

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

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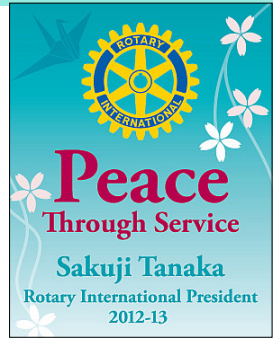


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**REMINDERS: FISH AUCTION THIS WEEKEND 16 & 17 Mar, Beach Reserve.
PARTNERS' NIGHT THIS WEEK**

THIS WEEK (18 Mar)

Rika Eaglespirit will be talking to us and entertaining us with her drums. Rika makes the drums as well as playing them and singing. If you're good, she might let you have a turn.

LAST WEEK (11 Mar)

Robyn Rooth came along to tell us about the Red Cross, starting with the famous symbol and early history. The Red Cross had its beginnings in the mid 1800s when Jean-Henri Dunant, a Swiss doctor, witnessed injured soldiers being left to die on the battlefield. He rallied local women to collect the men and assist them and the Red Cross began. The reverse of the Swiss flag was used as an emblem and means literally "don't shoot". The Red Cross expanded to services to trace those separated by war and took on a role in developing the Geneva Convention. In October the first Geneva convention to take place in Australia will be held in Sydney.



Although most are familiar with the Red Cross blood services and their role in disaster relief, many don't know that the Red Cross takes on the role of training military services about the role of the red cross in wartime, including things stipulated by the Geneva Convention.

In Australia, the Red Cross began in August 1914 as a branch of the British Red Cross and provided support for soldiers and helped returned soldiers between the wars. Post WWII, the Australian Red Cross took on more of a social welfare role and began many projects that were later picked up by government agencies: free milk for schoolchildren, home-work assistance for indigenous children and stroke/swim/hydrotherapy programs are some examples of programs initiated by Red Cross. The telephone services (a daily phone call to check on people) for the frail and elderly living at home alone is another initiative that Red Cross still runs, including locally. So there are programs for the young and old in our community as well as broader international humanitarian efforts.

The Woolgoolga Branch is 21 years old and raises funds during the annual doorknock appeal that on a per capita basis puts our community in the top of the league nationally. We are a very generous community. It costs \$5 to join Red Cross and locally they have 80+ members.



Meeting Place
Woolgoolga C.ex (Bowling Club)
Monday Evenings
6.00pm for 6.15pm
Apologies to
6654 0373
by **10.30am Monday**



Robyn Rooth

Local Red Cross stalwart

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: nil
Visitors: Silvia, Helen and Robyn & John Rooth
Apologies: Rod, Gareth, Peter L, Peter B, John, Mary, Kirpal, Rob, Echah, Trish, Terry, Garry, Keith, Patty
Attendance: 10 (41.7%
Raffle winner: Pam
Birthdays: John Arkan 15 Mar, Trish Baker 20 Mar.
Anniversaries: nil



Support "Shave for a Cure" to raise funds for cancer research. Our former YEP outbounder Rachel Hall who has a long history, even at her young age, of raising funds to fight cancer is stepping up to the plate again. If you can sponsor her, then the link to do so on line is <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/rachelhallsgreatshave>

SERGEANTS SESSION

There was an interesting array of fines and taxes imposed by Acting Sergeant Glenda. We had counting taxes and auction taxes, a “nick of time” tax or three and a “city slicker” tax for one who arrived in their town car instead of their truck! There was a re-entry tax for Norm (back from China), a bad joke tax on a couple of naughty boys, a sheriff’s fine and a fame tax for media appearances.

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, contact Judy Jackson on 0417 923 333 or 6654 0583.



MUNA is on in Port Macquarie weekend of 17-18 May. Frank Dean is assembling 3 or 4 teams, Silvia is keen to attend and we need a club member to also attend if possible as Pam and David cannot go this year. Let Pam know.

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. There is no gate/entrance fee this year but Lions and Rotary will be armed with donation buckets throughout the day so we will need to roster club members for a 1-2 hour duty. There will also be 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, there is likely to be a TwoTails Wine tasting.

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.

HERITAGE UPDATE AND PHOTO

There were some very large trees in the Coffs Coast hinterland in times gone by. Photo at right shows Sid Moller’s log. Sid was manager of Parbury & Henty’s timber mill at Woolgoolga from the late 1960s until he passed away. This blue gum from the Bucca area was so large it had to be transported to Woolgoolga in 4 separate loads. As the photo shows, its diameter was greater than Sid’s height.



Check out our new Heritage Walk Website currently under construction:

www.woolgoolgaheritagewalk.org

CLUB NOTICES

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
 27Apr -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 | | | |
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| Date | 18 Mar (partners) | 25 Mar | 1 April Easter |
| Attendance | Geoff Royal | Karen Sedgwick | |
| Welcome/ Fellowship | George Smede | Rob White | Public Holiday |
| Club Speakers 3-5 minutes | Kirpal Husna | David Edwards | |
| Introduce Guest Speaker | Peter Lacy | Mary Bryant | No Meeting |
| Vote of Thanks | Dick Matthews | Keith Minhinnett | |
| Guest Speakers | Rika Eagle Spirit Drums | tbc | HAPPY EASTER |

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)