

# Woolgi Whisper

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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**Patty Delaney**  
District Governor  
**Greg Moran**  
Rotary International  
President  
**Gary CK Huang**

Meetings each month  
1st Sat: auction shed  
8:30-3:30  
2nd & 4th Mondays  
6-8pm Woolgoolga C.ex  
3rd Monday  
Board meetings VIC  
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## TONIGHT (11 Aug) GREG YEATES: FICTION WRITING

**Greg Yeates**, who many of you met at last year's Changeover, will tell us about a passion of his, fiction writing. Greg's first novel is virtually ready for publication, but he has had considerable success in short story writing. One story gained a national literature award and has since been published as the opening story in an anthology (Award Winning Australian Writing 2013). In writing his novel, he tapped into his experience working for the NSW government in environmental impact assessment and town planning, and one poignant moment in the book reflects an actual event.



Greg, until recently a long-time member of Grafton Rotary, is a son of Marnie Yeates (after whom Yeates Hall is named) and Neil Yeates, author of *Woolgoolga: A History of a Village*. It was Greg who first approached us offering us the chance to reprint that book as a Rotary project. He also wrote the foreword to the reprinted book.

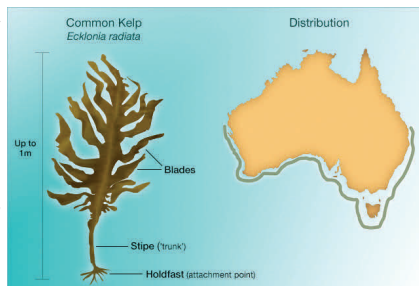
## REMINDERS—HELP NEEDED FOR RYDA; "STUFF" FOR SEP PLANT STALL

**THURS 14 AUG RYDA** (Youth Driver Awareness Day): Please let David Fayle know your **availability for RYDA**. With quite a few of us out of town, it's possible that finding enough people for the necessary tasks will be a challenge.

**SAT AUCTION 6 SEP: PLANT AND PRODUCE STALL**: There's only a month left to get those seedlings and cuttings going, make those chutneys or spreads, or find saleable garden items and the like, to offer at the plant stall. Enquiries to Echah.

## PREVIOUS MEETING (28 Jul) LAURA SANCHEZ: KELP AND OCEAN °C

Who knew that the seaweed we find washed up on our beaches was so important and interesting? Marine Science research student **Laura Sanchez**, from Spain, outlined the context for the research project she recently started at the Southern Cross University's National Marine Science Centre in Coffs: *Kelp forests and warm water don't mix: implications of climate change for local marine communities*.



Laura outlined where the major kelp forests occur in the world, and described the basic structure of kelps, which attach to a surface by holdfast structures, and have gas bladders that keep the leaves (called blades) oriented upwards towards the light that they photosynthesise.

Water above 21°C is a real problem for kelp, and Coffs Harbour waters turn out to be a hotspot for ocean warming. The local common kelp (*Ecklonia*) range has been retreating southward down our coast since the 1940s, at 10-50km per decade. The many complex impacts on the ecosystem have wide ramifications, such as changed forage and nursery habitats for other species, reduced energy production and biodiversity, and major distortions in the species mix. The warming itself weakens organisms' resistance to other stressors.



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## STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** none  
**Guests:** Laura Sanchez, Kirsten Wright, partners Garry Kennedy, Sue Smede, Wayne Crivellone  
**Attendance:** 12 (55%)  
**Apologies:** John, Terry, Patty, David E, Peter, Rod, Dick, Norm, Keith, Gareth  
**Raffle:** Garry Kennedy  
**Birthdays:** Dick Matthews 6 Aug, Geoff Royal 7 Aug  
**Anniversaries:** none

## ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE TEAM HEADING OUR WAY IN NOVEMBER

A **Rotary Friendship Exchange team from Poland is visiting** our District in the first half of November. A visit to Woolgoolga is on the proposed itinerary being prepared, but not yet finalised. A team of 6 couples will need to be billeted for 2 nights around early to mid November this year. This is a great opportunity to be involved in RFX and is a plus if you wish to apply to be on an outbound team (either to Poland, June next year [the exchange Rotary district includes the whole of Poland]; or to India Feb; Canada mid-2015; Brazil; Turkey; Argentina; San Diego USA). Several members of our club can recommend RFX as a way of developing a global network of new friends and getting unique insights into countries. **If you are interested in hosting the visiting Poles please let Rod know.** As soon as the itinerary is finalized, he can provide exact dates and start organising a program.

