



Woopii Whisper

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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Club President
Leslie Casey
District Governor
Maurie Stack
Rotary International
President
K R Ravindran

Meetings each month
1st Sat: auction shed
8:30-3:30
2nd & 4th Mondays
6-8pm Woolgoolga C.ex
3rd Monday
Board meetings VIC
if 5th Monday,
contact Secretary

TODAY (10 Aug) CLUB ASSEMBLY—TOPIC: FUTURE PROJECTS

The **Purpose** of tonight’s Club Assembly is to provide some directions to the board for projects for the 2015-6 Rotary Year.

Projects to be considered include:

- Increasing our support for Malaria eradication leading to sponsoring of a village in the the SE Asia – Pacific region (sanitation, water, mosquito netting, health and hygiene training)
- Plastic bag free Woolgoolga
- Ongoing support for the Social Development Centre in Nepal
- Possible role for club (or a club activity) as a contact point for people who are new to the area. eg BBQ where people who have recently moved here can come to meet people and get access to a list of activities available to join: riding group (Sundays), singing, walking, sewing etc groups
- Establish a Woolgoolga Rotary Club “History Board”
- purchase of an Auction Shed “Pickup vehicle”
- Rotary Bus Shelter advertising
- Matching the number of projects undertaken to club funds and people power

Other directions to be considered include

- Discussion and review of current meeting arrangements
- Having a number of public meetings per year to possibly increase our membership
- Meeting venues other than the Bowling Club for some meetings in the year – eg BBQ at local spots such as Woolgoolga Creek, Red Rock Creek, etc

LAST MEETING (27 Jul) JEFF LUKE, WOOLGOOLGA RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Rotary Emergency Services Community Award finalist **Jeff Luke** has been a resident of Woolgoolga for 8 years and has been a member of the Rural Fire Service here for the same amount of time. He first joined the Rural Fire Service in 1981 in the Sydney suburb of Baulkham Hills. He began as a general fire fighter. Later he left the service and spent some years in the Army. He then re-joined the RFS in 1994 and his involvement has been continuous since then. Over the years he gradually became Deputy Captain and then Captain. He was Group Officer until late last year resigning due to work commitments.

After joining the local service, which at the time was a little dysfunctional, he started rebuilding it so that today it is one of the better brigades. His main theme was looking after the members & their families, and 3 commitment priorities are Family, Community and Doing your Job.

The Woolgoolga Brigade currently numbers 15 members aged from 19 to 80 years, with the majority of members being in their 30s and 40s. The Brigade is always looking for new members especially in the younger age groups. Jeff has set up a website and Facebook page to encourage more interest in the Service.

Woolgoolga brigade’s area adjoins those of the RFS in Safety Beach, Mullaway and Country Club. These are made up of ~3-5 members. They all are connected to the main office in Coffs. Jeff’s wife Marie works in this office as well as being part of the voluntary membership here in Woopi. The local Brigade was originally formed in 1944 by Stan Bultitude.

The RFS supports the Fire and Rescue Service which has their station on Solitary Islands Way. The RFS main tanker holds about 3,000 litres, which can back-up the smaller capacity Fire and Rescue when needed. Their 2nd tanker is smaller and holds about 1500 litres.

Secretary:
Mary Bryant
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APOLOGIES TO:

Pam
0401 022 951
6654 7700
by 9am Monday



STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: Lindsay Wilson (South Wagga Rotary)
Guests: Jeff and Marie Luke, partner Wayne
Attendance: 12/23 (52%)
Apologies: John, Rod, George, Norm, Glenda, Harjinder, Trish, Echah, David F, Pam, Dennes F
Raffle: Dick Matthews
Birthdays: Dick Matthews 6 Aug, Geoff Royal 7 Aug
Anniversaries: Rob & Edith White 20 Jly, Echah & Graeme Wright (1!) 21 Jly

