



# Woopi Whisper

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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**Patty Delaney**  
District Governor  
**Greg Moran**  
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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 (8 SEP) - POT LUCK PHOTO PRESENTATIONS

(The Club round of the Public Speaking contest that was pencilled in for tonight has been rescheduled for the night of the District Governor's visit, 13 Oct). Instead, we are challenging members to show us one or two of their most interesting photos of the past year and tell us the story behind them.....we are all the guest speakers for the night.....should be fun!

## **DON'T FORGET THE SEP 6 AUCTION PLANT & PRODUCE STALL**

## PREVIOUS MEETING (25 AUG) - A QUADRUPLE TREAT!

### DIANA DAVEY ON HOW YEP CHANGED HER LIFE

**Diana Davey** went on **Rotary Youth Exchange** to western Japan in 1980, and it certainly made a profound difference to her future life. In Shin Minato, a remote timber & fishing town, she was the only foreigner most people had seen apart from Russian seamen. She learned to be very grateful for modern amenities— at her third home (eg,) she had to walk through snow to the local bathhouse. At the public school, she made very dear friends, and although since dropping out of touch, she has recently reignited one friendship. Although the lifestyle was somewhat more western than she expected, she revelled in cultural experiences: playing koto, tea ceremony, Ikebana etc. Importantly, she learned that Japanese and Australians have very different ways of looking at things, and this has caused many issues in forming effective business partnerships. Exchange completely altered her idea of future career, from vet to Uni of Qld BA/MA in interpreting and translation. Her subsequent work experience was about as broad as it is possible to have: dealing with leading politicians and governments, rugby teams, ASIO, prostitutes, murder trial, scientists etc. Lots of technical translations, many years a translator for Fujitsu, lifelong work with computers. Japan also taught Diana the virtue of patience—now-husband Peter waiting a patient 5 years for her, starting with the YEP year. After their move here, Diana taught Japanese at local schools, then retrained as a schoolteacher, here occupation now for 8 years.



### CALEB NIETHE, SUCCESSFUL NYSF APPLICANT

To succeed in getting into the **National Youth Science Forum** is a rare achievement, and **Caleb Niethe** has just been accepted. Caleb gratefully thanked our club for its support, both to date and for the future (we will cover the majority of Caleb's NYSF cost.) At this point Caleb finds physics the most interesting and engaging area. Caleb made the interesting point that NYSF is more designed for students capable of a career in science but uncertain of a career path and wanting to explore possibilities. The competitive process involved a day of 4 interviews in Walcha, and the searching interview process Caleb found valuable in itself.



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### RIAN FERGUSON & BIANCA MCNEILL, SHORT-TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE

Current short-term NZ exchange students **Rian Ferguson** (NZ) entertained us with a talk in Maori (your editor actually recognized a few words: Aotearoa, rugby, touch rugby, soccer, swimming, karate, motorbike riding...!). Thankfully she also translated it for us! Rian gets lost at Woopi high, being huge compared with her hometown school. Her coming safari is to the Blue Mountains and Canberra. **Bianca McNeill** (local), emphasised what an amazing experience she had had in NZ, including 10 days camping near Cape Reinga; a freezing swim at the black sand beach of Port Waikati, Lake Taupo, whitewater rafting. Her favourite aspect was being part of a family of singers in the Maori singing group. (see photos pg 2)

#### STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: none  
Guests: Bianca McNeill, Caleb & Warren Niethe, Rian Ferguson, Kevin & Lisa Perry, Dianna Davey, Kate & Kerry Lamb, Sally Lacy, Bronwyn Mackenzie, Susan Edwards, Marie Matthews  
YEP: Yuta Tsuchiya, Rachel Hall  
Attendance: 13 (59%)  
Apologies: John, Keith, Gareth, George, Glenda, Terry, Norm, Mary, Geoff  
Raffle: visitor 4  
Birthdays: Marlies 18 Sep, George 19 Sep.  
Anniversaries: Peter & Sally 9 Sep; David & Susan 10 Sep

## AUCTION HELPERS: CORINDI RED ROCK RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Reminder that with many away, we are short-handed for auction help on 6 Sep, and in particular, people fit enough to do pickups. Any assistance with pickups from friends of Rotary would be most welcome. Don't forget the plant stall this auction will help the Social Development Centre orphanage in Nepal - marmalade, raspberry jam, lemon butter and other goodies as well as plants on offer.

## CLUB NEWS:

One of the highlights of a YEP placement, according to Hanni Hafellner (who was with us 7 years ago) is being invited to different Rotarians' homes for a meal. Yuta Tsuchiya is here for another 6 months and it would be nice if he could be invited to the homes of quite a few members for a meal at some stage during this time. He is staying with the Fayles all of September and probably early October. Peter Lacy is putting a roster together and Yuta has already had dinner at Karen's house where we understand he gave Col a run for his money at table tennis.

## DONATIONS:

The Club has provided support again for "Getting Out There Day" for year 12 students and that will be held on 9 September in Woolgoolga. We have also awarded 2 scholarships to students to attend the Year 7 Camp. A donation of \$1,250 will be made by the Club to The Rotary Foundation.

## GOLF BALL DROP:

The famous golf ball drop is on again to raise funds for the Club's youth programs. Karen will shortly be asking you to take a few raffle books and start selling tickets. The posters and raffle books have been printed and we have until 26 October to sell 1,000 tickets. First tickets go on sale at the auction on 6 Sept.

## HIGH TEA at YERANDAH:

On 11 October, 1.30 for 2pm (until 4pm) there will be high tea at Yerandah (Echah Wright's place) to raise funds for CanDo Cancer Trust. It's a dress up occasion, there's a raffle too. RSVP to Echah as numbers are limited.



CLUB NOTICES

ASAP	Public speaking nominations to club, by 13 Oct
29 Sep	Social night or assembly tba
11 Oct	High Tea at Yerandah for CanDo
13 Oct	District Governor's visit and Public speaking club contest
26 Oct	Helicopter golf ball drop (Safety Beach)
16-17 Nov (tbc)	Polish RFE team visits us

DISTRICT NOTICES

5-8 Sep	Inbounders YEP Briefing /Camp (Bonville)
12 Sep	Rystars closing date (Coonabarabran)
25 Sep	Rymarine closing date (Coffs)
29 Sep	RYAG Dairy starts, Wingham
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	8 Sep	15 Sep	22 Sep	29 Sep	6 Oct
	Meeting	Board	Partners	Social tbc	No Meeting
Attendance	Karen Sedgwick	Time &	Norm Michener		AUCTION MEETING
Welcome/Fellowship	Allan Casey	Location To be	Dave Edwards		4 OCT IN LIEU
Introduce Guest	na	decided	Terry Booth		
Vote of Thanks	na		Trish Baker		
Guest Speakers or Event	Club members show their most interesting photos		Peter Lacy presenting on WASRAG conference		

**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)