**CLUB NEWS:** **Your annual membership fee is now due.** The Australian Taxation Office has decided to turn its sights on Rotary, and come out with an adverse ruling that affects all of us, so, regretfully, your Board has been forced to raise the fee to **\$220** for the Rotary year (July to June) - \$110 for the half-year. This must cover the **District** component (now \$90, which includes **comprehensive insurance** for all your Rotary activities) as well as a second component billed in US\$ & covering **Rotary International + Rotary Down Under** magazine (approx. A\$130 depending on exchange rate). For the previous 5 years, the fee remained stable at \$200. Invoices have been sent to those who have not yet paid; several members also have amounts still owing from last year.

**DONATIONS:** The club has donated \$500 to the **CanDo** Foundation. The Coffs Coast & Clarence CanDo Cancer Trust, which supports patients and families attending the North Coast Cancer Institute. Help is typically in the form of payments to creditors: household bills, phone, gas, electricity, insurance etc; sometimes vouchers for food or petrol, or 'quality of life' items may also be provided.

At the **CanDo Bowls Day**, the club representative **Trish** presented the cheque to CanDo.

## AUCTION (2 Aug) Helper: Amazing turnout by Woolgoolga High School

Woolgoolga High School **students and staff** turned out in huge numbers to help out at the auction, and our club being fairly short-handed, particularly in the furniture-moving area, we were deeply appreciative of the help. **Kirsten Wright** was again a great help too. The outcome was again good, especially given the limited range and quality of goods and the number of buyers. **John** did a great job again auctioneering, while during the week, **Geoff Huggins** and our YEP inbounder **Yuta** helped **Terry** with pickups, Terry straining his back in the process (we wish him a quick recovery). A big thank you to WHS students and staff!

CLUB NOTICES

14 Aug Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)  
 16 Aug Public speaking nominations to club  
 8 Sep (tbc) Public speaking club contest  
 13 Oct District Governor's visit [new date!]  
 26 Oct Helicopter golf ball drop (Safety Beach)

DISTRICT NOTICES

15-17 Aug RYAG Equine - Tamworth 2014  
 21 Aug Inbounders YEP Briefing /Cultural Camp  
 12 Sep Rystars closing date (Coonabarabran)  
 25 Sep Rymarine closing date (Coffs)  
 By end Oct Public speaking Cluster final completed  
 26-26 Oct District Muster at Tamworth  
 21 Feb Public Speaking semifinals Walcha

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend					
Date	11 Aug	18 Aug	25 Aug	1 Sep	8 Sep
	Meeting	Board	Partners	No meeting	Partners
Attendance	Geoff Royal	VIC	Thea Eves	AUCTION	Keith Minhinnett
Welcome/ Fellowship	Dave Edwards	7pm	Rod Mackenzie	AND PLANT	Allan Casey
Introduce Guest Speaker	David Fayle		Pam Fayle	STALL	Peter Lacy
Vote of Thanks	Terry Booth		Echah Wright	6 Sep	Patty Delaney
Guest Speakers or Event	Greg Yeates Fiction writing		Diana Davey How YEP (1970s) changed my life		PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB FINAL (tbc)

**Your Rotary Club Needs YOU**

Want to be on the BOARD? - (see Patty)

Can you help with AUCTION PICK-UPS or auctioneering? (See Dick)

WISH TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER? (See Norm)

KNOW A FAMILY INTERESTED IN HOSTING A YEP STUDENT? (See Echah)