

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

## Woopi Whisper

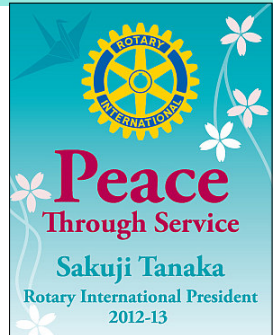


Club President  
**Pamela Fayle**

District Governor  
**Brian Beesley**

RI President  
**Sakuji Tanaka**

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**David will email and have a roster sheet for signing up to help at RYDA on Thursday 16 Aug, so check your diaries. If you can't help out on the day then drop off a plate of slices/cakes/cookies to Ila at the Seniors Centre for morning tea for the volunteers.**

### THIS WEEK (13 August)

Intrepid travellers Garry & Glenda are going to entertain with tales of their trip to central Australia earlier this year. They went with some other Woolgoolga trippers so there are bound to be some interesting stories. James Morgan is also coming along to tell us how he went at the National Youth Science Forum first stage in Kempsey a few weeks ago and Silvia will be attending her first club meeting to introduce herself to any who have not yet met her.....a busy program (partners welcome of course but let Karen know).

### LAST WEEK (8 August)

The club was represented at the cluster meeting with District Governor Brian Beesley and his wife Heather, which took place at the Coffs Racing Club on Wednesday 8 August.



Pam, David, Karen and Silvia flew the flag for the club. We also ran into former member Brian Armstrong who is now with Coffs Harbour Daybreak since his move to the big smoke (he says hi to all). Silvia was able to meet up with a fellow exchange student, Hassan from Finland who is hosted by Sawtell club (photo at left shows Hassan & Silvia with District Governor Brian Beesley about to play the didgeridoo.)

DG Brian is definitely a change agent and keen to refresh Rotary clubs in the district. As well as encouraging us all he certainly entertained us with an excellent didgeridoo performance (much to Silvia's delight). Each of the clubs in the cluster did a short presentation on their activities. Several clubs asked President Pam about Woopi's youth driver, heritage walk and "getting out there day" projects afterwards. The District Governor has a blog for those who wish to check it out as he travels around the district. <http://dgbrian9650.blogspot.com.au/>.

### PRESIDENT PAM VISITS DORRIGO CLUB

On 7 August Pam and David joined DG Brian and representatives from Sawtell, Bellingen, Macksville, Coffs Harbour, Coffs South and Coffs Daybreak clubs and went to Dorrigo to attend a very special club meeting. Dorrigo, the cluster's smallest club, inducted seven new members, all young professionals under the age of 35. What a fantastic achievement. Previous average age in the club was 70!! They even have two additional young members about to join. It will certainly make a difference (meetings have apparently gone from out-of-control to chaos!). The enthusiasm was palpable. Wouldn't it be great if we could do the same in our club? Many of the new young members were farmers from outlying areas around Dorrigo who see Rotary as a way to belong to the community.



Meeting Place

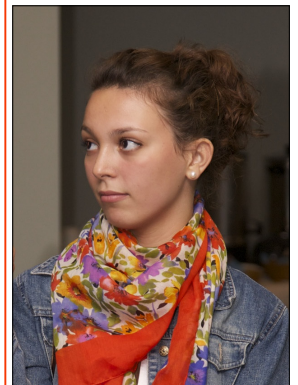
**Woolgoolga C.ex  
(Bowling Club)**

**Monday Evenings**

**6.00pm for 6.15pm**

Apologies to

**6654 0373  
by 10.30am Monday**



**Our Silvia brightened up the Coffs Harbour meeting with the DG**

### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** na.

