

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

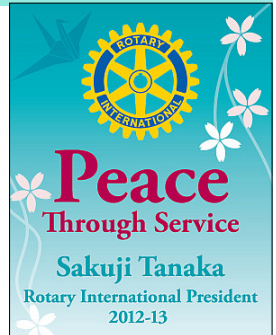
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SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER is WORLD CLEAN-UP DAY.

Grab a bag and head for a beach. Following Stephen Smith's talk, we'd like every Club member to spend up to 1 hour at a beach/foreshore/dunes/watercourse picking up rubbish to prevent it ending up in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Please record which beach/area and how many individual pieces of rubbish (roughly) you collect in your time. This info will be used in PR to publicise the problem and ensure that in future years we get local community involvement in a Rotary World Clean Up Day Effort as an annual event. It may also encourage many to pick up rubbish more regularly to keep our oceans clean.

Meeting Place

**Woolgoolga C.ex
(Bowling Club)**

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

**6654 8890
by 10.30am Monday**

THIS WEEK (24 Sept)

Lauren Florian (recently married and formerly Lauren Beverly-Jones) who was our exchange student to Brazil 11 years ago, is coming back to give us an update on her year and what she has been up to since returning to Oz. Partners welcome and we'll invite a few other ex-outbounders.



LAST WEEK (17 Sept)

Don Clinch, the source of the inspiration for the Club's Heritage Walk Project, came along with wife Shirley, to talk about his early days in Woolgoolga. Don arrived in 1951 to set up a pharmacy for a population of 928 (far below the minimum for a good business proposition, thus his interest in the town's development and growth from his earliest days here). There was sometimes a doctor in town, sometimes not in those days, so with no ambulance, Don was often called out to highway accidents to assess patients for treatment.



Don Clinch

(who didn't let a spot of skin cancer removal earlier in the day stop him!)

Don took on the role of promoting the town and supplied pictures and stories to the ABC, the SMH and other papers to try to stimulate tourism and interest in the town. He got a real estate licence and took on tasks (for no fee) such as recommending to the Education Department which piece of crown land to put a new high school on and advising the Sikhs on where to put the 2nd temple (he recommended the highway to ensure the temple became an icon to draw interest to the town). Not satisfied with being a pharmacist and real estate agent, when he needed to build new premises due the highway moving from River St, he got himself a builder's licence and proceeded to use any spare time to build the Plaza building we are all familiar with, which opened in 1972. Not sure how Don ever found any spare time, but he acted as Chamber of Commerce President, attracted Tourism Conferences to the area, helped establish the Mid North Coast Tourism Authority and chaired the Beach Reserve Committee.



When Council and the Lands Dept fought over who owned what bits of land and procrastinated about putting a proper road in, Don, the local Doctor and local butcher just rolled up their sleeves, built a gravel pit and surveyed and built the road from Wharf St out to the lake (which Council subsequently sealed). He bought a tractor and a slasher to keep the reserve area tidy and welcoming to visitors. In answer to a question, Don said he remains a bit disillusioned with the way Coffs Council ignores Woolgoolga and the Northern Beaches (I just think we need some more Don Clinch-es in our corner!!).

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: Bernie Rees, Ginninderra RC

Visitors: Don & Shirley Clinch, Merv & Joy Richardson, Marie, Helen, Sue S, Bronwyn..

Apologies: Karen, Keith, Rob, John, Lyndee, Garry, Glenda, Peter B, David E, Mary, Trish, Gareth, Terry

Attendance: 11 (45.8%)

Raffle winner: Peter L again so he handed it in and Dick won it second time around.

Birthdays: George Smede 19 Sep, Sue Edwards 28 Sep.

