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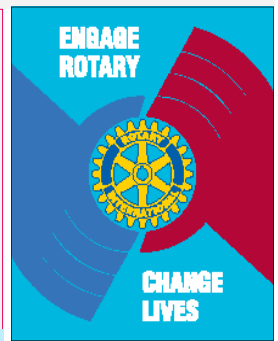
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REMEMBER THE NEW MEETING ARRANGEMENTS (see box at right)

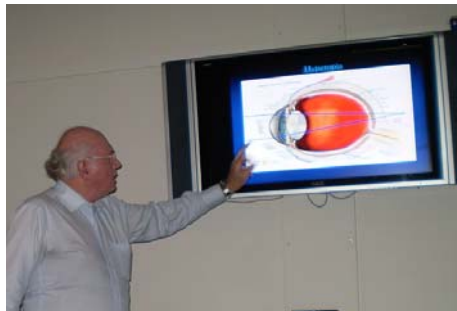
PARTNERS NIGHT 23 SEP—WIN HOWARD, ASTRONOMER

Tonight promises to expand our horizons extraordinarily far. Our guest speaker for Partners Night will be Mr **Win Howard**, President of the Coffs Harbour Astronomical Society. Win will be revealing the secrets of the **night sky** — so often taken for granted here, where we have so many clear and beautiful nights — yet so poorly visible to the vast majority of the world's urban population.



LAST MEETING 9 SEP—ALAN BURROW ON MULTIFOCALS

Dr **Alan Burrow**, well-known local optometrist and member of Coffs Harbour Daybreak Rotary, brought us up to date on the emergence of **multifocal lenses** as a viable option for many people, particularly those over 40.



Benjamin Franklin invented bifocals in 1784, but it was not until the last 20 years that acceptable multifocals have become widely used. Alan described the Nanoptix manufacturing method that cuts tiny facets like a fly's eye. He mentioned his sophisticated testing/verification equipment for lenses that uses multicoloured distortion patterns. Afterwards, Alan responded to the many good questions, broadening the subject to other eye-related issues.

COMING UP A WEEK LATER (30 SEP)

There is a fifth Monday this month, so we will have a dinner and social evening at the Seaview Tavern starting at 6pm.

CONGRATULATIONS / DONATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to **Echah TWICE**: raising \$579 from the plant/produce stall for **Social Development Centre Orphanage, Nepal**; and securing an **\$80,000 grant** to create a **Woolgoolga Community Garden!** A \$750 donation goes to auction partner **Northern Beaches Care**—what a great job they did! The auction was another very good one.

LOSS OF FORMER CHARTER MEMBER CLIVE JOASS

We regret to announce the death of former club Charter Member **Clive Joass**, who lost his long battle with cancer on Sun 15 Sep. He was a member for 22 years, plus a year as an honorary member. His contribution to establishing sporting facilities in Woolgoolga is legendary, and he served one term on Coffs Harbour Council starting in 2004. Our sympathies to widow Karrena and family. His funeral will be at Woolgoolga Anglican Church 10.30am Thurs 19 Sep followed by drinks at Woolgoolga RSL.

Meeting Places

1st Saturday of the month at
the Rotary Shed
8.30-2.30

2nd & 4th Mondays
in the month

Woolgoolga C.ex
(Bowling Club)
6-8pm

3rd Mondays
Board mtgs
(venue varies)

Apologies to

6654 8890
by **9am Monday**



STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: Alan Burrow (Coffs Daybreak), Marilyn Stevens (Otaki, NZ) and Wayne; Kaye Fitzpatrick (Galston) and Roger—the last 4 were in CR Plimmerton NZ hosting Meg Booth on short-term exchange in 1998

Visitors: (9 Sep) Leslie and Allan Casey

Apologies: (9 Sep) Kirpal, John, Garry, George, Gareth, Peter, Rob, Terry, Keith, Echah, David E, Dick



Attendance:
(9 Sep) 12 (50%)

