



# Woopi 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

## TONIGHT (29 Feb) VISIT TO COFFS HARBOUR REGIONAL MUSEUM

Our specially arranged guided tour of Coffs Harbour Regional Museum on Monday 29 Feb starts at 6pm, so please be in front of the museum comfortably by 6pm (\$5 per head to be paid on entrance). The museum is at 215A Harbour Drive Coffs Harbour...head east along Harbour Drive past the new Coles supermarket, same side of the street.

There are about 26 of us and Terrie Beckhouse will have a team to assist with showing us around and telling us about the new set-up. Please let Pam know any further additions – phone Pam on 0401 022 951 or email [rotary@bioaccent.com.au](mailto:rotary@bioaccent.com.au)

We have made no arrangement for an evening meal so some may wish to arrange to eat out afterwards, others may prefer to head home...we are leaving it flexible so people can please themselves. Two suggestions for consideration: the recently reopened Deep Sea Fishing Club [www.deepseafishingclub.com.au](http://www.deepseafishingclub.com.au) (Manager is Woopi local Carl Mower, also Curryfest Manager 2016); and John recommends the Touch/Taste of North India's "pretty mean malai kofta" (not to be misinterpreted!) <http://touchofnorthindia.com.au/Locations>



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## ONCE IN THE BLUE MOON

We don't often have Rotary on the 5th Monday of February. Even with weekly meetings, this would only happen on 1 in 7 leap years (2044 being the next one) – but not quite once in the blue moon ... the lunar period is a tad over 29.5 days, so it is technically impossible to have a blue moon in February. But the full moon on Tuesday was a beauty to make up for it!



## SWAP PARTY ON SAT 30 APR – FUNDRAISING TO COMBAT MALARIA

Karen Sedgwick is hosting another huge swap party at her home to raise funds for the wonderful Rotarians Against Malaria program, combatting malaria in the region to Australia's tropical north. Bring things you don't want, and take home things you do want. Anything – clothes, bric a brac, books etc.

**When:** Saturday, 30th April 2016 **Where:** 45 Safety Beach Dr, Safety Beach

**Time:** 2pm **Contact:** Karen 0410 039 805 **Cost:** \$10, includes afternoon tea

## REMINDER — AUCTION 5 MARCH

The auction shed is brimming with goodies for the auction on 5 March, so spread the word – heaps of bargains to be had. Our helper group this time is Woolgoolga Athletic Group

## THANK YOU GRAEME SMITH

Graeme Smith has built a wall of bookcases along the "book end" of the auction shed – a fantastic job, and many thanks! Karen and Pam have already done a major sort of the books and filled the shelves. Dick, David and Norm have been kept more than busy with pickups and rubbish runs.

## STILL NEED OUR NEXT PRESIDENT

The club is still without a President-elect for next year. The incoming Board will be filled after a President-elect is found. We may be drawing a name out of hat at this rate!

## SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE 5 APRIL

Planning is on track and all 8 schools have already paid. It made the Advertiser Page 1!



**STATS AT A GLANCE**  
**Visiting Rotarians:** George Mills (Port Macquarie Sunrise)  
**Guests:** Kim Thompson, partners Marie & Helen  
**Attendance:** 13 (57%)  
**Apologies:** John, Harjinder, George, Trish, David E, Terry, Allan, Geoff, Echah, Peter,  
**Raffle:** Karen Sedgwick  
**Birthdays:** Lesley Fitzgerald 26 Feb, Graeme Wright 29 Feb (teenager!), Harjinder Singh 2 Mar  
**Anniversaries:** Ian & Lesley Fitzgerald 27 Feb

## LAST MEETING (22 Feb) SMALL GRANTS, INDONESIA/ROTARIANS V MALARIA

Mary Bryant told us more about her trip to remote parts of **Indonesia** – the islands of Flores and Indonesian West Timor, to assess **Rotary Small Grants**. Some examples of typical Small Grants:

