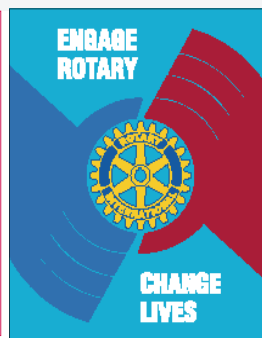


# THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

## Woopi Whisper

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**Karen Sedgwick**  
District Governor  
**Rob Anderson**  
RI President  
**Ron Burton**



### TONIGHT—FOCUS ON ROTARY

Tonight, to celebrate Rotary's 109th birthday, it is a double-barrelled "Rotary-focused" evening. Our new Assistant Governor, **Neale Parmenter**, will visit and address us. Neale stepped into the shoes of AG Adam Sherwell (well known to members) who, given an unanticipated business opportunity, moved to Victoria part-way through his term.

Also, **Margaret Beckett** will tell us about Inner Wheel — a Rotary-linked organisation founded in a past era when Rotary was exclusively a boys' club.



### PREVIOUS MEETING 10 Feb International Fleet Review

**Garry Kennedy** left us all marvelling at the enormous logistic challenges that he and his team overcame to deliver the **International Fleet Review**. We were privileged to hear the inside story, from its conception to the event itself and aftermath—an outstanding success as we all know. 250 individual ship movements in Sydney (each with tug and pilot) and more in Jervis Bay etc, 14 official VIP events, 40 visiting Chiefs of Navy and staffs, Prince Harry, involvement of 34 government bodies, and a massive pyrotechnics display and lightshow—the logistics more than boggle the mind. They even contingency-planned for the whale that calved in Rose Bay! Fantastic job Garry!

### PRIDE IN WORK AWARDS (7 Feb)

The Art of Work exhibition was a perfect accompaniment to the presentation of three **Pride in Work Awards**. **Julie Potts** (r) was recognised for her outstanding effort both in business and volunteer work. Her successful Australia Post mail contract business supports 7 workers, and for 16 years has delivered mail to hundreds of addresses no matter what, maintaining a gruelling work regime. Her fundraising work over many years is exemplary, and has assisted many.



### ROTARY'S 109th BIRTHDAY



1905/06



1911-1914



1906/07



1912/13 to 1923  
In blue and gold

Rotary's  
brand new  
emblem



### 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:** none

**Guests:** (10 Feb) Garry Kennedy, partners Marlies, Bronwyn, Col; Honorary Member Ian Fitzgerald

**Apologies:** (10 Feb) John, Gareth, Keith, Thea, Norm, George, David E, Echah

**Attendance:** (Fri 7 Feb) 11 (50%); (10 Feb) 14 (64%)

**Raffle winners:** Col (International Fleet Review cap), Karen

**Birthdays:** Mary Bryant 20 Feb; Ian Fitzgerald 22 Feb; Rotary 23 Feb (1905); Lesley Fitzgerald 26 Feb; Graeme Wright 29 Feb (!); Bill Carroll 4 Mar

**Anniversaries:** Ian & Lesley Fitzgerald 27 Feb

Joyce Mifsud's (l) wonderful rapport with her customers at Envy Hair & Beauty Centre is coupled with her skill and knowledge, and her adaptation to changes in technology and processes in the beauty industry. Byron Henry's (c) devotion to both his workplaces, Madness Surfboards and the Woolgoolga Swimming Pool, is legendary. The award recognises his great qualities including customer relations, work ethic, innovativeness, "special energy", trustworthiness and reliability, without a day off due to sickness in ten years.



Paul Hunt (photo) gave the keynote address. The Art of Work prizewinners were Ann Jennings (1st) and our own Pam Fayle (2nd) and Marie Matthews (highly commended). Thanks to our judges from Woolgoolga High art department, Tara Hewitt and Jacqui Harrison, and to sponsors Art Supply Emporium, Costa Exchange, Two Tails Wines and Woolgoolga Art Group.

Raffle winners President Karen and her partner Col (an International Fleet Review cap donated by Garry Kennedy)

## PUBLIC SPEAKING SEMI-FINALS

Nine Public Speaking contestants, including our own Jessie Gentle, will be speaking to gain one of four spots to speak in the final at the District Conference in Coffs Harbour. Our delegation of four will travel to Walcha for the event this Saturday, 22 Feb.



## DISTRICT CONFERENCE and FISH AUCTION [28 & 29 Mar]

The District Conference in Coffs Harbour is only about five weeks away—27-29 Mar (Sat 28 and Sun 29 being the main days). A few more volunteers are sought for helping with carpark management and at the door for the Saturday evening dinner (both at Coffs Racing Club). The deadline for early-bird (only \$25) registration is 25 Feb—it goes up after that.

The Fish Auction clashes directly with the District Conference, so members should make early plans accordingly. Our numbers will be stretched very thin, with some notable absentees from town that weekend—members are asked to help if they can.

## CLUB ITEMS

Put it in your diaries to come to a SWAP Party on 8th March. This is to assist The Ashley Haven Project in Ethiopia (26 children). Everyone is welcome at 17 Ocean Links Drive, Safety Beach, from 2-5pm. It costs \$10 entry. Bring any thing in good condition (clothes, household items, books etc) that you no longer want, and in exchange you help yourself to things others don't want. A fun afternoon, with afternoon tea included.

Thank you to Leslie Casey for stepping into the important vacant role of Treasurer-elect 2014-15, and thanks again to Mary Bryant, Secretary-elect. 2014-15 President-elect Patty could still do with an extra Director or two. And we are still missing a President-nominee for 2015-16.

A reminder that our host for our regular meetings, C.ex, requires that all members of Woolgoolga Rotary are to be members of C.ex (\$22 for 10 years). Don't forget - Rotary International Conference: Sydney 1-4 June 2014.

CLUB NOTICES

22 Feb Public speaking round, Walcha  
 8 Mar Swap Meet (at 17 Ocean Links Cl Safety Bch)  
 29-30 Mar Fish auction  
 26 Apr Curryfest (main day Rotary roster)

DISTRICT NOTICES

22 Feb Public Speaking semi finals Walcha  
 8-9 Mar Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) Tamworth  
 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	24 Feb Partners	3 Mar No meeting	10 Mar	17 Mar Board
Attendance	Thea Eves		David Edwards	
Welcome/Fellowship	David Fayle	AUCTION 1 MAR	George Smede	BOARD MEETING
Introduce Guest Speaker	Leslie Casey	IN LIEU	Allan Casey	
Vote of Thanks	Pam Fayle		Echah Wright	
Guest Speakers or Event	Margaret Beckett: Inner Wheel		Richard Grant No doctors, diet or exercise!	

**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)