

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

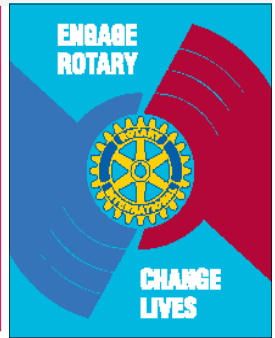
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SWAP PARTY—THIS COMING SATURDAY (8 MAR)

Two days before our coming meeting is the **SWAP Party** on Saturday 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 anything 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.

TONIGHT (10 MAR) — RICHARD GRANT: No doctors, diet or exercise!

Tonight we will hear from author Richard Grant (shown here in the library with Surinder Kaur). He will reveal how to live a healthy life without dieting or exercise, avoiding the need for doctors. It promises to be an interesting night — except perhaps for those working in the medical profession!



PREVIOUS MEETING 24 Feb

Guest speaker was **Margaret Beckett** [right], telling us about Inner Wheel. District Chairman Beverly Hobson [left] & husband Peter accompanied her, Beverly assist-

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Neale Parmenter, our new Assistant Governor, continuing in 2014-15, visited. He thanked his predecessor Adam Sherwell for both the challenge and the platform, and wants to visit the Cluster clubs every quarter to keep in touch with what the clubs would like him to do. It was a most appropriate way to celebrate Rotary's 109th birthday!

PUBLIC SPEAKING SEMIFINALS, WALCHA — 22 FEB

The semifinals of the Public Speaking Competition brought together nine excellent young public speakers, one from each of District 9650's nine Clusters. **Jessie Gentle** was our representative. In a highly competitive contest, Jessie was edged out by Hannah Worsley from Inverell, Samantha Kirkwood from Laurieton, David Tighe from Coonabarabran, and Lucy Eddy from Armidale. Your editor



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
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by **9am Monday**

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: AG Neale Parmenter

Guests: Margaret Beckett, Beverly & Peter Hobson, partner Marie

Apologies: John, Gareth, Keith, Thea, Norm, David E, Geoff

Attendance: 15 (68%)

Raffle winner: Beverly Hobson

Birthdays: John Arkan 15 Mar; Trish Baker 20 Mar

Anniversaries: none



Lucy Eddy, Samantha Kirkwood, Joel Hedge, Hannah Worsley, David Tighe, Angus Williams, Oliver Smith, Jessie Gentle, and Sally Eller

and a number of others around him thought that Joel Hedge (Wingham) and Sally Eller (Kempsey) were quite unlucky not to get through, but were also very glad that we did not have to judge such a tight, high-standard contest.

It was, as usual, an excellent, entertaining day for the audience. Walcha's catering was great. We commend future contests to other members — definitely worth the drive!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE and FISH AUCTION [28 & 29 Mar]

The **District Conference** in Coffs Harbour is on toward the end of this month — **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). Registration is only \$25 plus meals.

The **Fish Auction** coincides with the Saturday of the District Conference, so members should plan accordingly. Our numbers will be stretched very thin on the Saturday, with some notable absentees from town that weekend—members are asked to help if they can—contact is Rod Mackenzie. The club and the Coffs Harbour Bluewater Freedivers are currently working through a number of issues, including the sale of fish over 3kg, and the safety of selling large reef fish (in particular Spanish mackerel), in the light of a recent instance of ciguatera poisoning.

CLUB ITEMS

The fifth Monday of March (31st) will be a social evening at the new Rustic Mezedes restaurant in Market Street, established by the folks at Rustic Table.

Word has finally come through that Japanese Youth Exchange Program (YEP) Yuta Tsuchiya from Hokkaido is heading our way. I will leave you in suspense awaiting further details ...

The broken translucent panels of the auction shed roof have been replaced by clear ones.

A reminder that our host for our regular meetings, C.ex, requires **all members** of Woolgoolga Rotary to be **members of C.ex** (\$22 for 5 years). Don't forget - **Rotary International Conference: Sydney 1-4 June 2014.**

CLUB NOTICES

8 Mar Swap Party (at 17 Ocean Links Cl Safety Bch)
 29-30 Mar Fish auction
 5 Apr Auction (Red Rock Corindi Surf LSC)
 12 Apr Vaisakhi parade
 26 Apr Curryfest (main day Rotary roster)
 3 May Auction (Corindi Woolgoolga SES)

DISTRICT NOTICES

8-9 Mar Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) Tamworth
 27-29 Mar District Conference, Coffs Harbour
 29 Mar-5 Apr RYLA, Yarrahappini (1 week)
 2 Apr RYLA dinner, Macksville
 16-18 May MUNA Model UN Assembly, Inverell
 1-4 Jun 14 Rotary Internat'l Convention Sydney

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend					
Date	10 Mar Meeting	17 Mar Board	24 Mar Partners night	31 Mar Social evening	14 Apr Meeting
Attendance	David Edwards		Dick Matthews		David Fayle
Welcome/ Fellowship	George Smede	BOARD MEETING	Glenda Kennedy	At Rustic Mezedes	Leslie Casey
Introduce Guest Speaker	Allan Casey		Trish Baker	Market St	Thea Eves
Vote of Thanks	Echah Wright		Norm Michener		Keith Minhinnett
Guest Speakers or Event	Richard Grant No doctors, diet or exercise!		Karen Coatsworth SVPI Cambodia		Sue O'Brien Hearing Australia

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)