



Woolgoolga 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 (14 Mar) Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians (etc!)

Joining us will be a group of caravanning Rotarians (the RVFR – **Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians**) who are staying from March 9 to 16 at Darlington Beach. 8 Rotarians and 8 partners will be attending, and they will introduce themselves and tell us a bit about their group.

In keeping with tonight's travel theme, anyone who wishes to participate has a little homework to do! You will have 1 minute to tell us about **something unusual that happened to you while travelling**.

We are also going to be playing a short presentation that **Clarence Harré** (currently on Rotary Youth Exchange in Austria) made about his recent **Honeywell Engineering Summer School** experience.



Secretary:
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by 9am Monday

WE HAVE A VOLUNTEER FOR OUR NEXT PRESIDENT!

Norm Michener has graciously accepted a nomination for a President for 2016-17, but would be very happy to withdraw his acceptance of the nomination any time up until the end of June if anyone else has a rethink and puts their hand up for the position. Thank you Norm! The incoming Board is provisionally:

Mitch Huthnance (YEP
outbounder) in the
famous Nyhavn harbor
area, Copenhagen

- Immediate Past President & VP: Leslie Casey
- Secretary: Patty Delaney
- Treasurer: Glenda Kennedy
- Auctions: Dick Matthews
- Vocational Service: Leslie Casey
- YEP: so far unfilled
- Community Service: Mary Bryant
- Club Service: Echah Wright
- Membership and PR: Pam Fayle
- International: David Fayle
- New Generations: Karen Sedgwick



Other interested members are invited to join the Board to spread the workload. It's also a great way of learning more about the club and about Rotary globally.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE TUES 5 APRIL

Patty is still after volunteers. All must have the Working with Children Check. The activities and activity leaders have now been finalised:

Event Activities	Location	Leader
Bridge (Day)	Stage	Mary Bryant
Hovercraft (Day) - new	Centre Hall	Sue Kehrer
Mars Rover (Day)	North Hall	Graeme Batten
Catapult (Day)	Cola / Grassed area	Mitch Harvey
Grasping at straws (1/2 Day)	Library	Leslie Casey
Helter Skelter Shelter (1/2 Day)	South Hall	Gordon Letts
Electricity (1/2 Day) -new	Library	Graeme Smith
Stringways (1/2 Day)	Cola	Ross Buchan

The Dinner on the 4th April will be at the Seaview Tavern, with guest speaker Professor Emeritus Alan Bell. 6 Schools have paid so far: McAuley College (Grafton), Toormina High, Coffs Harbour High, Bishop Druitt College, Dorrigo High & Woolgoolga High. The Dorrigo

STATS AT A GLANCE
Visiting Rotarians:
Guests: Kim Thompson, Gay and Alan Bell, Helen & Paul Canakis, Geoff Morrow, Joy and Merv Richardson, Julia Royal, Judy Boyle, Chris George, partners Marie, Helen
Attendance: 11 (48%)
Apologies: John, Harjinder, George, Trish, David E, Terry, Allan, Geoff, Echah, Rod, Peter, Karen, Dennis, Glenda
Raffle: n/a
Birthdays: John Arkan 15 Mar, Trish Baker 20 Mar
Anniversaries:

team will include some Bellingen High students. South Grafton High and St. John Paul College are expected to make up the eight. Sponsors so far: Engineers Australia \$1500; Clarence Consultants \$500; **only one** other local Rotary club has so far pledged support: Coffs Harbour.

The S & E Challenge has a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/coffsharbourscienceandengineeringchallenge

LAST MEETING (29 Feb) VISIT TO COFFS HARBOUR REGIONAL MUSEUM

Our specially arranged tour of **Coffs Harbour Regional Museum** revealed a gem, previously undiscovered by most or all of us. Quite a number of our party had been involved with club members Norm, David F and Pam in the Woolgoolga Heritage Walk, and it was good to have most of the team back together.

Terrie Beckhouse and her staff gave us an overview of the layout of the museum and the dynamic nature of its displays, as well as its chequered history in previous locations. Your editor was particularly impressed by the uncluttered displays – they have resisted the huge temptation to cram more artifacts in and make it too busy – a common fault in other museums. Coupled with the white walls and nice physical space, it made for a most enjoyable viewing.

Among the items that particularly caught your editor’s eye were the special room on the Order of the Eastern Star, the female equivalent of Freemason’s Lodges. This gave a wonderful insight into an organisation previously unknown to many of us. Like something out of an old comedy movie was a flying machine. Bucca’s George Hardaker in 1897 patented what is believed to have been Australia’s first flying machine.

According to family reports, it actually did fly, and George’s last flight was supposedly from Woolgoolga to Moonee Headland where it crashed into trees, the wreckage later being destroyed during a bush fire. The flying machine on display is a 2/3 scale model, crafted from a set of surviving plans by Rotarian **Vince Brooker** – it took him 10 years, a labour of love! Vince assures us that the machine depicted in those plans could never actually be capable of flying, which he already had worked out before embarking on the project.



Clarence Harré (YEP out-bounder) snowboarding

SWAP PARTY ON SAT 30 APR – FUNDRAISING TO COMBAT MALARIA

Karen Sedgwick is hosting a swap party at her home to raise funds for the Rotarians Against Malaria program, combatting malaria in the region to Australia’s tropical north. **When:** Saturday, 30th April 2016 **Where:** 45 Safety Beach Dr, Safety Beach **Time:** 2pm **Contact:** Karen 0410 039 805 **Cost:** \$10, includes afternoon tea

HERITAGE WALK NEWS

A further 5000 brochures printed makes 17,000 in all!

CLUB NOTICES

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 Yarrahapinni 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	14 Mar Partners	21 Mar Board	28 Mar Easter Monday	4 Apr No meeting	11 Apr Partners Pride in Work	18 Apr Partners
Attendance	Thea Eves	4:15pm	No meeting	AUCTION 2 APR	Geoff Royal	Harjinder Singh
Welcome/ Fellowship	Dennis Houghton	VISITORS		IN LIEU	Leslie Casey/ Terry Booth	Glenda Kennedy
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Norm Michener	INFORMATION			n/a	Echah Wright
Vote of Thanks	Trish Baker	CENTRE			n/a	Pam Fayle
Guest Speakers or Event	Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians visit/ Clarence Harré on HESS	(PD Chairing)			n/a	tba

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)