

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

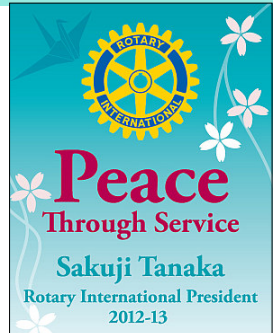
## Woopi Whisper



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### THIS WEEK (26 Nov)

**Bill Roffey**, who is the SES Controller in Coffs is going to come and talk to us about what is new in the SES (State Emergency Service). This is an organisation largely made up of volunteers who are there in times of emergencies to protect community safety. We have heard from the local Corindi SES unit in recent years and it is always interesting to think about how well prepared we may or may not be in this part of the world.



### LAST MEETING (19 Nov)

**Big thanks to Rod and Bronwyn** for a fabulous presentation. For those not there, you missed an all expenses paid trip to France and the UK!! Or at least that's what it felt like. Rod and Bronwyn showed us some great photos and not only took us to the sites but also on their visit to one of our former YEP Inbounders (Stefany Roser, who was here from France in 1999-2000, has stayed in touch with the Club and is now married with two young children). They also visited several friends in the UK and Scotland whom they had met on past Friendship Exchange visits (both here and there) and reminded us yet again of what a great program this is for forming friendships and seeing beyond the tourist facades when visiting other countries.



Rod and Bronwyn enjoyed the cafe culture in Paris, ate exotic things, including some tasty looking bbq duck and spent some time in the town of Agde and on the west coast and southern parts of France. There were photos of beautiful canals, world heritage locks, markets full of fabulous food, boats in the seaports and the wonderful marsh lands, flamingos and wild horses of the Camargue. The Pont du Gard looked magnificent and the city of

Nimes provided a tourist surprise when they stumbled on a colourful re-enactment of the Roman games. In the UK our intrepid couple caught up with their son & plenty of Rotary friends and covered the island from Wales to Scotland via the Lakes District in between. They saw Rhododendrons growing like weeds in Wales, toured some beautifully restored old ships and in Scotland they played golf (I think there was a bit of whiskey involved too), and even took a ride on the Harry Potter train.

### SERGEANT'S SESSION

Sergeant Rod had saved up a few jokes that he hit us with. Kirpal had to pay a few fines to celebrate becoming a member (he's blooded now!) & Pam & David were "ticked off" about their fines (though Pam is happy to be rid of the tick!). And the latest craze is to try to say "do due diligence" three times quickly after a hard day at the office (Patty!)



Meeting Place

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

**Monday Evenings**

**6.00pm for 6.15pm**

Apologies to

**6654 0373  
by 10.30am Monday**



**Bronwyn Mackenzie  
assists Rod with the  
"Grande Tour"**

### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** nil

**Visitors:** Partners Helen, Edith and Bronwyn

**Apologies:** Echah, Gareth, Sel, Garry, Glenda, George, Karen, Peter B., Peter L., Lyndee, John,

**Attendance:** 14 (56%)

**Raffle winner:** Helen

**Birthdays:** Surinder Kaur, 1 Dec.

**Anniversaries:** nil

## CLUB NEWS

**Dive School is on:** We have 13 students this year. Big thanks to Garry and Patty for all the organisational work while trying to hold down real jobs!!! Thanks to Norm and Keith for stepping in to help with various tasks such as driving and diving. Thanks also to those who are billeting students: Norm & Helen, Glenda, Patty & Graeme, David & Pam and Greg Williams & Heather Messer. Thanks also to the Hunt family who will be running Silvia to and fro and allowing the students to use Woolgoolga Pool on the Monday for their practise dive.

**Youth Scholarship:** Board agreed to provide \$168 to Nicole Gusman to assist her in her fund raising to attend the Australian All Schools Athletics in Tasmania. Our community is proud of Nicole's sporting achievements.

**Christmas Donation:** Board has again agreed to support the All Nations Cafe with their ongoing activities and their Christmas meal for volunteers and those in need. President Pam will be presenting a cheque for \$500. If you are available and willing to help out with serving Christmas dinner on Wednesday 19 December let us know.

**Pride in Work:** At our **3 December meeting** we will be making Pride in Work awards to several recipients. This will be a partners night and a celebration of some of the dedicated workers we are lucky to have in our community.

**Volunteers BBQ** will be held on **5 December** behind the bowling club 5.30pm. See Norm if you can help. Lions & Rotary will be doing the organisation and cooking. Cost is \$5 a head. Please invite anyone you know who is a carer or a volunteer in our community. It is time to say thanks and to share some Christmas spirit.

**Movie fundraiser in Coffs, Bray St Theatres: Thursday 6 December from 6pm (movie starts 6.45pm)** This is a fundraiser Sheridan Blayney has organised to support Ashley Haven orphanage in Ethiopia. The movie to be shown is "Life of Pi" and tickets are \$20 (available from Norm/Karen).

**Christmas Party.** We are off to Grafton on **Sunday 16 December** to see the Archibald prize finalists at the Grafton gallery followed by lunch at the Duke St restaurant (1 Duke St) nearby at 12. Confirm attendance with Karen.

**AGM Notice** Our AGM will be held Monday 10 Dec so **NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**. If you wish to nominate for a board position in the 2013-14 Rotary year (beginning mid June) then please let incoming President Karen or President Pam know.

## HERITAGE UPDATE AND PHOTO

Woolgoolga was initially dependent on Bellingen and Grafton District ambulances and in the 1950s residents had to subscribe to both. Our first full-time ambulance station from 1967, was a rented house at 24 Nightingale St with a vehicle on loan from Coffs (photo at right from the Yeates collection). The community had to raise the bulk of the funds to build and run its own permanent ambulance station (completed in 1972 in Queen St).



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

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

### CLUB NOTICES

1 Dec	Auction/Xmas Stall (Mau Mau school tank)
3 Dec	Pride in Work awards night
5 Dec	Volunteers Day BBQ
6 Dec	Life of Pi fundraising movie event
10 Dec	AGM
16 Dec	Archibalds & Christmas Party in Grafton.

### DISTRICT NOTICES

24-25 Nov	YEP briefing Port Macquarie
26 Nov	Woolgoolga Dive School
December	is Rotary Family Month
14 January	Cluster BBQ at Sawtell's Boambee reserve.
11-14 April	District Conference Taree.

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

Date	26 Nov	3 Dec (partners)	10 Dec (board mtg)
Attendance	Gareth Owen	Dick Matthews	Keith Minhinnett
Welcome/Fellowship	Patty Delaney	David Fayle	Peter Lacy (and introduce Ben)
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	Dive School students to introduce themselves	Pride in Work presentations	Ben Paynter, report back on Honeywell School
Introduce Guest Speaker	Keith Minhinnett	Terry Booth	n/a AGM from 7pm
Vote of Thanks	Glenda Kennedy	Norm Michener	George Smede (Ben)
Guest Speakers	Bill Roffey SES Controller Coffs	Meena Singh Pharmacist and past Awardee	AGM for the second half of the meeting.

### 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)