



Woolgi Whisper

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Norm Michener
District Governor
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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
if 5th Monday, contact Secretary

TONIGHT (24 APR) WHOLE BRAIN THINKING—CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK



Everyone is welcome for a talk by one of our members that will be of interest to many. **Rod Mackenzie** is going to talk about “**Whole Brain Thinking**” & its practical applications & benefits.

This is a great opportunity for anyone wanting a fresh approach to their business or personal life, and particularly any locals thinking of starting a new enterprise or business activity. Please let Echah know number of attendees by 9am Mon –*details at right*.

Rod is now mainly retired but has consulted to, and profiled, many of his small business clients at both start-up and operational stages to assist them practically to become established, profitable businesses. Over the last 20 years his company “The Business

College” has worked with new & existing businesses & clients in the private, government, indigenous & not-for-profit sectors. His company has trained & mentored over 2000 business entrepreneurs across northern NSW, supporting them in the successful commencement of their new businesses.

The way an individual, team or even entire organisation thinks has a profound impact on the results it achieves. According to Rod, “Whole Brain Thinking allows you to adapt and leverage different thinking styles rather than relying on the ones you are most comfortable with”.

“Whole Brain Thinking can be applied across any personal or business area from creativity and innovation, decision making, better communication, problem solving, sales, customer service, marketing, product development, human resources, staff selection, work allocation and managerial operations. It is easy to learn and apply and can be used immediately. Many successful companies including AMP, Coca Cola, IBM, Australian Institute of Management, Bendigo Bank, Cirque du Soleil and Westpac Bank, the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and small and medium sized businesses have applied this for better results”.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER PAM STONE

Pam Stone joined our ranks on 10 April, and we hope she will find Rotary membership fulfilling and inspiring.

Pam mentioned that among her particular interests are India, and issues affecting girls and women. Our district, 9650, coincidentally has as its Rotary Foundation Centenary Project, a program aiming to utilise a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to install water purification units in approximately 80 schools in D3090 in India. This builds on a completed project to build toilets for girls in 100 schools there, which will have a profound and ongoing impact on life and education for those girls. Our club has put \$500 towards this project this year.

BOOMERANG BAGS SEWING BEE 21 APRIL

Louise Hardman advises that the next sewing bee for Boomerang Bags is this Friday 21 April 9am-2pm at the Mudbrick Hut (Community Hall). This initiative is part of a broader strategy to reduce the growing problem of plastic waste and attendant environmental destruction. Louise says: “Heaps of bags have been coming back all sewn up and more logos going out every day – we will probably be getting close to our goal of 500 bags at this rate!”

DONATION NEWS

- \$200 to the **Woolgoolga Enterprise** to assist with securing necessary insurance (*see next page*)
- \$500 to **Australians for Women’s Health (A4WH)**, which aims to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity and to provide gynaecological surgery to women in developing countries. 200,000 women in Nepal alone suffer with severe pelvic organ prolapse and need surgery. A4WH is endorsed by Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS).

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Newly inducted member Pam Stone with President Norm Michener (r) and proposer Dennes Fayle

Some Boomerang Bags



STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians:

YEP:

Guests: Pam Stone (inducted), Lisa Nichols, Joy & Merv Richardson, partners Helen, Su

Attendance: 12 (50%)

Apologies: Trish, John A, Harjinder, Gareth, Lyndee, Glenda, Rod, Kim, Mary, Peter, Geoff, Echah

Raffle: David E

Birthdays: Kim Thompson 3 May, Selwyn Rogers 6 May, Ila Rogers 8 May, Trevor Bettison 8 May, Allan Casey 10 May

Anniversaries: Mary and Allan Bryant 28 Apr

REPORT (10 APR) WOOHOO ENTERPRISE – EMPLOYMENT & WASTE PLASTIC RECYCLING



The **WooHoo Enterprise** is a Social Enterprise Lisa is in the process of starting in Woolgoolga. The **Woo** is for WOOLgoolga and the **Hoo** is for Helping Out Others. Their aim is to **train and employ people** disadvantaged in competing for employment in the local area, including those with hidden or other disability, and youth at risk. They aim to do this via a **plastics repurposing centre that produces and sells various products made from plastic waste**.

This important initiative promises to not only help tackle the huge environmental problem created by plastics & plastic waste, but also fill a problematic gap in the employment market for locals in need, such as a person needing a new career after a physical setback or with shattered confidence. The idea is to train and guide the workers to a point where they are job-ready elsewhere. Training will be diverse and tailored, including customer service, work ethics, teamwork, health and safety, time management etc. There will be a role for volunteers including Rotarians in elements of this reskilling.

At the moment WooHoo is in the planning and preparation stage and applying for grants and funding to get established. This will be the first Social Enterprise of its kind and Lisa is very excited to be establishing it in Woolgoolga. The aim is for the WooHoo Enterprise to become self-sufficient in funding by the third year of its establishment, while paying full award wages (which will be substantially subsidised by the usual agencies).

WooHoo will purchase the Shruder machines (see last Whisper) from Louise Hardman when their development is complete. They are based on plans provided for shredding, injection, compression and extrusion machines (*below left*) by preciousplastic.com with the aim of promoting global plastic recycling.



Social enterprises are businesses that trade to intentionally tackle social problems, improve communities, provide people with access to employment & skills development, or help the environment. The WooHoo Enterprise ticks all of those boxes.



COMMUNITY NEWS—OVER \$3,000 RAISED FOR CANCER

Two brave locals and Lions stalwarts, **Jean Vickery** (*left*) and **Joy O'Shea**, successfully raised over \$3,000 for the **Cancer Council Close Shave** appeal. Our club helped with a \$100 donation.

CLUB NOTICES

6 May Auction (Red Rock Corindi Surf Life Saving)
 27 May (Sat) Swap Party (Karen Sedgwick's)
 3 Jun Auction (Woolgoolga Community Garden)
 26 Jun (Mon) Changeover, C.ex Club , 6 for 6.30pm
 1 Jul Auction (tba)

DISTRICT NOTICES

21 Apr RYSTARS applications due
 21 Apr start of YEP safari
 30 Apr District Assembly - Kempsey
 4-7 May RYSTARS - Coonabarabran
 21 May District Assembly - Armidale
 23 May NYSF applications to club due
 2-4 Jun MUNA (Model United Nations, Kempsey)

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend						
Date	24 Apr Partners	1 May No meet	8 May Partners	15 May Board	22 May Partners	29 May tba
Attendance	Leslie Casey	AUCTION 6 MAY	Geoff Royal	VISITORS INFO	Peter Lacy	tba
Welcome/Fellowship	David Edwards	IN LIEU	Karina Bettison	CENTRE 4:15	Pam Fayle	
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Dick Matthews		David Fayle		Pam Stone	
Vote of Thanks	John Mitchell		Trish Baker		Rod Mackenzie	
Guest Speakers or Event	Rod Mackenzie Whole Brain Thinking For Better Results		Garry Kennedy Underwater photography		Justine Bonney Whole Life Success	

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

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

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

WISH TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER? (Contact Pam)

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