Anniversaries: nil

SERGEANT'S SESSION

Sergeant Rod, ably assisted by Peter L lightened the load in quite a few pockets. George and Pam were fined for a \$10 discrepancy in the dinner money—turns out it was David F's fault though!!! Bronwyn was fined for being a Dragon Lady (risky accusation by Rod even though Dragon Boat Races were to blame). There were fines for fiddling in public for David F after the Sunday concert and visitors tax extracted a few dollars as well.



CLUB NEWS

Banner Exchange with Bernie Rees from Ginninderra Rotary took place last meeting (photo above). Bernie visits Woopi once a year and enjoys his Rotary meetings with us.

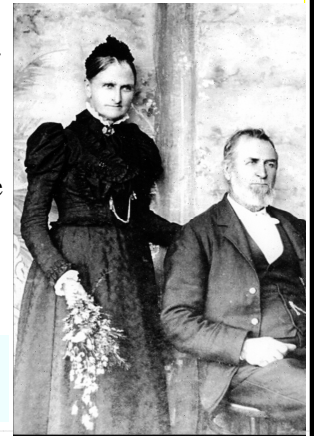
Heritage Bush Dance planning is well advanced. See Patty for posters and make sure you advertise the event to friends (Saturday 6 October from 6.30 for 7pm at the C.ex Bowling Club in Woolgoolga). Funds raised are for the Heritage Walk project. Tallowood will be providing the music; cost is \$20 for adults, \$5 for children (tickets available at the PO and the newsagency). If you book a week in advance you can order dinner from Walters Bistro for \$12 a head (served from 5.30pm on the day). **If you can help out on the day by preparing cheese & bikky snack plates to sell to tables of patrons who have the munchies OR if you can help with decorating tables during the afternoon, let Patty know. Particularly looking for volunteers who are not caught up with the auction that day.**

Marine Rescue's New Boat launch will be on Friday 5 October 11am and Rotary is invited (see Keith).

DATE CHANGE..NEXT PLANT STALL will now be at the **November auction**. Time to pot up and make jam!

HERITAGE UPDATE AND PHOTO

Photo at right is William Toft Pullen & Charlotte Pullen (nee Hoy), pioneers of Woolgoolga. The Pullens moved to Woolgoolga in the 1880s when William was already a successful businessman in his 50s (having made his first money from gold mining at Hill End). They farmed as well as building the first sugar and timber mills in town. William also built the first smaller jetty (subsequently replaced by the long public jetty) and the first Hotel on River Street (on the current Seaview car park block). William and Charlotte had 12 children, 10 of whom survived into adulthood. One son, Edwin, managed the first store in Woolgoolga on the corner of Clarence and River Streets, opposite the current Seaview Hotel, which stands on the site of the Pullen's Woolgoolga residence.



Check out our new **Heritage Walk Website** currently under construction:

<https://sites.google.com/site/woolgoolgawalk/>

CLUB NOTICES

22 Sept World Clean Up Day (pick up some rubbish)
6 Oct Auction to help Woolgoolga Shed
6 Oct Heritage Bush Dance
8 Oct Board Meeting
3 Nov Auction to help St Francis Xavier School
26 Nov Dive School Week begins

DISTRICT NOTICES

September is New Generations month
October is Vocational Services month
24-25 Nov YEP briefing Port Macquarie
26 Nov Woolgoolga Dive School to which district YEPPERS are invited.

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	24 September	1 October	8 October (Board)
Attendance	Rob White	No meeting	Echah Wright
Welcome/ Fellowship	Peter Lacy		Dick Matthews
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	Pamela Fayle	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Garry Kennedy
Introduce Guest Speaker	Peter Bannister		Terry Booth
Vote of Thanks	Keith Minhinnett	No meeting	Gareth Owen
Guest Speakers	Lauren Florian Brazil and beyond		tbc

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

Want to be on the BOARD? - (see Pam or Karen)

Can you help with AUCTION PICK-UPS or auctioneering? (See Dick)

WISH TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER?

(See David E)

KNOW A FAMILY INTERESTED IN HOSTING a YEP STUDENT? (See Patty)