

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

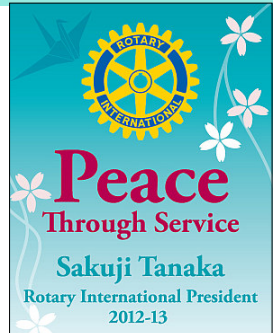
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DON'T FORGET the Auction (to help the Woolgoolga Shed) is on this Saturday 6 October, help out if you can; you can then reward yourself at the Bush Dance Saturday evening at 6.30 for 7pm at the C.ex Bowling Club (time is running out to buy tickets)

THIS WEEK (8 Oct)

It's never too late to learn something. This week's speaker is Bruce Moon from University of the Third Age. Come and hear about what courses are available in Woolgoolga.

LAST MEETING (24 Sept)

Lauren Florian (nee Beverly-Jones) was a breath of fresh air and impressed us with her honesty about the challenges and thrills of her exchange year in Brazil. She has certainly matured into a wonderful young woman Woolgoolga can be very proud of. Her presentation should really be compulsory for all outlanders and their parents as a great snapshot of the ups and downs of an exchange year and the way people's lives are changed.



Lauren told us she had always had the wanderlust but she had set her cap on going to Japan, learning the language and making a career out of it. She went to a briefing weekend and ended up being selected to go to Brazil.

Lauren lived in Alem Para Iba which is not far from Rio de Janeiro. The Rotarians were wealthy but poverty was all around to the extent that her first home had 9 ft high fences and a very big guard dog (called Dracul!!). Her host sister who had been on exchange in Inverell the previous year, went off to uni leaving Lauren in a home where no English was spoken and where she was "trapped" behind the fence with no opportunities to wander around the neighbourhood or socialise.

Lauren's second home was where she acquired her Portugese due to siblings and living in town where she could socialise. Lauren told us of the Rotary trips to the north-east and to Iguasu Falls and the comederie of meeting all the other exchange students from all over the world, people she is still in touch with. Her third family was also wonderful with an artist mum who she could paint with and a Brazilian World Cup win at the time that sent the town nuts. By the time of her 4th family Lauren was fluent in Portugese and loving every moment. She returned home wanting more and spent the next 7 years travelling the world but has not yet made it back to Brazil. Since coming home she has been studying for a university degree in international relations and has recently married. Life is busy!

CLUB SPEAKER

Rob White brought along Simone McPhillips to talk about a project she is pursuing in a village near Port Vila. Simone, with Rob's help, utilised left over Tafea Project desks & chairs for a very poor local school and is now keen to provide a tank for clean water. Simone's boss has kicked in \$500 to start the fund-raising while Rob is already looking at ways to source the tank (they are made in Vila) and associated pumps & gear. Board will be considering our Club's support next meeting.



Meeting Place

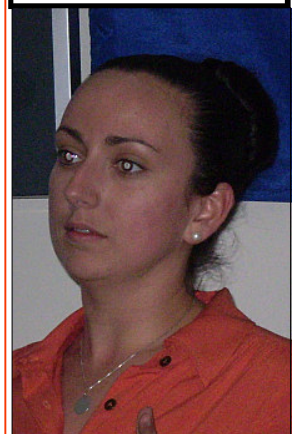
**Woolgoolga C.ex
(Bowling Club)**

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

**6654 8890
by 10.30am Monday**



Lauren Florian

Our Club's outbunder
to Brazil in 2002
now manages C.ex
community relations

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: nil

Visitors: Lauren Florian,
Simone McPhillips, Chris
Edwards, and Edith

Apologies: Karen, John,
Lyndee, Peter B, David E,
Mary, Gareth, Terry, Dick,
Echah, George

Attendance: 13 (54.2%)

Raffle winner: Trish

Birthdays: Susan Edwards
28 Sep, Rod Mackenzie 4
Oct,

Anniversaries: nil

SERGEANT'S SESSION

There were fines for regular raffle winners, some footie fines, spilled drink fine for Keith (can't take him anywhere), fines on Rob for moving Sergeant Rod to another table, visitors tax and a special nudy-rudy fine on Patty who is contemplating some interesting advertising tactics for the Bush Dance if sale don't pick up! Garry paid dearly for some confusing Confucianisms!

CLUB NEWS

Marine Rescue's New Boat launch will be on this Friday 5 October 11am and President Pam will attend.

Heritage Committee is meeting at the Woolgoolga Art Gallery at 2pm Friday 5 October.

Heritage Bush Dance is Saturday 6 October, 6.30 for 7pm at C.ex Bowling Club, Woolgoolga). Funds raised are for the Heritage Walk project. Tallowood will entertain; \$20 for adults, \$5 for children (tickets available at the PO and the newsagency). **If you can help on the day by preparing cheese & bikky plates to sell to tables of patrons who have the munchies OR if you can help decorate tables during the afternoon, let Patty know—the time is nigh.**

Curryfest Update The Committee is in the process of applying for grants and starting the process of seeking sponsorship after confirming the date (13 April) and the venue (Market St) (see Pam for detailed info if interested)

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 shows a 1940s Beach Carnival on Woolgoolga Beach with the jetty visible in the background. The contestants were all male (despite the charming one piece bathing costumes!!). Note the absence of surf boards which had not yet caught on in a big way in Australia. That all changed in the 1950s with the advent of fibreglass boards instead of wooden ones.

Some of the earliest wooden surf boards were introduced to Woolgoolga Beach by Clarence MP Alfred Pollock who brought them back from Hawaii for his family in the 1920s. Pollock Esplanade is named after Alfred whose still has descendants in Woopi.



Check out our new Heritage Walk Website currently under construction:

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

CLUB NOTICES

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

October is Vocational Services month
 27-28 Oct Presidents semi annual district metg in Armidale
 24-25 Nov YEP briefing Port Macquarie
 26 Nov Woolgoolga Dive School
 December is Rotary Family Month

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	8 October (Board)	15 October (partners)	22 October
Attendance	Echah Wright	Peter Bannister	Terry Booth
Welcome/ Fellowship	Dick Matthews	Norm Michener	Keith Minhinnett
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	Patty Delaney (the new job)	Gareth Owen	Karen Sedgwick
Introduce Guest Speaker	Terry Booth	Mary Bryant	Patty Delaney
Vote of Thanks	Gareth Owen	Sel Rogers	Geoff Royal
Guest Speakers	Bruce Moon U3A (university of the 3rd age)	Kathy Kiely Cambodia tbc	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)