



Woolgoolga Whisper

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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 Jul) JEFF LUKE, Rotary Emergency Services Community Award finalist

Tonight, **Jeff Luke** will talk about his volunteer service in the Woolgoolga brigade of the NSW Rural Fire Service. Jeff has been nominated for a Rotary NSW Emergency Services Community Award, and has been selected as one of the 24 Finalists throughout NSW.

At the Grand Finals Dinner on Friday 28 Aug 2015 at Darling Harbour, the Governor of NSW will be present; the Governor is also the Patron of these new awards, which are now to become an annual event in NSW.

The **Rotary NSW Emergency Services Community Awards** acknowledge and celebrate outstanding community service performed by members of the six official NSW State Emergency Service Organisations: Fire & Rescue NSW, Marine Rescue NSW, NSW Ambulance, NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW State Emergency Service and NSW Volunteer Rescue Association. The awards are open to all paid and volunteer personnel who provide outstanding community service above and beyond the call of their normal day to day duties – in keeping with Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self".

Jeffery, Brigade Captain, joined in 2008. Rising to the rank of Captain, he has been instrumental in reconnecting the volunteer Woolgoolga Brigade with the local community. Jeff has embodied "Service Above Self" in mending the issues of the brigade, devoting his own time giving informational talks to show how the brigade functions and can help local people. Jeff encouraged community days, allowing families to look at the fire trucks, grab a sausage sizzle and have a chat with a firefighter. Frequently on personal time and often at financial cost to himself, Jeff goes above and beyond the call of duty; a recent example of this was stepping in to run the business of a brigade member, for free and after at his own job each day, while the member's father was being treated for a serious illness. Always available to anyone who needs him, Jeff is a pillar of the community and a thoroughly deserving nominee.



Jeffery Luke
Rotary ESC Awards Finalist

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

The **Christmas in July** fundraiser on Sat 18 July was a top night, with music and delicious food enjoyed by 94 guests plus helpers, and raised over \$2,500 for Kharikhola Village and Mera School in Nepal, that were badly affected by the devastating earthquakes. This area of the remote Everest Region of Nepal has been supported for some years by the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise, in partnership with Patan South Rotary, Kathmandu, Nepal. Trish Affleck-Mooney and Kerry Wood from Port Macquarie Sunrise drove up for the evening, and Trish outlined their "Nepal Sunrise" work in Kharikhola and their forthcoming trip there to help rebuild. The top priority is urgent repair of Mera School, and they had already raised \$5000 of their target of \$15,000.



Entertainers Bev Moody and Karen Reid;
Kerry Wood and Trish Affleck-Mooney with
Patty Delaney; Matt Mclvor (Moon Dog)



STATS AT A GLANCE
Visiting Rotarians: Xmas in July
Trish Affleck-Mooney, Kerry Wood (Port Macquarie Sunrise)
Guests: Helen, Sally, Marie
Attendance: (13 Jul) 14/23 (61%); Xmas 14/23 (61%)
Apologies: (13 Jul) John, Thea, Rod, George, Glenda, Harjinder, Trish, Mary, Allan
Raffle: Leslie
Birthdays: Dick Matthews 6 Aug, Geoff Royal 7 Aug
Anniversaries: Rob & Edith White 20 Jly, Echah & Graeme Wright (1!) 21 Jly



Leeann Lloyd, the inspirational guest speaker (*centre, with our Port visitors*), was descending from the Base Camp at Mt Everest on Anzac Day when the earthquake hit, and told of how the group may well have perished in the earthquake if the guide hadn't previously compelled them to press on to base camp though very tired. They had been at an ANZAC service at Thokla Pass, which included Pete Hilary's team (Sir Edmund's son). Leeann gave out poppies that she had made earlier for the occasion. Later, on the track, she watched the earthquake coming towards her. Hurrying down the mountain to Namche, they encountered increasing signs of devastation. A hairy helicopter ride took them back to Lukla airport, where they had to leap off while hovering. Finding a man with a poppy, they heard of the death of one of that party, Greg, and later watched his cremation. Getting back to Kathmandu included 'hijacking' a plane ("don't mess with me!"). Leeann praised Covermore Travel Insurance for personally taking care of clients and others and ensuring their safe return. Her gifts to the audience included Little Princes, a book exposing child trafficking in Nepal.

Thanks to Patty for conceiving of and organizing the night, and to the many who assisted, including **Lynda Craig**, stalwart of Meals on Wheels, who played a key role in the kitchen. Grateful thanks to those who made food, including a lavish spread of desserts. Also to those who organised sponsorship prizes, and **Karen** and **Bev** donating music.

DONATION NEWS—HELPING DROUGHT-AFFECTED NORTH-WESTERN NSW

In response to the call from the Rotary Club of Lightning Ridge to dig deep and make a donation to their **Drought Relief Fund**, we have donated \$500. The aim is to assist 50 families with a gift of cash to ease their financial plight after 3 years of severe drought. They need cash to pay the bills and put food on the table, having previously been assisted by D9650 clubs with "hay drops", dog food, and "Pamper Packs" which were most gratefully received.

Contact Trish or Mary to join the Rotary bowls team for the CanDo Bowls Day Sunday 2 Aug

RYDA (Thurs 20 Aug) ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS DAY

RYDA this year has been revamped and improved, with consequent challenges in finding suitable Facilitators.

The load on members and partners, however, will be somewhat lighter this year, as the catering for lunch will be done by the Woolgoolga High School canteen (who recently extended into the area of external catering). Students will pay \$5 for lunch, and current plans are to have all the volunteers also pay for their lunch supplied by the canteen. The club will cover food and drink for all the Facilitators. Morning tea still needs to be sorted out.

ANNUAL FEE NOW DUE

The Board is pleased to report that we can contain rising costs within the present \$220 annual fee, now due.

LAST MEETING (13 JULY) SICILY — PAM AND DAVID FAYLE

Tales of Dionysius's ear, Bronte, boarded up Badalamenti Pizzeria, an amazing elopement from Cowra POW camp, cooking classes in 14th c monastery & catacombs of exposed corpses must remain a mystery to absentees – no room!

CLUB NOTICES	1 Aug	Auction (Woolgoolga High School)	DISTRICT NOTICES	24-25 Jly	NYSF Interviews Walcha
	2 Aug	CanDo Bowls day		1-2 Aug	Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge (Coffs City RC)
	10 Aug	Club Assembly		22-23 Aug	RAM Rotarians against Malaria conference, Riverglenn, Indooroopilly Brisbane
	20 Aug	RYDA (Youth Driver Awareness day)		8-11 Oct	RyMarine (Coffs Harbour)
	5 Sep	Auction (Woolgoolga Triathlon/ +plant stall)		17-18 Oct	District Muster Tamworth
	3 Oct	Auction (for YEP program)			
	25 Oct	Golf Ball Drop			

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend					
Date	27 Jul Partners	3 Aug No meeting	10 Aug Assembly	17 Aug Board	24 Aug Partners
Attendance	Geoff Royal	AUCTION	Glenda Kennedy	4:15	David Fayle
Welcome/Fellowship	Dennis Houghton	1 AUG	n/a	VISITORS INFORMATION	Pamela Fayle
Introduce Guest Speaker	George Smede		n/a	CENTRE	Peter Lacy
Vote of Thanks	Allan Casey		n/a		Thea Eves
Guest Speakers or Event	Jeff Luke Rural Fire Service		CLUB ASSEMBLY; MEMBERS ONLY		PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTESTANTS (tbc)

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

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

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

WISH TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER? (See Patty)

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