to talk about the syndrome and the conference. Big thanks to Norm for transporting the bbq (s) and to the happy team: Gareth, Garry, Glenda, David, Pam and Karen.



### YEP News

**Elisabeth de Halleux** arrives from Belgium 5.30pm Thursday 21 July so come along to Coffs airport to welcome her to Australia. We are expecting our 2007-8 student from Austria, **Hanni**, to visit us 3 August—20 September and 2008-9 student **Minami** from Japan will be visiting January-March next year. We will of course make sure they come and update us at a club meeting while here. A big turn out at Coffs airport on 7 July farewelled a tearful **Stina** in style. Patty & Graeme, President Norm, Peter, Keith, David & Pam, Lisa Owen, the Hunt and Keys families, Ryan Williams and a heap of school friends were there. Stina is now home safely and says it feels strange!



**Club Picnic/BBQ Can't make it to the airport?...We'll be having a Club picnic/bbq at Woolgoalga Beach Reserve the following Sunday (24 July) at 12 midday to welcome (a hopefully less jet lagged) Elisabeth properly, so please put that in your diaries and bring partners/family as well.**

**Annual Fees Are Now Due** Make sure you pay Treasurer Geoff soon. The Board has confirmed fees at the same level as last year so you can either pay \$100 for 6 months or \$200 for the full year.

### CLUB NOTICES

21 July Elisabeth (new YEP) arrives from Belgium  
 24 July Sunday picnic to meet Elisabeth  
 3 August Hanni Hafellner begins her visit  
 6 August Auction: OOSH is our auction partner  
 3 Sept Auction: Woolgoalga High School is our auction partner plus it is Spring Plant Stall

### DISTRICT NOTICES

5-17 July National Youth Science Forum  
 7 August Coffs Cycle Challenge (Rotary)  
 October Cluster Round of the Windsong Public Speaking Competition  
 9-11 Mar District Conference Inverell  
 6-8 May International Conference Bangkok

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

| Date                      | 18 July partners night                       | 25 July assembly night   | 1 August                              |
|---------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Attendance                | David Fayle                                  | Pamela Fayle   | Peter Lacy                            |
| Welcome/Fellowship        | Lyndee Hagar                                 | Na   | Garry Kennedy                         |
| Club Speakers 3-5 minutes | Rod Mackenzie (fellowship exchange)          | Na   | Keith Minhinnett (a recent dive trip) |
| Introduce Guest Speaker   | Ray Willing                                  | Na   | Echah Wright                          |
| Vote of Thanks            | Gareth Owen                                  | Na   | Geoff Royal                           |
| Guest Speakers            | Alistair Milroy "Multipurpose Centre Update" | President Norm will lead discussion on issues for the year ahead | Lyndee Hagar "Adventures in Dubai"    |

**Your Rotary Club Needs YOU**  
 Help with AUCTION PICK-UPS or want to be an AUCTIONEER? (See Dick)  
 WISH TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER? (See Pam)  
 KNOW A FAMILY INTERESTED IN HOSTING a YEP STUDENT? (See Patty)