**Visitors:** Silvia Rodriguez came along with us to the cluster meeting with the District Governor

**Apologies:** John, Rob, Ray, Peter B, Keith, Sel, Garry, Glenda, Sel, Patty, Geoff, David E, Gareth, Peter L, Mary, George, Trish, Echah

**Attendance:** 3 (12.5%)

**Raffle winner:** na

**Birthdays:** nil

**Anniversaries:** nil

## CLUB NEWS

**SWAP PARTY fundraiser for Ashley Haven Orphanage is on Saturday 11 August** at 45 Safety beach 2pm onwards. Cost is \$10 which includes afternoon tea. All proceeds to Sheridan Blayney's Ashley Haven Orphanage. For the swap part of the exercise, bring something you have and don't want (bric-a-brac, books...whatever... but please note: no swapping your spouse!!!) **contact Karen for details.**

**RYDA Youth Driver Awareness** is being held on Thursday 16 August this year so please mark that date in your diary as we need lots of helpers on the day : 8.30ish until 2pm-ish. If you can't help on the day then think about dropping a plate of cakes/cookies/slices to the Seniors Centre for Ila and her team to use for the morning tea. We will also need a couple of hands to bbq for the lunch (behind the seniors centre). **David F is again the organiser for this one and will be circulating a roster this weekend.**

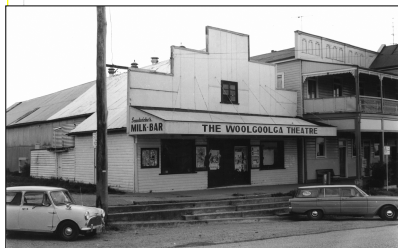
**NEXT PLANT STALL** will be at the **October auction**, not September. This is to allow enough time and enough sunshine for those with green thumbs to pot up plants and produce some fruit & veg. Given that our major heritage project is focussed on the local community this year, the Board will be looking at recipients less fortunate than ourselves for these additional funds.

## HERITAGE UPDATE AND PHOTO

Work continues. Greg Yeates, son of Professor Yeates (who wrote the local history of Woolgoolga) has kindly copied large old maps of the area for us, the Coffs museum has located a large collection of the photos used for the original book and several people have responded to news of the project and contacted us with information or photos. Consultation with aboriginal elders and reference to several academic linguistic studies have laid to rest debate over the origins of the word "Woolgoolga" which does not mean lillipilli, but rather comes from the local aboriginal name for a plant that grew in the area and is variously translated into English as the black fig, the wild plum or more commonly the black apple—scientific name : *Planchonella*



*australis*. With the help of Alex Floyd, a local Rainforest tree expert from Toormina, David F and Echah viewed some of the trees in Sherwood nature reserve (photo at right). For those who think size matters, the black apple is a 30m tall rainforest tree, whereas lillipilli is just a bush!!! (go the black apple I say!). Heritage photo this week is Woolgoolga Theatre in 1972, when it was used as a movie theatre and leaned precariously against the old Seaview hotel building next door (locals say only small children could fit between the two).



**The Board has decided to keep fees at the current level (\$200 pa or 6 month installments of \$100). Treasurer Geoff says dues are now due!**

### CLUB NOTICES

11 August Swap Party fundraiser (Karen)  
 16 August RYDA Driver Awareness Day  
 30 August Getting Out There Day  
 1 Sept Auction (Red Rock Corindi SLSC)  
 6 Oct Auction to help Woolgoolga Shed  
 6 Oct (TBC) Heritage Bush Dance

### DISTRICT NOTICES

13 August GSE applications for Netherlands close and interviews are 18 August.  
 September is New Generations month  
 1-5 Sept RYAG Dairy in Wingham  
 October is Vocational Services month  
 24-25 Nov YEP briefing Port Macquarie

### MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	13 August (board meeting)	20 August (partners night)	27 August
Attendance	Dick Matthews	Keith Minhinnett	Gareth Owen
Welcome/ Fellowship	Mary Bryant	Patty Delaney	David Edwards
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	George Smede James Morgan (NYSF)	Echah Wright	Trish Baker
Introduce Guest Speaker	na	Terry Booth	Mary Bryant
Vote of Thanks	David Edwards	David Fayle	Garry Kennedy
Guest Speakers	Glenda & Garry "the big trip"	Adrian Lipscome Red Cross Disaster Redi Plan	tbc

**Your Rotary Club Needs YOU**  
 Want to be on the BOARD? - (see Pam or 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)