



WooPi Whisper

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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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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TODAY (30 MAR) AT WOOPi HIGH, NIGHT BEFORE S&E CHALLENGE

Tonight we are NOT at our usual venue, but at **Woolgoolga High School, 6pm sharp**, where the gourmet meal will be catered by the Food Technology students, for Rotarians and S&E Challenge helpers & attendees. Two guest speakers: (1) Dr **Terry Burns** (overview of the Challenge across Australia; he will also introduce the Table Challenge); (2) Mr **Michael Mutch**, new owner & General Manager of WE Smith Engineering (building gigantic pressure vessels for the petrochemical industry; speaking on training and retaining specialist staff). **Cost: \$30**, which also helps as a school fundraiser. There will also be the opportunity to assist cyclone-damaged **Vanuatu**. Let **Peter Lacy 0434 947 762** know whether or not you will be attending [**BY THURS AFTERNOON!**]. **Pamela Fayle** will MC; finish is at 8pm.

NEED WHISPER EDITOR FOR APRIL AND MAY ISSUES

While your editor is overseas, a volunteer is needed to compile four Whisper issues. Ideally the Whisper should be emailed about halfway through the week preceding its date. Issues/dates are: No.20, 13 Apr; No.21, 27 Apr; No.22, 11 May; and No.23, 25 May. If you are familiar with Microsoft Publisher, I can set up these four issues ready to complete. I could also set them up in Word (or in InDesign) as required. Birthdays etc for example will be already in these draft issues.

NEED SOMEONE TO HANDLE CLUB SERVICES APRIL/MAY

Pam will also be overseas, so needs someone to take on the fairly minor task of **liaising with C.ex** front desk and the **guest speaker** for those 4 meetings. With the new meal system, we don't need to provide numbers for Walter in the kitchen any more, but if the expected attendance exceeds 20, C.ex needs to be informed so they can set tables.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE—*one lead-up event cancelled*

Please note the cancellation of the orientation for helpers that had been planned for Sat morning 28 March at Woolgoolga High School. Set-up and training will all be done on Monday 30 March, morning and afternoon:

Monday 30 March 10–12 am Helpers to meet at the High School Reception Area, where we will be setting up. **1–3 pm Uni of Newcastle Team** led by **Dr Terry Burns** will take us through the 8 Activities. Helpers should bring their own lunch.

Tuesday 31 March: Science & Engineering Challenge Day. Helpers will meet at the School at 8am for briefing and detailed time sheet for the day. At approx 9am, 256 students arrive and will be greeted and instructed by Dr Terry Burns.

Lunch will be taken @11.30am and also 11.45 am. The students will be sold great food cooked by the Lions. The Helpers will enjoy free great food in the Library Area, provided by the School Canteen staff.

The final activity, the BRIDGE testing with ALL present, will be at approx 1.45 pm. An award will be presented to the winning School. The Challenge Day should finish at 3pm.

For Activity Leaders and their helpers: you all have the full set of notes and also now connection to the videos. ALL our members can see these at www.newcastle.edu.au/challenge. Click on Information for Event Staff **username=ga665 Password=challenge**. Peter says "Have a look: it is amazing! Check that "Grasping at Straws".

REMINDER—AUCTION IS ON 4 APRIL (EASTER SATURDAY)

LAST MEETING (9 MAR) - INDUCTION OF DENNIS HOUGHTON

The induction of our new member **Dennis Houghton** was reported in the Advertiser 21 Mar. Welcome Dennis, and partner Dianne! [Photo above]



STATS AT A GLANCE
Visiting Rotarians: George Mills

Guests: Lindsay & Marilyn Hill, Harjinder Singh & Sarabjit Kaur, Kirsten Wright, partners Dianne, Col and Helen

YEP: Yuta
Attendance: 13 (62%)

Apologies: John, Trish, Glenda, George, David E, Terry, Echah, Rod

Raffle: Peter Lacy

Birthdays: Norm Michener
4 Apr

Anniversaries: Pamela & David Fayle 29 Mar, John Arkan & Surinder Kaur 14 Apr

LAST AUCTION ANOTHER BIG ONE: SAT 7 MAR — Woolgoolga Netball Club

The Auction was again a big one, and **Woolgoolga Netball Club** provided excellent assistance. The coffers that had been sorely tested by the shed extensions are now well on the way to recovery, allowing us to assist **Vanuatu** after the cyclone devastation. A big thank you also to others who provided major help, including **Kirsten Wright, Clarence Harre, Paul Burrige** and a very good roll up of members and partners. With Dick and Marie away, it all went fairly smoothly, but we don't want Dick (whose career was in the science of geology) to draw any untoward conclusion from this experiment that lacks statistical validity and a control.

