

# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

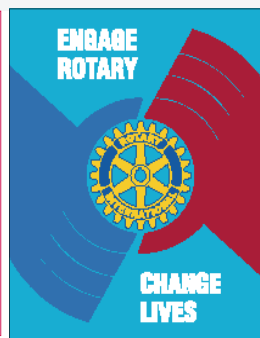
## Woopi Whisper

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Club President  
**Karen Sedgwick**

District Governor  
**Rob Anderson**

RI President  
**Ron Burton**



### MEETINGS COMING UP (a) AUCTION SAT 1 FEB

This Saturday is the first **Auction** for 2014. Our helpers are Sherwood Creek Rural Fire Service.

The amount of stuff for sale this month is absolutely massive—there is virtually no room left in the shed or on the verandah to allow any more pre-pickups. Donors continue to be very generous. Quite a few high-quality items are there, including a nice dining table that the Woolgoolga Shed has refurbished very beautifully. Needless to say, a good turnout of members will help to spread the load.

### MEETINGS COMING UP (b) PRIDE IN WORK AWARDS

On Friday 7 Feb, at the Woolgoolga Art Gallery, 6pm-8pm, is another important event: the **Pride in Work Awards** night. This is an important night for recognising some among our community who, in the workplace go above and beyond, and take particular pride in doing what they do very well. It is also an important night for club members to engage further with the community, as well as being a fundraiser for the Art Gallery, which is opening the associated **Art of Work** competition. Our club is providing finger food and wine. Members: Please bring a plate if you can.

A reminder to artists among us to submit their entries for the **Art of Work** competition (by 4 Feb). Around 40 items have already been entered.

### PREVIOUS MEETING—DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT (20 Jan)

Our **District Governor Rob Anderson** has been a frequent visitor to our club, but last meeting was his official visit. His address was in two parts: firstly, summarising his partner Kerry's projects for the year, and secondly, outlining some of the important developments in Rotary at international and district levels.

The DG's Partner's Projects are twofold: (1) **"Butterfly Children" research**; (2) **ROMAC**. Epidermolysis Bullosa is a rare genetic disease in which a severe skin disorder leaves a sufferer's skin as fragile as a butterfly's wing, with painful blistering. Some members of our DG's own family are counted among the sufferers. Kerry hopes to contribute \$33,000 to Australian Rotary Health, which has in turn committed to leveraging that donation into a research grant of over \$80,000 to be applied via DEBRA ([www.debra.org.au](http://www.debra.org.au)).

**ROMAC**— Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children— provides medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life-saving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country. In a typical year, 40-50 major operations of great complexity are carried out in Australasia, often with surgeon and hospital donating their services. Kerry aims to provide a district donation of \$20,000 to ROMAC.

The second part of District Governor Rob's address mentioned the Rotary International President Ron Burton's transformation from an unengaged member to a fully engaged member—echoed in his theme for this year (upper right of this page!). Rob mentioned the Vocational Training Team scheme (in effect replacing the old GSE), and how D9650 is hosting a VTT this March, from Louisiana. (They will be at our District Conference.) Planning is afoot for an outgoing VTT to Kenya. Rob also drew attention to the Rotary Public Relations campaign in progress in the media. He also mentioned some highlights of the forthcoming District Conference. Later he met the Board to discuss current issues.

#### 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 meetings**  
**(venue varies)**

Apologies to *Glenda*

**0488 303 014**  
**6654 8890**  
by **9am Monday**



#### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** DG Rob Anderson, Stan Jackson (RC Coffs Harbour)

**Guests:** Edith, Ila, Helen, Marie, Bronwyn, Sally

**Apologies:** John, Keith, Gareth, George

**Attendance:** 18 (82%)

**Raffle winner:** Stan Jackson

**Birthdays:** Garry Kennedy 6 Feb; Patty Delaney 8 Feb

**Anniversaries:**

## VISIT OF THE FOUNDER OF OUR CLUB — STAN JACKSON

**Stan Jackson**, who back in 1987-88 was responsible for fostering and developing a Rotary Club in Woolgoolga, was back to visit us (with his clubmate, our District Governor). Stan is shown at right holding the club Charter, symbolising the success of his efforts, with President Karen. Stan has been in the Rotary Club for over 50 years, much of in of Coffs Harbour club, and was asked to charter a new club by then District Governor Bill Forrest (who himself visited us last in Apr 2010). Stan recalled the occasion of our club's 20th anniversary, and also how he had recently rediscovered the papers and the treasured gift presented to him then. Stan is shown at left with Charter Member Rod Mackenzie. Fittingly, Stan won the raffle!



### BOARD FOR 2014-2015

The **key positions of President-elect and Treasurer** still need to be filled. **Additional Director(s)** welcome.

### OTHER ITEMS

Don't forget that we have a rare opportunity to attend the **District Conference** without extensive travel, as it in Coffs this year—**27-29 Mar** (Sat 28 and Sun 29 being the main days). Note that as things currently stand, the **Fish Auction** clashes directly with the District Conference, so members should make early plans accordingly.

Also remember the world **Rotary International Conference** : Sydney 1-4 June 2014.

Thank you to (now Honorary Member) **Rob White**, who has succeeded in raising over \$2000 sponsorship for **Kits for Kids**. This includes an amazing \$1300 from our meeting hosts, the **C.ex Club**, under the Club National Grants system. We continue to be very grateful to the C.ex for their generous donation of our meeting venue and rooms for the Youth Driver Awareness Day and other Rotary events. Our application for a District Grant (Rotary D9650) has also been successful, payment being contingent on the receipt by D9650 of outstanding grant acquittals by two District clubs. This means that the Kits this year will be fully funded by money raised.

The marquee frame that we have used recently for plant and Xmas stalls has finally succumbed to bits breaking and bending and is no longer erectable. Please keep your eye out for alternatives (eg one that we could borrow at short notice), as good quality marquees are very expensive to purchase or hire.

CLUB NOTICES	Date	Event
	1 Feb 14	Auction (Sherwood Ck Rural Fire Service)
	7 Feb	(Friday) Pride in Work Awards / Art of Work Exhibition (at Art Gallery)
	22 Feb	Public speaking round, Walcha
	12 Feb	Trivia and Charity auction
	29-30 Mar	Fish auction
	26 Apr	Curryfest (main day Rotary roster)

DISTRICT NOTICES	Date	Event
	8-9 Feb	District Leadership training Inverell
	22 Feb	Public Speaking semi finals Walcha
	8-9 Mar	Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) location TBC
	27-29 Mar	District Conference, Coffs Harbour
	29 Mar-5 Apr	RYLA, Yarrahappini (1 week)
	1-4 Jun 14	Rotary Internat'l Convention Sydney

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend				
Date	3 Feb No meeting	10 Feb Meeting	17 Feb Board	24 Feb Partners
Attendance		Allan Casey		Thea Eves
Welcome/ Fellowship	AUCTION MEETING	Mary Bryant	BOARD MEETING	David Fayle
Introduce Guest Speaker	1 FEB &	Echah Wright	ONLY	Leslie Casey
Vote of Thanks	PRIDE IN	David Edwards		Pam Fayle
Guest Speakers or Event	WORK 7 FEB (Paul Hunt)	Garry Kennedy: International Fleet Review		Margaret Beckett: Inner Wheel

**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)