

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

Woopi Whisper

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

**REMEMBER: NO AUCTION THIS SATURDAY,
MAY AUCTION IS POSTPONED UNTIL 12 MAY**

THIS WEEK (7 May)

Julianne McKeon, Coordinator of Coffs Harbour Innovation Centre is coming along to inspire us. The centre is on the CHEC campus and provides accommodation & business development services for start-up businesses.



LAST MEETING (30 Apr)

Gordon Abbott, newly elected President of Woolgoolga Chamber of Commerce (which has 66 members) came along to talk about the Chamber. Gordon has lived in Woopi for 30 years and is a very active community volunteer. He has been Chamber President in the past, but is back again along with an almost complete Board changeover, which made it tough to get across the impending Curryfest event straight after taking over the reins.

The Chamber is very active on many fronts including Youth Employment Forum, World Rally, Visitors Information Centre, Carols on the Beach, Whale-watch Headland, other town promotion work and the Multipurpose Centre Project. In recent years Highway issues and rezoning of Raj Mahal (both fraught with controversy) have kept the Chamber busy. They also manage Curryfest, which unfortunately, also became embroiled in controversy and unfortunate publicity this year. Gordon explained the Chamber's perspective on all of this. After a review of arrangements, Gordon is keen to move forward, cooperating with the Sikh community and volunteer groups to deliver a good Curryfest in 2013. Unfortunately due to the need to change this year's arrangements the Chamber rather than



the event organiser now owns any losses that may eventuate due to crowd numbers being down because of wet weather (photo at left). We are lucky to have Gordon's steady experienced hand on the tiller as we move on. We look forward to working with him serving the community.



CLUB SPEAKER

Terry gave us the "not about my knee op" talk and entertained us with tales of past dinner auction club fundraisers - great for newer members to hear. Dinner auctions were held in the 1990s up to 2000-01 and items up for auction were extraordinary (eg Qantas Holidays). Amounts up to \$27,000 were raised. Community participation and entertainment were tops. A few of us were left thinking we might try it again, though we note earnings had been declining, other competing dinner auctions had been set up, the organisational effort required is big and times have changed so the model may no longer be so effective as a fundraiser. Food for thought though.



Meeting Place

**Woolgoolga
Bowling Club**

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

**6654 7700
by 10.30am Monday**



**Local Solicitor &
President of the
Chamber of
Commerce,
Gordon Abbott**

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: nil

Visitors: Gordon Abbott, Elisabeth and Hella were in attendance too.

Apologies: John, Rod, George, Keith, Peter B, Rob, Sel, Echah, Gareth, Peter L,

Attendance: 14 (58.3%)

Raffle winner: Ray (again!!)

Birthdays: Sel Rogers 6 May, Ila Rogers 8 May

Anniversaries: nil

SERGEANT'S SESSION

The Kennedy duo was back in action.....and there were lots of wet feet fines from Curryfest given the deluge from 11 to 3 and the mud!! Our Acting Sergeant was himself fined for inappropriate dinner conversation which only made those at the other table very curious about what the subject was, and I won't tell! Dick scored an auction alert tax and a bon voyage tax as we all contemplate facing the next auction without him, with great trepidation. There were footie fines and visitors tax too.



CLUB NEWS

Lost Property Alert!!!! Anyone seen the Bowelscan banner that was hanging in the plaza or leftover Bowelscan test kits? The banner was up for a while after Bowelscan week ended and it is unknown who took it down??? Expensive to replace and if we cannot return the unused kits then the Club will be charged for them so it is important.

Mental Health Hat Day will be the focus of our meeting **Monday 21 May**. It will be a partners night with **a hat competition (with prizes)**. We are hoping 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 an additional supply of hats to sell to wayward Rotarians who drop by. Entry in the competition is \$5 which goes towards a club donation to Rotary Health for mental health research. Invite some friends along for this one as we have a good speaker to address us on mental health issues.

PLANT STALL: We are holding an autumn/ winter produce & plant stall at 2 June auction to boost earnings. Pot up some plants, bottle some preserves, plant some vegies or just go through your garden shed and donate old garden tools, pots, gardening books or magazines. Contact Pam for details.

SUNDAY 3 JUNE bus shelter party..12 midday bbq to thank local tradesmen and council workers who helped repair & beautify the Rotary Bus shelter . Meet at the shelter then visit Big Garden Furniture Showroom & Gallery across the road for a BBQ.



MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly): The club will be sponsoring 3 teams this year for MUNA in Port Macquarie. Our countries are **Japan, Canada and Switzerland**. Teacher Frank Dean and David & Pam are planning to provide help & transport. MUNA weekend is 18-20 May.



RELAY FOR LIFE Hella and her team will be doing the Relay for Life, including an evening undies run!! It is this weekend and will raise money for the Cancer Council. Those who have sponsored Hella should bring their money along next Monday night to pay up for a good cause.



CLUB NOTICES

- 12 May** Auction (note date change from 5 May)
- 14 May Board Meeting
- 21 May Hat Competition for Mental Health Day
- 2 June Auction and winter produce & plant stall
- 3 June BBQ and industry visit at the bus shelter and Big Garden Furniture (across the rd)

DISTRICT NOTICES

- 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	7 May	14 May Board Mtg	21 May partners
Attendance	George Smede	Ray Willing	Echah Wright
Welcome/ Fellowship	Gareth Owen	Sel Rogers	George Smede
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	David Edwards	Trish Baker	Hat competition
Introduce Guest Speaker	Peter Lacy	Gareth Owen	Karen Sedgwick
Vote of Thanks	Terry Booth	Patty Delaney	David Edwards
Guest Speakers	Julianne McKeon Coordinator, Coffs Innovation Centre	Kelvin Harris Curryfest Organiser	Ingrid Vet Mental Health First Aid Facilitator

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)