

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

## Woopi Whisper

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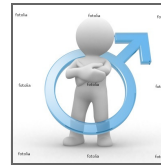


Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

**DON'T FORGET IT IS AUCTION THIS SATURDAY  
and we are helping OOSH. Also, the BOARD meets tonight.**

### TONIGHT (8 Aug)

We will be hearing from Noel Bultitude who is going to talk to us about the Woolgoolga Men's Club & its history. Later there will be a Board meeting.



### LAST MEETING (1 Aug)

Lyndee Hagar gave us a couple of treats. She brought some delicious cakes along as a farewell for her last meeting before leaving for Qatar to take up a teaching appointment and she provided some wonderful insights into life in Dubai. Lyndee's love of the Arab world seems to be a link to her surname which has Arabic origins.

Lyndee told us of her employment to help set up a new school. But when she arrived in Dubai, along with 4 or 5 other Aussies and teachers from Canada, the US and the UK, they discovered the school had not yet been built. Nevertheless temporary accommodation meant the school was operational. The school was run by an Indian consortium.



Lyndee told tales of some traffic adventures (they drive fast in Dubai!). She also explained there is a lot of inequality and Indian workers who have been coming to Dubai since the 1820s are housed in bunks in rows and rows of prefab shipping container-like houses. They are paid poorly compared to others in Dubai but well compared to what they would earn at home in India.

Outside the everchanging cityscape the countryside is barren landscape.

While Lyndee was there (and presumably still) the building noise was constant (sometimes a short break from 4-6.30am when shifts change over) and there was too much concrete dust to ever hang washing outside. Lyndee enjoyed the school (where else do you get kids demonstrating falconry and sword dancing on national day!!) and the shopping (2.5km of shopping mall which you traverse by golf buggy!!). Unfortunately the school was not completed by the time she finished her teaching stint.

Lyndee is now off on another adventure in Qatar and we all wish her well.

### CLUB SPEAKER

Our new exchange student Elisabeth de Halleux from Tournai in Belgium attended her first meeting and introduced herself. Elisabeth is already in the swing of things and determined to use her year to try many things she has never done before. She is taking new subjects at school and has already been skateboarding and played netball, and tried her hand at papermaking. She can't wait for summer to try some surfing and diving and other watersports so we hope she has a great year.



Meeting Place

**Woolgoolga  
Bowling Club**

Monday Evenings

**6.00pm for 6.15pm**

Apologies to

**6654 7700  
by 10.30am Monday**



**Lyndee Hagar**  
"Adventures in  
Dubai"

### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** nil

**Visitors:** Elisabeth de Halleux

**Apologies:** John, Rob, Bill, Keith, Terry, Norm, Rod, George

**Attendance:** 16 (66.7%)

**Raffle winner:** Glenda Kennedy

**Birthdays:** Dick Matthews 6 Aug, Geoff Royal 7 Aug

**Anniversaries:** Merv & Joy Richardson 5 Aug

## SERGEANT's SESSION

Corporal Garry started with some games for the elderly, then quickly imposed a devastating segregation fine because all the women sat at the same table (a rare event but fun –pic p1). There were bowls fines from the weekend fund raising event and departure tax for Lyndee at her final meeting prior to heading for Qatar. Trish and David F scored “lucky” fines for winning too many raffle prizes and Lyndee imposed a (k)nitpicking fine on David F (apparently Sue Smede measured how close a bowl was by using a knitting needle and the punmaster couldn't help– himself)! (see CanDo charity bowls day photos at right & below — can you spot Trish twice, unlike the last issue of Whisper, not in the nude this time??)



## CLUB NEWS

President meets DG: President Norm attended Coffs Daybreak last week to catch up with DG Barry Hacker (as Norm will be away when Barry visits the club next week). Norm and David F also attended a Cluster meeting at Coffs last Thurs to swap news & plans. David F also represented the club at a dedication ceremony for Sandy Beach Public School's awesome new \$2.5m facilities (photo); John Arkan also attended wearing his Council turban.



YEP News Our 2007-8 student from Austria, **Hanni**, arrives this week - in Oz from 3 Aug to 20 Sep. 2008-9 student **Minami** from Japan will be visiting Jan-Mar next year. Our scuba diving course for YEP-PERs is around 24 Nov this year, dates tbc. Patty reports that she and Elisabeth spoke to **Jaimie Hunt** by phone and he continues to love his time in Brazil. Woopi will have to work hard to get him back!!

**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 are partly arranged, with group leaders allocated, but catering assistance will be appreciated. Up to 140 Year 11 students will do the course this year. If you can't help out on the day then try to bake a cake or some slices/cookies for the morning tea for teachers/Rotarians & instructors and drop it off at the Seniors Centre.**

Our special Club Africa night is on Sat 17 September at the Community Hall. Save this date in your diary. There will be Ethiopian food and African entertainment and funds will be raised for Africa (details to be confirmed).



**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

- 6 August Auction: (OOSH is our auction partner)
- 11 August RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)
- 15 August DG Barry Hacker visit
- 3 Sept Auction (Woolgoolga High School)
- By 15 Sep Club public speaking winner decided
- 17 Sept Africa night at the Community Hall

### DISTRICT NOTICES

- 7 August Coffs Cycle Challenge (Rotary)
- 28 Sep Cluster Final of the Windsong Public Speaking, Coffs Surf Club
- 10 Nov Presidents & Secretaries meeting
- 16 Feb Presidents & Secretaries meeting
- 9-11 Mar District Conference Inverell
- 6-8 May International Conference Bangkok

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

Date	8 August board	15 August partners	22 August
Attendance	Garry Kennedy	Glenda Kennedy	Dick Matthews
Welcome/Fellowship	Glenda Kennedy	Dick Matthews	Sel Rogers
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	Sel Rogers	Geoff Royal	Keith Minhinnett
Introduce Guest Speaker	Terry Booth	David Fayle	Patty Delaney
Vote of Thanks	George Smede	David Fayle	Ray Willing
Guest Speakers	Noel Bultitude “Woolgoolga Men's Club—history, legacy and future”	Barry Hacker District Governor “The year ahead”	Ken Boyle “Outback driving in Central Australia”

**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)