

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

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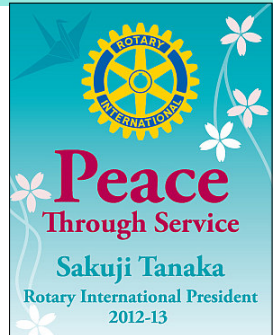


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### AUCTION SATURDAY 4 MAY—to assist: Woolgoolga Rural Fire Service

#### THIS WEEK (6 May)

**Erika van Schellebeck** is coming along to tell us about the Coffs Ambassadors program and the tours they run to inform people about various things of interest along the Coffs Coast. As you know, one of our members, Echah, is a Coffs Ambassador for her part of Mullaway and we are all interested in the promotion of our wonderful area.



#### LAST MEETING (29 April)

**What a great assembly!** Thanks to all those who came along and contributed. It was a great discussion. We started off by talking about the auctions. There are several ideas to improve on what we do and we will be looking closely at these, considering things like

- wet weather awnings on the front edge of the verandah that push up to form a temporary roof; also other possible cover in the open area (marquees? Roll out pool covers?).
- appointing a site manager to work with our auction manager so we have a professional look. The role would include a proper welcome & briefing of our helper group—to make sure they sign in & understand about worker health & safety when lifting items & so there is someone to go to with queries when auction manager is out on pick ups.
- a written info briefing for the helper groups so we are sure they have sufficient able-bodied helpers, know not to turn up in thongs/bare midriffs, not to have young children as helpers, and can arrange a roster if they do not want the one crew there all day.
- greater use of E Bay and Gumtree for specialist or big ticket items
- possibility of covering the ground and postponing to next day (Sunday) in the case of wet weather on a Saturday rather than the following weekend which never works well
- having female auctioneers interspersed with the men
- better advertising—probably unpaid as in human interest stories, unusual items etc.
- a better roster organised prior to auctions.

We talked also about other fundraising activities and noted that everyone present wanted some fundraisers where we have **fun** and where we reach and network with different segments of the community to the ones that come to auctions. A large range of possibilities were mentioned and we will trial some of these.

- we know bushdances once a year can raise \$2-3,000 (though Norm is thinking of the “Buster Ball” - pun intended!!)
- there is interest in movie fundraisers, ethnic dinner fundraisers (perhaps starting with an Oktoberfest event in October), a stand-up comedy night, a trivia night, white elephant stall at Marine Rescue market, golf-ball drop, and many other events, perhaps run jointly with other organisations or perhaps in aid of a particular fundraising effort.

President Pam stressed we need to broaden our reach beyond people who come to auctions regardless of whether it is for fundraising or not, and Rod reminded us that we need to look at the expenditure side of the equation to see what we want to spend money on before deciding how much effort to put into fundraising (not an end in itself). He also revisited an interesting proposal for a “Friends of Rotary” network that was well received.

Meeting Place

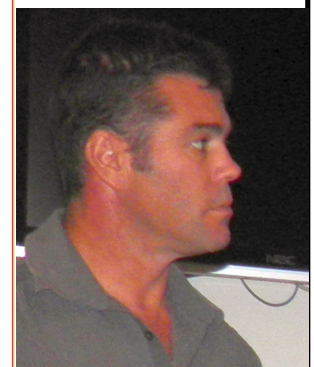
**Woolgoolga C.ex  
(Bowling Club)**

Monday Evenings

**6.00pm for 6.15pm**

Apologies to

**6654 0373  
by 10.30am Monday**



#### Get well wishes

to our Assistant Governor Adam Sherwell who was injured in a road accident on Dorrigo mountain recently.

#### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil

**Visitors:** Nil (club assembly)

**Apologies:** Gareth, Peter B, John, Mary, Kirpal, Rob, Dick, Sel, Keith, George, Garry, Trish

**Attendance:** 11 (45.8%)

**Raffle winner:** David Fayle

**Birthdays:** Sel Rogers 6 May, Ila Rogers 8 May

**Anniversaries:** nil

## SERGEANT'S SESSION

Before the fining could start, Norm demonstrated how easy it is to fundraise by having everyone try to land a coin on the box of cookies—unsuccessfully! Sergeant Rod & Corporal Glenda extracted lots of other interesting fines including “ticked off tax!!”, and a social impact assessment tax (bet no other club has one of those!)



## CLUB NEWS

**ANZAC Day.** Norm represented us at the dawn service and President Pam laid the wreath on behalf of the club. Photo top right shows David, Pam and former YEPPER Rachel Hall marching.

**Injured** Update on injured member Kirpal Husna is that he had to have some surgery to repair the damage and is still recovering.

**YEP** Our lovely Silvia is “on safari” and probably having the time of her life with all the other exchange students.

**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 as is Rachel Hall. Rob and Edith are going to Port that weekend and can take them but we may need to facilitate other students from Woolgoolga High as well. Frank is asking parents and teachers but 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). Students arrive there Friday pm and come back Sunday pm. Students are billeted.

**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 arrangements 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.

**Bowelscan** week is 11-18 May. Contact David E to join the roster to sell kits. At Woolgoolga Central.

## HERITAGE UPDATE AND PHOTO

Photo at right shows Alex Slater in 1984 with a bullock team. Alex is a third generation bullocky, following in the footsteps of grandfather Thomas and father Viv. He has agreed to make one more comeback in our heritage parade where he will have a team of 6-8 bullocks trained and ready. Alex says they will bring up the rear of the parade so no-one else has to drive or walk through cowpats!! We are thinking a clown with a pooperscooper might follow the beasts - any volunteers??



Check out our new Heritage Walk Website: [www.woolgoolgaheritagewalk.org](http://www.woolgoolgaheritagewalk.org)

### CLUB NOTICES

4 May Auction (Woolgoolga Rural Fire Service)  
 11-18 May Bowel Scan week  
 16-18 May Woolgoolga High teams compete at MUNA  
 1 Jun Auction (Sherwood Ck Rural Fire Service)  
 9 June Heritage Walk Opening & Parade  
 17 June Changeover (Seaview Tavern booked)

### DISTRICT NOTICES

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				<b>Your Rotary Club Needs YOU</b> 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)
Date	6 May	13 May Board	20 May Partners	
Attendance	David Fayle	Peter Lacy	Norm Michener	
Welcome/ Fellowship	Glenda Kennedy	Dick Matthews	Keith Minhinnett	
Suggestion Box	For ideas on anything	IDEAS	IDEAS	
Introduce Guest Speaker	Echah Wright	Trish Baker	Terry Booth	
Vote of Thanks	Norm Michener	Keith Minhinnett	Geoff Royal	
Guest Speakers	Erika Van Schellebeck, Coffs Ambassadors Tours	Amy Connors & friends: their plans to volunteer in Nepal	tbc	