

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

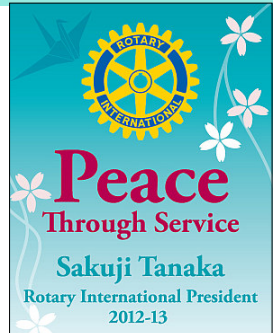
Woopi Whisper



Club President
Pamela Fayle

District Governor
Brian Beesley

RI President
Sakuji Tanaka



VOLUME 25, Issue 40— 13 May 2013

THIS WEEK (13 May)

Amy Connors and some of her friends are coming along to tell us about a trip they are planning to do volunteer work in Nepal. Should be an interesting one and yet again we are reminded of just how many people in our community have big hearts and are prepared to make the effort to assist others less fortunate.



LAST MEETING (26 April)

Erika van Schellebeck told us about the Coffs Ambassadors program and the tours they run to inform people about various things of interest along the Coffs Coast. The program is part of an initiative to celebrate and protect the unusual biodiversity we enjoy in one of the few areas of Australia's eastern coast where the mountains and rainforest meet the sea. The tours are designed to educate people about ways to protect and sustain the environment, and adjust their lifestyle accordingly, as well as to provide insights into some of the hidden treasures that tourists often miss.



The Ambassadors tours began in 2010. There are currently 19 tours run by volunteers (including our Echah, pictured with Erika) who go through a training program with National Parks and others prior to being certified to conduct their tours. We have 122 threatened species in our little part of paradise and rapid population growth and habitat loss are constant threats to our biodiversity. 1500 people have taken the tours (one of which is a bicycle tour and one of which is a permaculture tour in the tour ambassador's back yard). The feedback has been very positive and most indicate that they have changed the way they do things to help protect our local environment since being made aware while on the tours). If you haven't experienced one of the tours then you can find out what is available and book on-line by visiting www.coffssambassadors.com.au.

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



Erika Van Schellebeck
Coffs Ambassadors Program

WOOLGOOLGA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The program is shaping up for the 125th celebrations as follows

- **Saturday 8 June**; evening—Seaview tavern is serving heritage food and has Bush Band Tallowood playing. Come kick your heels up and have some fun
 - **Sunday 9 June**
 - ⇒ From 10am visit the heritage art exhibition at Woolgoolga Art Gallery
 - ⇒ From 11.30am a morning tea fundraiser and photo ops in front of historic Marsh House as well as history of the Sikhs in Woolgoolga 20 minute film showing inside
 - ⇒ 12.30 onwards VIPS to meet up at the Art Gallery, view the exhibition
 - ⇒ 1 pm official opening of the Heritage Walk at the 2 panels outside the Art Gallery. Official party to walk past two other panels to the Parade starting point on Beach St
 - ⇒ 1.30pm Official start of the parade at the corner of Fawcett and Beach St
 - ⇒ From end of parade until 4.30, refreshments and activities on the Beach Reserve.
- (at this stage we have 16 floats or marching groups, plus horses, vintage cars, fire engines and a bullock team). And Mandrake the Magician will be doing a show on the Reserve.

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Visitors: Erika van Schellebeck
Apologies: Gareth, Peter B, John, Mary, Kirpal, Rob, Dick, George, Garry, Trish, Terry, David E.
Attendance: 12 (50%)
Raffle winner: Echah
Birthdays: Karen Sedgwick 18 May
Anniversaries: nil

Congratulations to Alastair Milroy & team for winning an ETC Community Fund grant to fund plans for the new Multipurpose Centre. Now we have a site decided & funds for the plans...necessary steps towards getting substantial government funding.

SERGEANT'S SESSION

It was a tough row to hoe with “hoe fines”, lots of auction fines, an interesting electric chair fine (apparently you can't use those in schools any more, something to do with the Gonski reforms?!), a mouth-to-mouth fine and a “doing very little fine” for our favourite recent retiree who is weeks away from some exciting international travel. Hope some of our other travelling members are returning soon as club attendance has been way down due to these absences. We may need to do skype hook ups from around the globe if this keeps up!

CLUB NEWS

Injury updates: Assistant Governor Adam Sherwell is still recovering in hospital and trying to avoid back surgery with some alternative treatments. He is now armed with an iPad so is less bored. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he gets home to Coffs soon. Our injured club member Kirpal Husna is home from surgery with a bone graft in his shin and lots of plaster on his arm and still pretty immobile. He will be some months convalescing but has help with the farm. President Pam visited him on Saturday for a chat.

Get Well Soon The Club wishes past member John Ottaway all the best as he deals with illness and wishes current member Trish a speedy recovery from surgery.

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

MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) is on in Port Macquarie 17-19 May. Frank Dean has assembled 4 teams and our countries this year are **Cuba, Iceland, North Korea and Peru...**all of them very interesting indeed. Our last year's outbinder Rachel Hall and current inbinder Silvia Rodriguez will also be attending and helping as runners and assistants on the day. The Club has rented a mini bus to get the team down to Port Macquarie.

Heritage celebrations: Heritage Walk opening and the big Heritage parade to celebrate Woolgoolga's 125th birthday, are on 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.

HERITAGE UPDATE AND PHOTO

The heritage panels have almost all been erected around town. Let Norm know if you see any graffiti on them (we have special cleaners, and certain chemicals cannot be used on the surface). Visitors are already asking for maps for the walk and lots of positive comments are coming in.



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

CLUB NOTICES

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

17-18 May MUNA, Port Macquarie
 26 May District Assembly 2 Gunnedah
 22 Jun Rotary International Conf Portugal
 29 Jun District Changeover Gloucester

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	13 May Board	20 May Partners	27 May
Attendance	Peter Lacy	Norm Michener	Dick Matthews
Welcome/ Fellowship	Dick Matthews	Keith Minhinnett	Karen Sedgwick
Suggestion Box	IDEAS	IDEAS	IDEAS
Introduce Guest Speaker	Terry Booth	Trish Baker	Patty Delaney
Vote of Thanks	Keith Minhinnett	Geoff Royal	Sel Rogers
Guest Speakers	Amy Connors & friends: their plans to volunteer in Nepal	Tbc	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)