

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

## Woopi Whisper

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

### DON'T FORGET—GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

#### TONIGHT (25 July)

Assembly tonight . Lots to talk about so come along and make a contribution.

#### LAST MEETING (18 July)

**Alastair Milroy** (photo at right) who has devoted a lot of his time to the project came along to update us on developments with the Multipurpose Centre. Club members Ray and Karen are also on the Committee to push for this facility for our community.

There has been a lot of consultation and surveying of sport and cultural groups as well as schools, the Indian community and other potential user groups. Council looked at available land and offered a Centennial Reserve site in principle. Community consultation has revealed some support also for other sites in High St, near the High School and in West Woolgoolga and Council has been asked to look at those as well, although there are some costs and issues with all sites and there will always be some opposition (of the 'not in my back yard' type) to any site chosen one suspects.

In June the Committee presented the analysis and survey work as well as draft concept plans to Council which will consider the material this month. The hoped for outcome would be for a consortium between Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the State Government to put forward a submission for Federal funding. Council's contribution will most likely be the land and nothing will happen unless the land is approved first. Chances are it will be difficult to get this ready in time for this year's funding, but we will see.

#### CLUB SPEAKER

Rod reported on the Friendship Exchange in South Africa which he & Bronwyn and Ray & Judy have just returned from. A group of 10 went from this district to District 9270 and spent 2 weeks in various parts of the district including attending District Conference where they did a 20 min. presentation on our part of the Rotary world.

District 9270 is involved in a lot of project work—much of it aimed at the basic needs for the very poor. There are many disadvantaged—for example there are over 3,000 schools with no water and over 2,000 schools with no electricity, not to mention aids which is making orphans of a large number of children. Basic needs of shoes, warmth, toiletries, water tanks, medical equipment—even nappies are a major part of Rotary's work there.

Partly prompted by Rod's talk, our Club is about to look at what we can do given the poverty in South Africa & the current drought and starvation disaster in the Horn of Africa.

The team also had time to take in the wildlife, Zulu battlegrounds, game parks, a cruise

and lots of bbq's. The exchange team from Sth Africa will be coming our way 3-17 September so hopefully we can return hospitality when the team comes through Woolgoolga. Rod & Ray brought back lots of banners for our collection.



Meeting Place

**Woolgoolga  
Bowling Club**

**Monday Evenings**

**6.00pm for 6.15pm**

Apologies to

**6654 7700  
by 10.30am Monday**



**Alastair Milroy**

#### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** nil

**Visitors:** Alastair Milroy, Jane Mann and partners Ila, Marie, Bronwyn, Helen, Sue, Judy and Sally

**Apologies:** John, Rob, Bill, Terry, Garry, Echah, Keith, David E.

**Attendance:** 16 (66.7%)

**Raffle winner:** Trish Baker

**Birthdays:** Judy Jackson, 28 July

**Anniversaries:** Rob & Edith White 20 July, Echah & Graeme Wright 21 July.

## SERGEANT's SESSION

Welcome back tax was imposed on several travellers and despite helping out as corporal, Glenda was fined for wearing her badge upside down—at least it was the right badge. Dick was fined for pinching Ray's badge and doing a very bad impersonation job!! Late fines were issued for George and Patty, flu fines for Lyndee and Peter and a special surfboard seller fine for Gareth. Big fine for Trish who made it to the front page of Grafton's paper and also featured in the Advertiser for her off-road adventures. Sergeant Rod incurred a wine fine while the board paid up for having their photo in the paper.



## CLUB NEWS

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.

Club Picnic/BBQ Can't make it to the airport?...We'll be having a Club picnic/bbq at Woolgoolga Beach Reserve Sunday (24 July) at 12 midday to welcome (a hopefully less jet lagged) Elisabeth properly, so come along & enjoy.

RYDA (driver awareness) is on again on Thursday 11 August so please keep that day free if you can (9am-2ish) to help out. Rosters will be arranged soon. We expect up to 140 Year 11 students to do the course this year.

Friendship Exchange There are still places on the next Exchange to Brazil (D4600) 2-19 Sept 2011 and a second Brazil opportunity to D4770 is scheduled for 23 Sept-10 Oct 2011. In 2012 there are proposed exchanges with D2360 Sweden (May), D7820 Nova Scotia, Canada (May-June), D7430 Philadelphia USA (September). Other possibilities in 2012 are D2050 Italy, several districts in India (D3140, 3040, 3132), and D3520 Taiwan. See Rod for application forms or to follow up.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Rotary Cartoon Awards are on at Bunker Gallery Saturday evening 23 July 6.30-8.30pm. Tickets available from the Bunker for \$25, but they need to know asap for catering purposes. (ph 6651 7343 10am-4pm)

Rugby World Cup 2011 starts Auckland 9 Sept 2011, with the final Auckland Sun Oct 23, 2011. Tickets available for most games at [www.rugbyworldcup.com](http://www.rugbyworldcup.com). NZ Rotarians invite you to come to NZ & can help make your visit special with hospitality in a fellow Rotarian's home (B&B \$150 per night which includes a donation to PolioPlus). Hosts still available in all venues. It can all be done on the web: <http://www.rotarynzrugbyhosting.co.nz>.

CanDo charity bowls day Sun 31 July: contact Trish Baker 0408 424 846 to join a team & help cancer support.

**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 Elizabeth  
 3 August Hanni Hafellner begins her visit  
 6 August Auction: (OOSH is our auction partner)  
 11 August RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)  
 15 August DG Barry Hacker visit

### DISTRICT NOTICES

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	25 July assembly night	1 August	8 August board
Attendance	Pamela Fayle	Peter Lacy	Lyndee Hagar
Welcome/Fellowship	Na	Garry Kennedy	Glenda Kennedy
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	Na	Keith Minhinnett (a recent dive trip)	Gareth Owen
Introduce Guest Speaker	Na	Echah Wright	Terry Booth
Vote of Thanks	Na	Geoff Royal	Sel Rogers
Guest Speakers	President Norm will lead discussion on is- sues for the year ahead	Lyndee Hagar "Adventures in Dubai"	Noel Bultitude "Woolgoolga Men's Club—history, legacy and future"

**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)