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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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Club President
Patty Delaney
District Governor
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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 (27 APRIL) GARETH OWEN IN TANNA

Tonight Gareth Owen will give us an insight into conditions in Vanuatu after the recent devastation caused by Cyclone Pam. Woolgoolga Rotary club has a long history of supporting Tanna Island in Vanuatu, with our members visiting the island over the years to provide support. Gareth had previously been in Tanna helping to work on Lenekal Hospital – the main health facility on the island. Two weeks ago Gareth packed his bags and tools to make his way to Tanna Island and provide assistance. We will hear about his experiences and the latest update on conditions on the island.

Woolgoolga RSL Health and Fitness Club ‘Health Club 50’ last Wednesday, presented Terry Booth with a cheque for \$1,111 to give to Rotary (RAWCS) for Vanuatu. They held a fund-raiser with their members and decided to donate the money through Rotary. Congratulations to the club for a great effort.

SWAP PARTY SAT 18 APRIL

Karen Sedgwick hosted a SWAP party on Saturday, April 18th, at her place, which included afternoon tea. The day was extremely successful with over **\$1,000** raised. Karen was very pleased with the numbers who attended (app 75-80 people throughout the afternoon). Karen is grateful to the many helpers who made the job of preparing and cleaning up afterwards much easier. The funds raised will go towards RAM (Rotary Against Malaria) with \$200 of it going towards an Orphanage in Nepal. We congratulate Karen on such a great outcome.

DISTRICT AWARDS

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga won the District Dal Fayle Award for 5th consecutive year for our Annual Report put together by David Fayle. We also won the 'Save Planet Earth' Award for work done in partnership with Prof. Steve Smith, National Marine Science Centre, Coffs Harbour, in raising awareness within the local community of the marine wonders surrounding Woolgoolga headland. Congratulations to David and Thank you Patty for nominating the club for the ‘Save Planet Earth Award’

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Many of our members commemorated the 100th anniversary of ANZAC. Some were at the Dawn Service, and others were at the 11am service at Woolgoolga, while others went to services in Sydney and Melbourne.

INDUCTION OF HARJINDER SINGH

At our last meeting we were very pleased to welcome Harjinder Singh as a new member of our club. Harjinder is a respected Sikh and has now been appointed to the new 1st Sikh temple in Hastings St. Harjinder is a

university educated Theology graduate, an upstanding citizen and is very community minded. He has travelled to over 20 countries in his position as a Religious Worker. Harjinder is very well versed in classical music. He plays Harmonium and sings both classic and folk tunes. He has lived in Australia since 2002 and became an Australian citizen in 2014. Both Harjinder and his wife Sarabjit Kaur have 3 married children, all living in South Australia.



STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Guests: Garry Kennedy
Attendance: 14 (63%)
Apologies: Thea, George, David E, Terry, Echah, Rod
Raffle: Patty Delaney
Birthdays: Selwyn Rogers 6 May, Ila Rogers 8 May, Allan Casey 10 May

LAST MEETING (13 April) - Garry Kennedy presented us with a very informative talk and slide-show about the Gallipoli campaign in 1915. British General Ian Hamilton gathered together the Australian and New Zealand military soldiers and formed them into the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC), to help capture the Turkish Straits around the Dardanelles. The British 'sense of superiority' over the Ottoman Empire led to the British Commanders underestimating the fighting ability of the Turkish soldiers, who were defending their homeland. As well as this the rugged terrain of the peninsula and the small number of suitable landing beaches, poor planning, inaccurate maps and intelligence, overconfidence and tactical deficiencies at all levels, caused this campaign to be doomed from the beginning.



Garry told us about one successful operation. The Australian submarine, on the night of 24/25 April, **HMAS AE2** succeeded in getting through the mines in the Straits. **AE2** cruised the Sea of Marmara for five days before it was eventually torpedoed.

After 8 months of fighting and the death of over 8,700 Australians and over 19,400 wounded, the Anzacs finally retreated in December 1915. Over 56,000 Allies were killed together with the same number of Turkish soldiers. There has been a lot of debate over the inefficiencies, poor planning and bad execution of the campaign. The legacy that these first Anzacs have left us with is the absolute futility of war and the senseless loss of young lives. It has also helped us form a link of mutual respect with the Turkish people.



Garry finished his talk with a slide of the memorial at Anzac Cove - a large monument with the very moving words of Mustafa Kemal, a 34-year-old lieutenant colonel He was the famous Turkish leader who helped turn the course of the Gallipoli campaign in favour of the Turks. Kemal went on to become Turkey's famous hero 'Ataturk' and first President of the Republic of Turkey. His words :

*"Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives...
You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace.*

There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours...

You, the mothers, who sent their sons from faraway countries wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace, after having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well."



CLUB NOTICES	2 May	Auction
	25 May	Coffs Regional Gallery Archibald finalists
	6 June	Auction
	29 June	Changeover dinner
	4 July	Auction

DISTRICT NOTICES	May is Australian Rotary Health Month	
	3 May	District Assembly - Port Macquarie
	15-17 May	MUNA (Model United Nations) Inverell
	6-9 Jun	Rotary Intl Conference, Sao Paolo, Brazil
	27 June	District Changeover Inverell

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend					
Date	27 Apr	4 May No meeting	11 May	18 May Board Meeting	25 May
Attendance	Norm Michener	AUCTION 2 MAY	Dennis Houghton	Visitor's Information Centre	Visit to Coffs Regional Gallery
Welcome/Fellowship	Rod Mackenzie	IN LIEU	Glenda Kennedy	4.15pm	Archibald finalists
Introduce Guest Speaker	Trish Baker		Peter Lacy		\$15 each
Vote of Thanks	Terry Booth		Patty Delaney		
Guest Speakers or Event	Gareth Owen Experience in Tanna		Leanne Lloyd Woopi Triathlon		

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)