FISH AUCTION 22 MAR — WEATHER INTERVENED, SMALL HAUL, GREAT TEAMWORK



With the Bluewater Freediving Classic disrupted by weather, spearfishing was only possible on Sunday, and 33 fish were auctioned to a decent crowd, despite some drizzle. (~200 fish were auctioned last year). **Allan Casey's** organisation was excellent, and our Rotary team had marvellous help from the same three students who had helped at the auction: **Kirsten, Clarence and Paul**. Many thanks to **Northern Beaches Handi-Hire** for the loan of a tray-back ute. Thanks to **Sel** (auctioneer); **Kirsten & Dick** (spotters); **Ila & Thea**



(recorders of ID and weight of fish): **Wayne** (tagging fish); **Glenda, Sue & Karen** (collecting money); **George & Norm** (handling fish; **Clarence, Paul & Geoff** (bagging/ delivering fish to buyer); **Leslie** (money/admin); **Allan** (photos, ice). Reigning champion **Dwayne Herbert** made it 3 in a row with the best bag of fish in difficult conditions. A 10.6 kg green jobfish (a species of snapper), unusual for this area, was speared by **Kyle van der Meulen**.

LAST MEETING (9 MAR) GEORGE MILLS on ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM)

George Mills from Port Macquarie Sunrise Rotary spoke about the important **RAM** program, **Rotarians against Malaria**. This program targets endemic malarial area of south East Asia and the South Pacific; in particular, it focuses on Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste. RAM has distributed over 5 million nets (impregnated with long-lasting insecticide) to its target countries, along with environmental work and tools to reduce stagnant water and improve drainage, vital education and training, provision of microscopists, diagnostics and facilities, chemicals and insecticides, and a coordinated, village-by-village approach. For more information or to assist the fight against malaria please contact **George Mills**: gecym@yahoo.com.au ; 0410 541 446



YEATES BOOK SALES

58/100 of the new print run of the special anniversary edition of **Neil Yeates' Woolgoolga: History of a Village** have already been sold. **Cost: \$30 per copy**. Move fast if you want one — Contact **David** before Easter on 6654 7700 or 0401 022 951 or df@bioaccent.com.au

CLUB NOTICES

30 Mar	Set-up and training & also Dinner at Woolgoolga High School (Sci & Eng Challenge)
31 Mar	Science & Engineering Challenge
4 Apr	Auction Woolgoolga RFS
18 Apr	Swap party, 45 Safety Beach Dr
2 May	Auction

DISTRICT NOTICES

21-28 Mar	RYLA (Youth Leadership) near Macksville
25-29 Mar	RYAG Sheep (Walcha)
15-17 May	MUNA (Model United Nations) Inverell
6-9 Jun	Rotary Intl Conference, Sao Paolo, Brazil
8-11 Oct	RyMarine (Coffs Harbour)

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend					
Date	30 Mar Partners	6 Apr Easter Mon	13 Apr Partners	20 Apr Board	27 Apr Partners
Attendance	AT WOOPHI HIGH	4 Apr	David Edwards	4.15 pm	Norm Michener
Welcome/ Fellowship	SCHOOL SCIENCE &	AUCTION in lieu	Echah Wright	VISITORS' INFOR-	Geoff Royal
Introduce Guest Speaker	ENGINEERING DINNER		Terry Booth	CENTRE	Trish Baker
Vote of Thanks	\$30, 6pm		Dick Matthews		Karen Sedgwick
Guest Speakers or Event	Please let Peter Lacy know if you are attending		Garry Kennedy ANZAC centenary		tba

SWAP PARTY SAT 18 APRIL details next Whisper

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)