Projects & location	Details	Rotary \$
Household cooperative of Setia Usaha Desa Sumlili, West Kupang	3 x Household Toilets	\$300
Primary School of Oeayo, dusun I Oeayo, desa Eno Neten, Amanuban Selatan	Ferro-cement water tank, 15,000 litres, to supply water for toilets and drinking. This school has had no water supply– the kids carry bottles with them when they come to school. Soils in this area are 'shifting', complicating the tank design.	\$400
General library training for selected teachers from 17 primary and high schools near Sikka, Flores. School population 2,040 students.	General library training for 2 teachers /school for 2 full days at hotel in Maumere. This training was by two professional librarians and an educational specialist. It involved a half-day visit to the High Seminary library. The training concentrated on 'honorary' teachers, high school graduates without formal teacher training who are paid very low salaries & form some 40% of the total teacher workforce.	\$600
Primary School of Oenoni, dusun Oenoni, desa Mio, Amanuban Selatan	Toilet with two compartments. School currently does not have toilet facilities. Water is available from an NTA-provided water tank.	\$200

**Karen Sedgwick** brought us up to date on the **Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)** program, active in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste, and covered the huge global impact of this parasitic disease, the key role that mosquitos play in carrying the disease, how to break the cycle of infection, the key role of long-lasting-insecticide impregnated nets (LLIN—shown in the photo), the impressive effectiveness of anti-malarial programs in the Solomon Islands and Timor Leste against a very difficult target, the enormous logistic effort so far made in PNG and its success, the Healthy Villages Program, new programs and future measures, and the RAM M.Sc Scholarship. With the help of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, some global agencies are now planning for malaria elimination by 2030.

District 9650 Director of RAM, **George Mills**, added further comments, mentioning that RAM was keen to expand to the parts of Indonesia affected badly by malaria, and pointing to possible synergy with the Small Grants program.

### PRIDE IN WORK

Terry Booth is planning Pride in Work on Mon 11 April at Woolgoolga C.ex. There are 3 nominations in the pipeline so far.

**RAM PROGRAMME**  
Breaking the cycle of infection



- LLIN bed nets
- Residual insecticidal spraying (IRS)
- Education
- Engineering environments
- Rapid accurate diagnosis
- Effective treatment: ACT
- Larvicide in breeding grounds
- Research : Vaccine, biological
- Collaboration other NGOs & Governments

CLUB NOTICES

5 Mar	Auction Woolgoolga Athletic Group
2 Apr	Auction
5 Apr	Science and Engineering Challenge (Tues)
11 Apr	Pride in Work
30 Apr	Swap party (fundraising to combat malaria)
7 May (Sat)	Bowelscan booth at Woolies / Auction day
14 May (Sat)	Bowelscan booth outside Woolworths

DISTRICT NOTICES

19-20 Mar	President Elect Training PETS Armidale
2-9 Apr	RYLA at Yarrhapinni near Macksville
15-17 Apr 16	District Celebration (Conference) Taree
25 Apr	World Malaria Day (except Australia/NZ)
30 Apr	Malaria Awareness Day (Aust/NZ)
1 May	District Assembly 1 Inverell
22 May	District Assembly 2 Port Macquarie

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend					
Date	29 Feb Vocational visit	7 Mar no meeting	14 Mar Partners	21 Mar Board	28 Mar Easter Monday
Attendance	COFFS MUSEUM	AUCTION	Thea Eves	4:15pm	No meeting
Welcome/ Fellowship	na	5 MAR IN LIEU	Terry Booth	VISITORS	
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	na		Norm Michener	INFOR- MATION	
Vote of Thanks	President Leslie		Trish Baker	CENTRE	
Guest Speak- ers or Event	Terry Beckhouse will introduce us to the new museum		Recreational Vehicle Fellow- ship of Rotarians visit/ Clarence Harré on HESS	(PD Chairing)	

**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 HOST-  
ING A YEP STUDENT?  
(See Patty)