

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

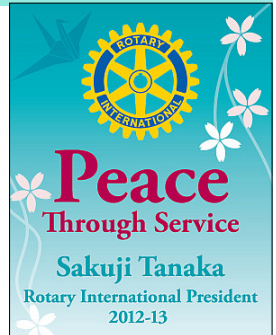
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Curryfest is here. Check email for rosters and get ready for a big one.

THIS WEEK (15 April)

Norm is taking us to China so come along (family and guests welcome) and hear about Norm and Helen's recent trip to the middle kingdom.



LAST MEETING (8 April)

Mark Spencer took us diving. Specifically he took us to the wreck of the Keilawarra which collided with the Helen Nicoll near North Solitary Island in December 1886. 41 people died in the mishap. Mark showed us photos of dinner plates still visible in the wreck. There is a great (though unproven) story of a racehorse swimming 18 km to shore after the ship sank. Certainly there were several racehorses aboard including "Fidelity" a former Melbourne cup place getter - the very horse reputed to have been later seen on shore. The Helen Nicoll was damaged but made it to shore though some of its passengers died by jumping onto the bigger Keilawarra hoping it



would be safer. Unfortunately since the wreck was discovered a fairly professional operation tried to heist the ship's safe and managed to open part of it and take whatever was inside (possibly only papers). The wreck is 75 metres down and Mark used helium when diving that deep (we were entertained by some interesting Donald Duck voices in the movie he showed us).



CLUB SPEAKER

Young Sarah Gleeson who works at the Club and serves our meals served them again, and then while we finished our first course, switched roles and told us about winning last year's Zonta award. Sarah has a very active life participating in a range of community activities including netball but also the Buddy's Camps and Red Cross collecting as a few examples. She became vice captain of Bishop Druiitt School for her final year this year and basically has a go a at a lot of things and does them well. She demonstrated she is passionate, enthusiastic and committed to equality, particularly after spending a year in Tonga with the Palms Program with her whole family in a program that specifically works to promote social and cultural equality. Club members found her talk inspiring and will pay much closer attention in future to the very impressive young woman who serves their meals I suspect.



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



Mark Spencer,
Dentist and Diver

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: Mark Spencer (Coffs Daybreak)
Visitors: Linda and Pat Fitzgerald from Melbourne, Sarah Gleeson, Silvia and partners: Marie, Bronwyn, Sally, Col, Helen
Apologies: Gareth, Peter B, John, Mary, Kirpal, Rob, Sel, David E, Keith, George,
Attendance: 14 (58.3%)
Raffle winner: Bronwyn
Birthdays: nil
Anniversaries: John & Surinder 14 Apr.(if you see them at the Curryfest Cricket congratulate them!)

SERGEANTS SESSION

Rod, spurred on by Corp. Garry extracted heaps of coin, beginning with a racy Ferrari joke. Echah was fined for being back sans neck brace. There was a running shoe fine, ‘visitors’ tax for Garry and an automatic switch off tax (this is what husbands do once they hear their wives’ voices!), an unlady-like language fine and some big guilt tax for anyone with coin still on the table. An old bath-tub tax topped it off...had to be there for that one folks!



CLUB NEWS

Suggestion Box We are replacing the 3-minuter club speaker slot from this week. Many members feel this is a bit tired in our meeting format. If a member wishes to use this time slot for something they can, otherwise it is being replaced with a 5 minute time slot where members can raise any new ideas/suggestions either for improving things we do or for something new. Anything substantial will be followed up either at board level or assembly discussion.

MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) 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 as Pam & David cannot go this year. Let Pam know if you can go to Port that weekend—won’t need to stay at MUNA the whole time (though it is entertaining) but Frank may need another car to help get students down on Friday pm and back Sunday pm.

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. The night before, Sat 8 Jun, Seaview Tavern is holding a Heritage Night. Let Pam know if you can help out with arrangement or on the day (we will need parade marshalls etc). Rotary will be having a float so let Norm know if you have any ideas or want to help.

GSE team cluster event at Sawtell RSL in lieu of Monday 22 April mtg. Netherlands team includes a Bank legal counsel, police officer, behavioural therapist (education dept) and a public safety officer. Come meet them. Let Karen know on the 15th if you can attend.

YEP—deadlines are approaching - do you know a family interested in hosting an inbounder or do you know of someone who is interested in becoming an outbounder? Let Patty know.

HERITAGE UPDATE AND PHOTO

The days of horse-powered transport. Photo at right shows a hint of the remoteness of Woolgoolga: neighbours meeting up at Scripner’s Store, one man avidly reading a newspaper that was probably some days if not weeks old by then. Photo compliments of Wendy Benson.



Check out our new Heritage Walk Website:

www.woolgoolgaheritagewalk.org

CLUB NOTICES

- 12-14 April Curryfest
- 4 May Auction (Woolgoolga Rural Fire Service)
- 16-18 May Woolgoolga High teams compete at MUNA
- 1 Jun Auction (Sherwood Rural Fire Service)
- 9 June Heritage Walk Opening & Parade
- 17 June Changeover (Seaview Tavern booked)

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

Date	15 April	22 April (visiting GSE team)	29 April (club assembly)
Attendance	Mary Bryant	Sawtell RSL Club	David Edwards
Welcome/ Fellowship	David Edwards	6.30 for 7pm (partners welcome)	Na
Suggestion Box	Replaces club speaker slot. Opportunity to suggest new ideas to improve our club	\$25 a head (buy your own drinks)	Members only to discuss auctions & other fundraising
Introduce Guest Speaker	na	RSVP to Karen	na
Vote of Thanks	David Fayle	Cluster GSE mtg	na
Guest Speakers	Norm Michener “China”	GSE team from the Netherlands	CLUB ASSEMBLY

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)