

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

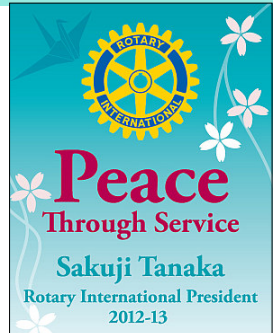
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THIS WEEK (20 May)

A very successful anti-bully program—the “SMILE Program” (Support Mentor Inspire Listen Encourage) was developed by senior students at Woolgoolga High School in recent years. Other schools are now beginning to adopt the program and it is gaining state-wide attention. Students are coming along to tell us about the program, its origins and how it works.



LAST MEETING (13 May)

Amy Connors and friends Jesse Edgar and Rebecca Green, came along to tell us about their forthcoming trip with the Children’s Welfare Organisation of Nepal to assist a poor village in Nepal not far from Kathmandu. The program itself began in 2000 and the Australian organisation began in 2011. Since then, groups of students from Southern Cross University have given up their time and spent their own money to travel to Nepal during University holidays to learn and assist. Amy is studying in the nursing program and Jesse and Rebecca are in early childhood development and primary teaching courses. They will

get plenty of opportunities to test their education in Jutpani village where over 800 very poor families have been resettled after losing their own houses. The people have very little.

Southern Cross University have in previous years funded and assisted with water projects, the building of a toilet and shower block and there is a big focus on teaching basic hygiene. There are also adult literacy

classes and women’s health clinics as well as a child care centre. The girls are hoping to take a lot of school items and clothing with them when they leave early next year. The girls are to be commended on their commitment and are looking forward to learning a lot as well as making a difference in the villagers’ lives.



A new trial

When our new Rotary year begins after Changeover on 17 June, we plan to trial a new pattern of meetings. This will be a 6-month trial to assess impacts. We will still essentially be providing the opportunity for meeting 4 times a month in a regular way. The auction will constitute the meeting for the first week of the month, our standard club meetings will take place on the second and fourth Mondays of the month and on the third Monday it will be the Board meeting plus any Project committees, subcommittees or even a Club Assembly. With sufficient notice we can have vocational visits or social events on the first Monday of the month (such ad hoc changes with sufficient notice to members are already catered for in the By Laws). Any 5th Monday in a month could be an assembly or outing.

Meeting Place

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

Monday Evenings

6.00pm for 6.15pm

Apologies to

**6654 0373
by 10.30am Monday**



Health & Hygiene
Camp at Jutpani

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: nil

Visitors: Rachel Hall, Silvia Rodriguez, Amy Connors, Jesse Edgar, Rebecca Green

Apologies: Gareth, Peter B, John, Mary, Kirpal, Rob, Peter L, Sel, George, Garry, Trish, Terry, David E.

Attendance: 11 (45.8%)

Raffle winner: Rebecca Green

Birthdays: Karen Sedgwick 18 May, Keith Minhinnett 26 May

Anniversaries: nil

SERGEANT'S SESSION

There were heritage fines, late fines (including for our Silvia just back from Safari), a wine fine (Spooner strikes again!), lost passport fine and a "takeaway" fine for good measure. David scored an interruption/disobedience fine (no surprises there!). Terry was fined in absentia for sending a postcard with tiny writing that had us all making optometrist appointments.



CLUB NEWS

Injury updates: Assistant Governor Adam Sherwell (photo) is still recovering in hospital but back in Coffs now. Our injured club member Kirpal Husna is recovering at home. Trish is on the mend post-surgery. Pres. Pam & David visited her briefly & she will be back at work soon.

Bowelscan week for our Club begins Saturday 18 May. Don't forget to turn up when rostered on.

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 look like lining up as the representatives from Peru. The Club has rented a mini bus to get the team 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.

Sympathy: charter member Pat Carters, we understand, passed away recently. Our thoughts go to his family and friends.

HERITAGE UPDATE AND PHOTO

One of the longer term residents of Woolgoolga (arrived here in the 1950s), former pharmacist and real estate agent, Don Clinch surveys the coming to fruition of one of his dreams. Don has spent a lifetime developing and promoting Woolgoolga right down to building community facilities, writing promotional tourism material and even building roads himself in the old days. It was Don's idea to have a heritage walk and he has been involved in the cut and thrust of researching and developing the panels. It was wonderful to see him standing proudly with one of the final panels and we know he is looking forward to the official opening on 9 June.



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

CLUB NOTICES

18-26 May Bowel Scan week at Woolgoolga Central
 17-19 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

17-19 May MUNA, Port Macquarie
 19 May Foundation training Tamworth
 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	20 May Partners	27 May	3 June Board meeting
Attendance	Norm Michener	Dick Matthews	Norm Michener
Welcome/ Fellowship	Keith Minhinnett	Karen Sedgwick	Karen Sedgwick
Suggestion Box	IDEAS	IDEAS	IDEAS
Introduce Guest Speaker	Patty Delaney	David Edwards	David Fayle
Vote of Thanks	Geoff Royal	Sel Rogers	Peter Lacy
Guest Speakers	The "Smile" anti-bully program: Woolgoolga High students	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)