Raffle winner: Patty

Birthdays: George 19 Sep, Susan Edwards 28 Sep

Anniversaries: none

COMING EVENTS

The ginormous **International Fleet Review** is drawing near, with most of the action 3-11 October in Sydney Harbour. The “jewel in the crown” is the Fireworks and Lightshow Spectacular held on Sat 5 Oct at 7:40pm: staking its claim to be the most complex, highly choreographed fireworks, projection, lighting and live action show ever! **Garry Kennedy** is tearing his hair out managing this colossal logistic task. (What hair? I hear you ask ... but he has been at this for quite a while now!) For those who cannot get to Sydney Harbour, there will be some coverage on ABC TV and 24. See www.navy.gov.au/ifr for more information. I’m hoping to get there to see some tall ships!



Helicopter Golf Ball Drop: The major task of **selling 1,000 tickets**, each representing a numbered golf ball, has started, and every member who can, is requested to assist, to spread the load and tap the maximum number of potential buyers. Each ticket is \$5; five tickets for \$20 [*not on the ticket/poster!*] **Posters** promoting the event on Sunday 20 October at golf course, Safety Beach, now available from Col or President Karen.

OTHER CLUB NEWS

Treasurer Trish reminds members that fees are now overdue.

In light of meal cost increases by C.ex, we have had to **increase the cost of meals by \$2**, to \$22 for members and \$17 for guests. The Board wishes to remind members that **C.ex provides our venue effectively gratis**, & that the meal cost for members covers a contribution to our Rotary club’s general account to partly **cover cost of meals** prepared for (1) **guests of the club**, and (2) no-show members who did not notify Glenda. The caterer has raised the per-person charge to us to \$16 (\$18.50 with dessert). The cost to attendees compares favourably with many similar clubs (Armidale RC 2 weeks ago cost your editor \$25).

The Club team rowed valiantly in the **Dragon Boat regatta** on Sunday 15 Sep at Mylestom, despite the absence of Captain/President Karen, draggin the chain with a rowing injury. Well done to those who participated: Norm, Thea, Mary, Patty, George, Allan Casey, Sue Smede, Allan Bryant, Graeme Smith, Rachel Hall, two friends Iain and Di, and six John Paul College students.



Nearly all of the 1500 Heritage Walk brochures have already gone, so we will be approaching CHCC, Lions & CofC to assist with printing a further 5000 (with some improvements).

For wine connoisseurs, Sawtell Rotary is offering **wines** from Yalumba (**Barossa**) at compelling prices (\$75-95 per dozen, 2 whites, 3 reds & bubbly, free delivery). Contact Norm or David F for the order form, emailed to members 10 Sep. [Yalumba, Australia’s oldest family owned winery, is famous for wines across the price spectrum, from Galway (one of our favourites) and The Scribbler to The Menzies, The Virgilius and The Signature.]

CLUB NOTICES

- 30 Sep Social event, Seaview Tavern
- 5 Oct Auction: Woolgoolga Public School P&C
- 14 Oct (club) Hat Day & Club Assembly
- 20 Oct Golf Ball Drop
- 20 Jan 14 District Governor’s visit

DISTRICT NOTICES

- 12-13 Oct Coffs Garden Expo
- 17-20 Oct Youth Marine Experience (ex Rymarine)
- 24 Oct World Polio Day
- 25 Oct 25th Annual Cartoons Award (Bunker)
- 27 Oct Rotary BIG Golf Day (Coffs City Rot.)
- 1-4 Jun 14 Rotary Internat’l Convention Sydney

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend				
Date	23 Sep Partners	30 Sep Social	7 Oct No meeting	14 Oct Club Assembly
Attendance	Geoff Royal			Mary Bryant
Welcome/Fellowship	George Smede	SEAVIEW TAVERN	AUCTION 5 OCT	n/a
Introduce Guest Speaker	Glenda Kennedy	DINNER	IN LIEU	n/a
Vote of Thanks	Patty Delaney			n/a
Guest Speakers or Event	Win Howard CH Astronomical Society— “The Night Sky”			Assembly/ Hat Day

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 F)

KNOW A FAMILY INTERESTED IN HOSTING a YEP STUDENT? (See Patty)