

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

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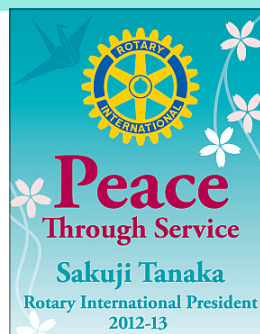


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POSTPONED AUCTION SATURDAY 9th MAY

REMINDER: FISH AUCTION WEEKEND 16 & 17 Mar, Beach



Meeting Place

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

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

**6654 0373
by 10.30am Monday**

THIS WEEK (11 Mar)

Robyn Rooth will be known to many in the Club. She has been active in our local Red Cross for more than 20 years and is coming along to update us on Red Cross activities. The Red Cross was founded in 1863 and celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. Red Cross are asking for some Rotarians to volunteer to help out on Doorknock Day on Sunday 24 March and Board will consider a donation at its next meeting.

LAST WEEK (4 Mar)

Rod McKelvey told us about Landcare, Australia's national network of community groups of volunteers caring for our land.

Landcare was first mooted in the 80's by Bob Hawke and his Government, and the Landcare Australia was formed officially in 1989, and the year 2000 marked the start of the Decade of Landcare. The federal Government provides official funding, the initial funding coming from the sale of Telstra. At the end of year 2000, there were 40,000 members in Australia. Currently there are 60,000 members.

In the Coffs Harbour area there are 40 Landcare groups comprising 500 members. The Federal Government funds an Area Co-ordinator, who operates from an office 3 days per week.

It is estimated that currently 50% of farmers have adopted Landcare sustainable farming practices. This entails farming their acreages selectively, with the use of fences — usually electric — to graze certain areas while other areas are recovering and the vegetation is re-growing. More sophisticated computerised machinery is used, which is able to perform several tasks in a single pass.

Landcare in NSW is currently under threat because from 1st July 2013 there will be no State funding until January 2014. At that point of time Landcare will be merged with the Livestock Health and Pest Authority. Until that time Landcare will be funded from the \$40,000 currently provided by the Federal Government.

Directors' Reports

President-Elect Karen reported that she attended the PETS (Presidents Elect Training Seminar) in Armidale last weekend, and she has come back all enthused and fired up with new ideas for her Rotary year. She will expand on her ideas after she has made her report at the Board meeting tonight.

DIRECTORS DON'T FORGET TONIGHT'S (11th MARCH) BOARD MEETING



Rod McKelvey, a former Deputy Mayor of Coffs and President of Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: Nil

Visitors: Sally, Rod McKelvey (Speaker)

Apologies: David, Pam, John, Peter B, Terry, Mary, Garry, Patty, Norm, Rod, Gareth, Rob, Echah, Kirpal

Attendance: 41.7 (%)

Raffle winner: Glenda

Birthdays: John Arkan 15 Mar.

Anniversaries: nil

SERGEANTS SESSION

Acting Sergeant Glenda managed to cite every person present for committing at least one misdemeanour each. Fines were handed out for being late, for being on time, and even for just being there (our visitors). One member was even fined for causing the rain on auction day. (Previously thought to be an act of God)

CLUB NEWS

Red Cross is calling for Rotary volunteers to help out on doorknock day on **Sunday 24 March** by either acting as collectors or helping by driving youth from Woolgoolga High School so they can do collections. If you can help then contact Judy Jackson on 0417 923 333 or 6654 0583.

District Conference Registration is open. The conference (11-14 April) clashes with Club involvement in Curryfest. Nevertheless there may be some who wish to attend the conference which is being held in Taree this year and the club should be represented. Silvia will attend. See www.rotary9650.org.au.

Curryfest Please reserve Saturday 13 April in your diaries if you are in town for Curryfest. We will be putting together a roster. There is no gate/entrance fee this year but Lions and Rotary will be covering entrances to Market St. with donation buckets throughout the day so we will need to roster club members for a 1-2 hour duty. There will also be some tasks for the group of Rotarians/spouses who are also friends or members of Woolgoolga Art Gallery. We will be putting together a team to cooperate with the gallery to organise exhibits and hang them during the week leading up to Curryfest and to man the opening of the exhibition on Friday 12 April 5 - 6.30 pm. To tempt you to join this team, there is likely to be a TwoTails Wine tasting at this event.

Heritage celebrations: The date for the Heritage Walk opening and the big Heritage parade to celebrate Woolgoolga's 125th birthday, has been set for Sunday 9 June—the long weekend—to maximize number of visitors we get for the event. Echah has joined Pam's planning team to start the ball rolling and is fizzing with ideas having been cooped up with her neck injury.

HERITAGE UPDATE AND PHOTO

Aerial photo at right shows Woolgoolga in the distance and the last remaining local sawmill in the foreground. The sawmill was beside the highway right where a very large log on supports remains as a display today. The photo was taken in 1972 and is a State Planning Authority archival photograph.



**Check out our new Heritage Walk Website currently under construction:
www.woolgoolgaheritagewalk.org**

CLUB NOTICES

11 Mar Board meeting
16-17 Mar Fish auction
18 Mar Partners night
6 April Auction (Woolgoolga Rural Fire Service)
12-14 April Curryfest
9 June Heritage Walk Opening & Parade

DISTRICT NOTICES

11-14 April District Conference Taree
27 Apr -4 May RYLA, Keepit
5 May District Assembly, Walcha
17-18 May MUNA, Port Macquarie
22 Jun Rotary International Conf Portugal

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	11 Mar (board)	18 Mar (partners)	25 Mar
Attendance	Sel Rogers	Geoff Royal	Karen Sedgwick
Welcome/ Fellowship	Karen Sedgwick	George Smede	Rob White
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	Kirpal Husna	David Edwards	Echah Wright
Introduce Guest Speaker	Patty Delaney	Peter Lacy	Mary Bryant
Vote of Thanks	Glenda Kennedy	Dick Matthews	Keith Minhinnett
Guest Speakers	Robyn Rooth Red Cross update	Rika Eagle Spirit Drums	tbc

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU
Want to be on the BOARD? - (see 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)