

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

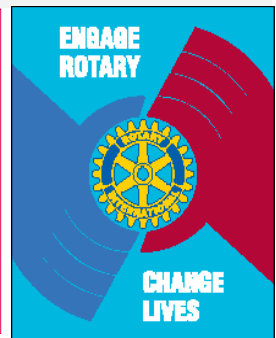
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Club President
Karen Sedgwick

District Governor
Rob Anderson

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TONIGHT (26 May) PARTNERS NIGHT / MUNA, FUTURE VET

Tonight is partners night, and our guest speakers will include some members of the large Woolgoolga team that participated in MUNA last weekend [story page 2, more photos page 3]. The club covered both entry cost and minibus hire for the Inverell event.

As an added bonus, Gemma Hutchinson will tell us about her Future Vet Kids Camp experience. The 5-day camp was held in Sydney.

PREVIOUS MEETING: CLUB ASSEMBLY 12 MAY

At the Club Assembly, two main topics were tackled.

1. **Three-year Plan update.** President-elect Patty revisited the 3-year Plan put in place in 2010-2011, asking members for feedback on the extent to which elements of that plan had been successfully implemented. Those elements included, by mid-2014: increasing membership to 30 [no]; further improve its public profile [yes] and attractiveness to existing and potential members [no]; ensure that every member can make an important contribution, and spread the workload [part yes]; ensure continuity of leadership [OK]; raise at least the equivalent of \$30,000 (2011 dollars) each year [well above this year, but not the preceding two]; continue high-priority activities and projects that we do well, improving them where merited [yes]; identify things we can do better, activities to cease, and compelling new projects to undertake [work to do]; develop a major service project for the Club, that will carry significant benefits for local youth [not yet, but prospective Multipurpose Centre and possible relocation of baths (etc) offer opportunities].

2. Issues concerning the **monthly auction** as our ongoing major fundraiser. One major issue is our obligations regarding sale of donated electrical goods. We are aware that legislation obliges us to **tag all electrical items** with tags of 1 of 2 types, one for untested items & the other for items tested by a qualified tester using special equipment. The question of whether Rotarians should or should not seek such qualification is not straightforward; eg there may be liability & insurance ramifications. For more dangerous, cheap items (toasters/jugs), the preference is to dismantle them for cords and other metal.

A second major issue is our ongoing ability to **collect large or heavy donated goods** during the month. Ideas were floated for how to develop lists of helpers willing to be contacted to assist, with a modest payment possible. Our scheduled helper organization could earn a larger donation by helping in the lead up to auction day. We also have to make it clear to buyers that **no delivery** is possible.

Other auction issues touched on included collection of unsaleable goods, the planned extensions onto the auction shed, sale of items before the auction, and sustainability of it as our major fundraiser.

MUNA Woolgoolga High team in Inverell



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 *Mary*
0407 008 468
6654 2663
by **9am Monday**



MUNA gaol stint for
France's Bethany
Atkins

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: none
Guests: n/a
Attendance: 15 (68%)
Apologies: John, Thea, George, Gareth, Keith, Glenda, Echah
Raffle: Geoff Royal
Birthdays: Keith Minhinnett 26 May, Helen Michener 2 Jun
Anniversaries: Sel & Ila Rogers 7 Jun

MUNA (MODEL UNITED NATIONS)

The MUNA Woolgoolga High contingent in Inverell was Zac Donald (Russia), Jade Bromell & Jasmine Adams (Germany), Bethany Atkins & Tyler Medcalf (France), Luke Williams & Jamie Durning (USA), Cheyenne Hart & Keilan Birch (Mexico), Emily Treuer & Saihaj Arkan (Spain). Frank Dean, teacher, drove them all in the bus. Although our team did not win one of the main awards, they must have come close, and they provided many of the memorable moments during a very entertaining MUNA. Zac (Russia) led a team to an armed coup, taking over the Assembly [photo]. Though the number of schools and teams participating was relatively disappointing, all 25 teams there participated enthusiastically. The standard of costumes was exceptional. Egypt (St Columba's, Port Macquarie) won both best speaker and best dressed, and the entertaining North Koreans (Coonabarabran High) won "most humorous" (eg they were part of that coup).



BOWELSCAN REPORT

Thank you to all who've done their bit on the Bowelscan Roster. Over 300 kits have been sold so far, with kits still on sale at the two Woolgoolga pharmacies for a few days yet. Although this is a good result, the number of kits sold is substantially less than in past years (eg 540 in 2009-2010). Reasons could include the increased cost, availability of Government kits to those turning 55, 60 and 65, a clear result in 2013, or complacency.

CLUB NEWS



Members who want to find out more about Rotary have a unique opportunity to attend Rotary's Annual global bash, the **Rotary International Convention, in Sydney** on the first four days of June. Last day for registration is advertised as Friday 23 May [the day I send this Whisper], but your editor thinks it unlikely that latecomers would be turned away. Check first though!

As many members will away for extended periods over the next few months, the following **chart of known absences** may be helpful.

David Faile is currently compiling the **Annual Report**, and wants any items for inclusion, including names of non-members who should be included on the "**Thank-you**" list.

Japanese YEP inbounder **Yuta Tsuchiya** is back from safari and staying with Patty & Graeme. Members please think about ways of including him in activities, and/or inviting him for a meal.

Our own **Allan Casey** has a **major exhibition opening** at the Woolgoolga Art Gallery on Friday 30 May at 6pm (gold coin donation). Fused and slumped glass, and photography.

Mondays	M	JUNE					JULY				AUGUST			SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER						
	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Karen																								
Patty																								
Glenda																								
Pam&David																								
Terry																								
Dick																								
Mary																								
Norm																								
Geoff																								
Rod																								

- CLUB NOTICES**
- 7 Jun Auction (Woolgoolga Scout Group tbc)
 - 30 Jun Changeover Dinner, Seaview Tavern
 - 28 Jul District Governor's visit
 - 14 Aug Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)
 - 16 Aug Public speaking nominations to club
 - 26 Oct Helicopter golf ball drop (Safety Beach)

- DISTRICT NOTICES**
- 1-4 Jun 14 Rotary Internat'l Convention Sydney
 - 28 Jun District Changeover
 - 19-20 Jul YEP Outbounders briefing Armidale
 - 26-27 Jul NYSF selections, Walcha
 - 12 Sep Rystars closing date (Coonabarabran)
 - 25 Sep Rymarine closing date (Coffs)

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend					
Date	26 May Partners	2 Jun No meeting	9 Jun No meeting	16 Jun Board	23 Jun Meeting
Attendance	Mary Bryant	AUCTION WEEK	QUEENS BIRTHDAY	BOARD	MEETING
Welcome/Fellowship	Terry Booth		PUBLIC HOLIDAY		George Smede
Introduce Guest Speaker	Pam Fayle				Peter Lacy
Vote of Thanks	Peter Lacy				Echah Wright
Guest Speakers or Event	MUNA participants				Prof Graeme Batten Amazing uses of near infra-red

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)



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(Clockwise from top) John's son Saihaj (Spain) in gaol; Spain (Emily Treuer & Saihaj Arkan) speak while Cheyenne Hart & Keilan Birch (Mexico) and Tyler Medcalf (France) wait their turn; the American team enters: Luke Williams and Jamie Durning; two views of nearly all the MUNA delegates; Mexicans have invaded US territory !!

