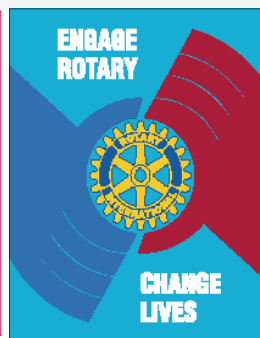


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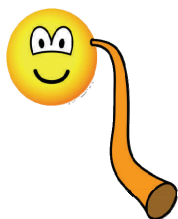
## Woopi Whisper

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



### TONIGHT (14 Apr) - Susan O'Brien,



If your hearing is not as good as it once was, or your partner has that problem, our guest speaker will surely be of interest: **Susan O'Brien**, Hearing Health Promotional Officer of Australian Hearing.

Board members ... I say, **BOARD MEMBERS** ... we are having a Board meeting immediately following the general meeting. (No pretending that you didn't hear that over the ambient noise ...!)



### PREVIOUS EVENTS – FISH AUCTION [Weekend 28-29 March]

What a great weekend it was for the 2014 Australian Bluewater Freediving Classic, with nearly 200 fish caught for the afternoon **Fish Auctions**. Crowds were good on both afternoons and every fish attracted bids. Proceeds of more than \$2600 were shared by Woolgoolga Rotary and the Marine Rescue Organisation, and we again thank the Coffs Harbour Bluewater Freedivers for the invitation. The heaviest fish, a kingfish, weighed 16kg. Champion was diver Dwane Herbert, from New Zealand (*far r top*), defending his title



with a massive haul of 17 species in 2 days. This year, each diver was announced to the crowd as his catch was weighed—what an amazing global event it is! Among those competing were Diego Santiago (6 times Brazilian Spearfishing champion/personal depth record of 87 metres!); another Brazilian, Francisco Loffredi (*lower r*), current International Bluewater champion; Aaron Puckeridge (2 times Aust. Junior Spearfishing Champion) and his dad, Australian spearfishing icon Ian Puckeridge (8 times Australian Spearfishing champion, 2 times International Bluewater Spearfishing champion and Australian Bluewater Freediving champion on two occasions) - an elite group of spearfishers here just for this event. Thanks to **Rod Mackenzie** for a fantastic job organizing the auction as well as publicizing it, to **John Arkan** for his marathon auctioneering efforts (continued the following week at the normal Rotary auction), to those doing the heavy work, especially **Merv Richardson, George, Norm** and visiting **Wauchope Rotary President Paul Froome** (our Leslie's brother; *r centre*), and to the many club members (16!!) & partners who helped out.



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:** Paul Froome (Fish Auction)  
**Attendance:** fish auction, 16 (73%!); Moroccan night 10 (45%);  
**Birthdays:** none  
**Anniversaries:** John Arkan & Surinder Kaur 14 Apr

## MOROCCAN NIGHT (Wed, 2 April)

Our “fifth Monday” (on Wednesday!) was a most enjoyable social evening as part of the Curryfest Moroccan Night at the new Rustic Mezedes restaurant in Market Street. Our party helped bring the numbers to 67, and the food, company and ambience were terrific. This was the second of three *Tastes of Woolgoolga* Curryfest events leading up to the main day on Saturday 26 April.



## DISTRICT CONFERENCE [Sat 28 & Sun 29 March]

Four members attended the District Conference, on the same weekend as the fish auction. A great occasion to catch up with old friends from throughout the District, and to get re-invigorated by inspiring presentations. In that category were three recent young Rotarians talking about their experiences at RYLA; 4 students who had attended NYSF, and several of the plenary sessions. Sales of our Curry Packs & Allan Casey’s beautiful artisan glass jewellery were modest.

Woolgoolga was awarded the **Dal Fayle Trophy for Best Annual Report** for the fourth year running.

## 6 TEAMS FOR MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA)!

We now have six teams intending to go to the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) in Inverell this year! We will fund their participation and probably hire a bus also. 16-18 May (District Assembly once again conflicts!).

## OTHER CLUB ITEMS

The club has donated \$500 towards purchasing **hay for desperate drought-stricken farmers** in the Coonamble and Collarenebri areas of western NSW in areas that have missed out on the rains. (Sent to Coonamble Rotary).

If you’re in town and available on the main **Curryfest** day, Saturday 26 April, please let **Pam Fayle** know when you can assist. The **roster** is looking rather thin at present. The success of this signature festival is economically and culturally important for the area. After a couple of years affected by adverse weather, Curryfest, with the great deal of hard work being done by the organisers, including Pam (her work being our club’s very significant contribution to this year’s festival), needs to be given the support it deserves.

Please advise President Karen if you can represent the club in the **Anzac Day march**. Lions is always well represented and we should be there too. (Pam and David have done this for several years but will be away).

Best wishes to **Bianca McNeil**, who flew out of Coffs Harbour on auction day, Sat 5 April to New Zealand on the short-term **Youth Exchange Program** (YEP Aust/NZ).

Japanese YEP inbounder **Yuta Tsuchiya** is unfortunately ill in hospital in Hokkaido, and his situation regarding the exchange is unclear. Hopefully he can still go on the YEP safari later this month, on which he is booked.

The monthly **auction** again contributed well to the coffers, though attendance of buyers and bidding were both light compared with recent months. John did remarkably well to elicit bids in the circumstances. Our hard-working shed crew again included **Elizabeth, Marie and Ila**—many thanks. The excellent help from the **Red Rock Corindi Surf Life Saving Club** was again crucial.

The **Spice It Up! Art Exhibition/competition** (part of **Curryfest**) is being launched at a function starting 6pm this Friday 11 April at the Woolgoolga Art Gallery. Tickets are \$5 a head and include a light supper.

<b>CLUB NOTICES</b>	11 Apr	Spice It Up exhibition opening 6-8pm	<b>DISTRICT NOTICES</b>	4 May	District Assembly 1, Gunnedah
	12 Apr	Vaisakhi parade (starts roughly 10am; in main part of town just before midday)		<b>18 May [date change!]</b>	District Assembly 2, Port Macquarie, start time 10:30am
	19 Apr	Dhoom Dhmaal dinner/dance (pre book)		16-18 May	MUNA Model UN Assembly, Inverell
	26 Apr	Curryfest (main day Rotary roster)		1-4 Jun 14	Rotary Internat'l Convention Sydney
	3 May	Auction (Corindi Woolgoolga SES)			

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend					
Date	14 Apr Meeting	21 Apr No meeting	28 Apr Partners Night	5 May No meeting	12 May Club Assembly
Attendance	Terry Booth	EASTER	Norm Michener	AUCTION ON	Geoff Royal
Welcome/Fellowship	Leslie Casey		David Edwards	3 MAY	CLUB ASSEMBLY
Introduce Guest Speaker	Peter Lacy		Trish Baker		
Vote of Thanks	Pam Fayle		David Fayle		
Guest Speakers or Event	Susan O'Brien Australian Hearing		Richard Wylie Marine Research		

**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)