



# 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 (6 JUN) PETER AINSWORTH ON VOLUNTEER WORK IN KENYA

Tonight's meeting is brought forward a week because on the normal meeting day the Queen "turns 90" - which actually happened on 21 April! Our speaker will be Woolgoolga local **Peter Ainsworth**, who will tell us about work done in **Kenya** with his daughter Tara. Tara is currently on an extended overseas trip with YWAM (Youth With A Mission). Peter is now Caretaker & Pastoral Care Pastor of the LifeHouse Church, and was until last August Pastor of the All Nations Church with his wife Jennie, when All Nations merged with LifeHouse.

Our club often assists with a donation to LifeHouse's community cafe, and helps out at their big Christmas Party. Northern Beaches Care (under the LifeHouse umbrella) also helps us with the occasional auction and benefits from a donation as thanks for that work.

## ALSO TONIGHT – MAX MURRAY & JASON REINECKER ON MUNA

**Max Murray** and **Jason Reinecker** will also join us to speak about their experiences at the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) in Kempsey on the last weekend in May. Kempsey High School was the venue that hosted 66 students from 18 schools throughout our Rotary District, who joined in three days of proceedings United Nations-style. Topical global affairs were debated and resolutions agreed for 34 mock scenarios, and we look forward to hearing about the nitty gritty and the hilarity that no doubt happened.



2016 MUNA—  
photo Macleay Argus



## AUCTION IS SATURDAY 4 JUN

A reminder that two days before our meeting is the auction. The forecast is poor — rainy Friday, better than even chance of rain on Sat morning, followed in the afternoon by periods of rain, some heavy, and a thunderstorm. Thankfully, the shed is looking far better after two major working bees and a lot of additional work in between. Customers can now walk down the painted aisles to peruse what there is to buy, and the average quality is substantially higher, as well as being accessible. This will help immeasurably if we cannot move stuff out onto the lawn. Otherwise, our helper group will have a substantially easier job dealing with the "stuff". Presales of over \$1,400 (including a full kitchen and the pianola) will boost the takings.

Your editor would like at this point to quash any scuttlebutt that, after a May of glorious fine weather, Dick's return to town has anything to do with the forecast. Complete nonsense!

## WORKING BEES – THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who has put time in over the past month at the auction shed, including during the two main working bees and doing pickups and rubbish runs.

## OUR WEBSITE NOW HAS A LIVE FACEBOOK FEED

Thanks to local entrepreneur **Tim Sutherland**, CEO of **681 Webdesign** and **681 Consulting**, our website home page now displays a live feed from our Facebook page, complete with any images or video, and updated every half hour. The idea came back with David Fayle from the recent **District Assembly** in Port Macquarie; we are grateful to both **Wendy Blacker** (from Tamworth) who ran the Social Media Sessions there, and to an attendee who made the key suggestion. Confirmation that going to District Assemblies pays off!

Secretary:  
**Mary Bryant**  
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APOLOGIES TO:

**Pam**

0401 022 951  
6654 7700

by 9am Monday

## STATS AT A GLANCE Visiting Rotarians:

**Guests:** John Kramer, Lesley & John Drinkwater, partner Helen

**Attendance:** 14 (58%)

**Apologies:** John, George, Harjinder, Terry, David E, Trish, Allan, Thea, Rod, Dick

**Raffle:** John Kramer

**Birthdays:** Helen Michener 2 Jun, Marie Matthews 2 Jly

**Anniversaries:** Sel & Ila Rogers 7 Jun, Leslie and Allan Casey 28 Jun

## REPORT – JOHN KRAMER – THE HISTORY OF THE PRACTICE & NEW BUILDING (23 MAY)

Dr **John Kramer** told us of the history of the Beach Street Family Practice since setting it up 35 years ago, originally at 41 Beach St (1981-85; across the road from Vision Real Estate), then at 49 Beach St, the current site and next door to the new building at 51 Beach Street. Images of the respective buildings accompanied aspects of their history. Those involved in the Heritage Walk were interested to find out that the house at Beach Street was formerly occupied by the celebrated police officer Cecil W Marsh (*photo from Morrow collection*), and before him, by a doctor. Marsh sold it to Luke Arkan, from whom Dr Kramer bought it. 41 Beach is now occupied by Afghan refugees employed in the blueberry industry. We also found out that the hairdresser on the other end of the BlueBottles building has lead-lined walls, as it used to be a radiology practice!



We were also treated to the great view from the top floor apartment; and a description of what will be on the two lower floors, and details of access. The ground floor will have car parking, Sullivan-Nicolaides Pathology collection room, and two separate consulting rooms designed for visiting paramedical services. The first floor will have 6 consulting rooms, procedure room, 3 treatment bays and an office, and disabled access. The units above have separate access.

As mentioned last issue, the Practice has a major focus on the teaching of young general practitioners in training, and medical students (numbering 55 to date).

## REPORT – JOHN DRINKWATER – (23 MAY)

Dr **John Drinkwater** outlined the history behind the imminent crisis in Medicare rebates for GP consultations, which threatens to derail the system, as rebates have been frozen while the costs of providing services have risen to an unsustainable level. Medicare started in 1975 as an insurance rebate of part of the money paid to a doctor for a service. Entrepreneurial doctors Edelsten & McGoldrick set up plush clinics bulk-billing (charging the rebate amount for each service) in high volumes, causing pressure on the rebates in relation to inflation and the cost of providing services. Later, bulk-billing rates plummeted. Such pressures have mutated the system from a Govt-funded insurance system to a Govt-funded social health care system. Medicare rebates have proved an easy target. Increasingly, bulk-billing is becoming non-viable for GPs. Whichever party wins the election shows little desire to fix the problem.

## RYAG EQUINE

**Jamie Hill** from Woolgoolga High will be attending **RYAG Equine** in Tamworth, on 24-26 June, a Rotary Youth in Agriculture event. **Echah Wright** intends to transport her to and from the event—thanks Echah!

CLUB NOTICES	4 June	Auction Day (Corindi/Red Rock RFS)	DISTRICT NOTICES	until 11 Jun	Bald Archies, Bunker Gallery (Coffs City RC)
	6 June	Meeting in lieu of Queens Birthday Monday		18 Jun	Coffs Harbour Rotary Changeover (Surf Club)
	27 June	Changeover, Seaview Tavern		24-26 June	RYAG Equine 2016 Tamworth
	2 July	Auction Day		25 June	District Changeover, Taree
	6 Aug	Auction Day (Woolgoolga High School)		28 Jun (Tues)	Dorrigo Rotary Changeover
	8 Aug	Lady Teviot, VP of Fed. of Family History			
	18 Aug	RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)			
	29 Aug	outing or social event tba			
	3 Sep	Auction			
	24 Sep	Curryfest main day			

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend						
Date	6 June Partners	13 June No meeting	20 June Board	27 June Changeover	4 July No meeting	11 Jul Meeting
Attendance	David Edwards	Queen's Birthday holiday	4.15pm	SEAVIEW TAVERN	AUCTION 2 JUL	Thea Eves
Welcome/Fellowship	Peter Lacy		VISITORS INFORMATION		IN LIEU	Harjinder Singh
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Kim Thompson		CENTRE			Allan Casey
Vote of Thanks	Karen Sedgwick					Trish Baker
Guest Speakers or Event	Peter Ainsworth On recent visit & volunteer work in Kenya					tba

**Your Rotary Club Needs YOU**

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

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)