

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

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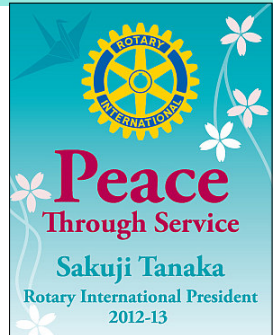


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### THIS WEEK (20 May)

**Joelle Bridger** from the Coffs Harbour Zonta Club will be coming to tell us about the Club's international projects, awards and mentorship locally, advocacy for women in this area and encouragement of young women in public affairs as well as Zonta's anti-domestic violence projects. Please feel free to invite some of the women in your life to come and listen to the impressive things Zonta does.

### LAST MEETING (13 May)

What a fantastic presentation on an amazing achievement. Woolgoolga High teacher Ian Cook introduced us to five wonderful senior students who are mentors in the SMILE (Support Mentor Inspire Listen Encourage) program which has been operating at the high school since its creator Lachlan Gould introduced it in 2011/12. The program took a year of planning and today there are 42 mentors, all trained with linkages to police, Headspace and other professionals.



The students provide a shoulder for junior students to lean on, someone other than a teacher to discuss problems and issues with in a non-threatening way. Issues such as anger management, bullying, family and school or personal problems are all things that are encompassed by the program so in many cases both the bullies and the bullied are part of the program.

The student mentors are trained to protect junior students' privacy but also to know when a problem or issue needs to be reported and when to talk to teachers about the problems so they are not burdened with the responsibility of the problems themselves.

The students indicated how shocked they often are with the types of problems some kids are trying to deal with. Woolgoolga High's SMILE program won the NSW State award in the National Safe Schools Smart Schools competition this year, has been featured in a nationwide P&C journal and there is a longitudinal study taking place to assess the impacts over time. All present were impressed with the maturity and leadership of the senior mentor students. The program is about to be rolled out to schools in the Coffs and Clarence school districts. What a great product to come out of Woolgoolga. We are proud!

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



SMILE program creator  
**Lachlan Gould**

### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** nil  
**Visitors:** Jasmine Thorpe, Mitch Harvey, James Morgan, Brittany Kashayev, Keely Owen, Silvia Rodriguez, Ian Cook, Alison Fenton, and partners Helen, Marie, Bronwyn and Sally  
**Apologies:** Gareth, Peter B, John, Mary, Kirpal, Rob, Sel, George, Garry, Trish, Terry, Echah  
**Attendance:** 12 (50%)  
**Raffle winner:** Karen Sedgwick  
**Birthdays:** Keith Minhinnett 26 May, Helen Michener 2 Jun, Lyn Bannister 4 Jun  
**Anniversaries:** nil



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## SERGEANT'S SESSION

Knee op fines for yours truly, overly technical verbosity fines (guess who), departure tax & several other fines for good measure for Geoff as he heads overseas. David E was fined for not keeping up to date with Bowelscan Kit sale numbers and Gareth will be fined next time we see him for not coming to see his daughter represent SMILE.

## CLUB NEWS

**Injury updates:** Unfortunately Trish ended up back in hospital with a post op infection but is again back home and in recovery mode—we all wish her well. President Pam has recovered well from an arthroscopy on Friday.

**Bowelscan** week is upon us and going well.

**Big Thanks to Frank Dean** for taking our four country teams to Port Macquarie for MUNA this year. Early reports suggest they had a lot of fun yet again and we hope to get some of the students along soon to tell us all about it. James Morgan told us in advance of North Korean bombs and lots of excitement and Silvia was able to more than adequately represent Peru with her fluent Spanish!!

## HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS

Planning is well advanced but we need to put rosters together for a busy 9 June (separate email coming your way soon). In summary, Norm will need help on Saturday 8th to finalise the float décor (reward yourself with dinner & a knees up at the Seaview Tavern though). We will need help on Sunday morning (9 June) setting things up on the Reserve (some marquees, tables & chairs for afternoon tea) and setting up for the Heritage Walk opening at the Art Gallery (PA system and a few chairs for elderly in the audience). Also need help from a few parade marshalls to get all the floats and marchers organised for the Parade and some help with manning street intersections to put road blocks across and then remove them once the parade passes by. And finally we will need help at Parade end to man the Rotary stall (selling the history of Woolgoolga books) & to run a few activities (with the assistance of the Scouts). To encourage you, here are a few photos of the centenary celebrations 25 years ago (from Dr Kramer)!!



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

### CLUB NOTICES

18-26 May Bowelscan 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)  
 6 Jul Auction (Corindi Red Rock Surf Lifesaving)

### DISTRICT NOTICES

26 May District Assembly 2 Gunnedah  
 22 Jun Rotary International Conf Portugal  
 29 Jun District Changeover Gloucester  
 10-18 Aug National Science Week

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend			
Date	27 May	3 June Board meeting	10 June Long weekend
Attendance	Dick Matthews	Norm Michener	
Welcome/ Fellowship	Karen Sedgwick	Karen Sedgwick	Public Holiday
Suggestion Box	IDEAS	IDEAS	
Introduce Guest Speaker	David Edwards	David Fayle	NO MEETING
Vote of Thanks	Sel Rogers	Peter Lacy	
Guest Speakers	Joelle Bridger Zonta	tbc	(Sunday 9 June Herit- age Celebrations)

**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)