



# Woolgi Whisper

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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Ian Riseley

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

## TONIGHT (3 JULY)

Note that this meeting is one week earlier than normal. Our speaker will be **Cherie Topfer**, on **Youth Career Pathways**. Cherie of HR Werx is a Business Partner helping businesses take the headache out of recruiting and retaining people. She was previously in Queensland, and was a member of **Gladstone Rotary Club** for several years. And notably from the local history viewpoint, Cherie is a granddaughter of beloved Woolgoolga centenarian and Heritage Walk contributor Jackie Ganderton.

Cherie is the President of the **Woolgoolga & Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce**. They were recently awarded funding from the NSW Government's FutureTowns initiative via Coffs Harbour City Council to open a shared working space in Queen St, the 6 degrees Coworking hub, opened on 22 June in a well-attended ceremony including 3 Rotarians. 6 Degrees is building a community of coworkers, freelancers, business startups and entrepreneurs. The hub has two fledgling businesses already operating there.



## CHANGEOVER GUEST SPEAKER LOUISE HARDMAN

It would be difficult to overestimate the importance of **Louise Hardman's** new venture **The Pacific Collective**, focusing on waste plastic recycling and remoulding for Pacific region communities. The trauma of watching a green turtle dying in 1992, killed by more than 30 types of plastic in its gut, has driven to Louise to tackle the massive problem of 8 million tonnes of plastic waste fouling global oceans every year. The current system for plastic recycling is dysfunctional: recycling machinery is too expensive and unwieldy, operators need a lot of training, and transport of plastics to the plant is costly. The Pacific Collective has completed a prototype **Shruder**, a mobile and affordable Waste Plastic Remoulding machine that shreds, extrudes and inject moulds plastic into new items. Specialised training for the use of these machines and how to work with discarded plastic is included in the 6-Step Waste Plastic Remoulding Program. Examples of products are filament for 3D printers, and composite tiles. The business plan aims to manufacture 10 Shruders in the first year, and provide the training to use them. By 3 years, the aim is >36 Shruders per year. Imagine a Shruder on each of the 55,000 Pacific islands!



## CHANGEOVER GUEST SPEAKER SAM BIRCH

A substantial contributor to the devastation of oceans is the plastic bag. **Sasha Kennedy** from Ground Earth and Louise Hardman have started the Woolgoolga branch of **Boomerang Bags**, and it is booming! (A number of Rotarians are involved.) **Sam Birch** explained that Boomerang Bags is a grassroots community-driven movement **tackling plastic pollution at its source**. Volunteers get together to make reuseable 'boomerang bags' using recycled materials (that themselves would have gone to landfill), as a means to provide a sustainable alternative to plastic bags. The bags create a platform to start conversations, make friends, up-cycle materials and work towards shifting society's throw-away mentality to a more sustainable revolution of reuse – one community, one needle and thread at a time.

From its origin in Burleigh Heads, similar Boomerang Bags groups are rapidly springing up all over the world, and together hope to create a global paradigm shift to a more sustainable earth. By using your Boomerang Bags, you can help bring this about. Remember that 10 Boomerang Bags in use replace about 5,500 single-use plastic bags per year. The Woolgoolga branch has already made 250 bags, potentially replacing over 130,000 single-use plastic bags per year!!



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APOLOGIES TO:  
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STATS AT A GLANCE  
**Visiting Rotarians:** James & Diana Christian, Joan McIntyre (Coffs Harbour), Peter Rheinberger (Coffs Harbour South)

**YEP:** Anneliese

**Guests:** Louise Hardman, Sam Birch (guest speakers); Maria Yianni, Lorraine Bullen (Woolgi Reunion); Mirrian & Alf Sullivan (WAG); Jean Vickery, John & Anne Moon (Lions); Val Swan, Lisa Meredith (C of C); Megan & Aaron Hart, Helen Young, Guy Wright (WHS); David King Mullanway PS (& Community of Schools), Kathy Gray MPS; Pam Broomfield (SLSC); partners Helen Michener, Dianne Houghton, Gary Kennedy, Bronwyn McKenzie, Marie Matthews, Graeme Wright

**Attendance:** 17 (68%) + Hon. Members Edith & Rob White and Ila & Sel Rogers

**Apologies:** Harjinder, Trish, John A, Karina, David E, Peter, John M, Gareth

**Raffle:** Marie Matthews

**Birthdays:** Marie Matthews 2 Jly, Dennes Fayle 11 Jly, Dick Matthews 6 Aug, Geoff Royal 7 Aug

**Anniversaries:** Leslie and Allan Casey 28 Jun, Rob & Edith White 20 Jly, Echah & Graeme Wright (!!) 21 Jly

## CHANGEOVER SPEAKER KIM THOMPSON

Member and incoming Treasurer **Kim Thompson** updated us on the implementation of **Soap Aid**. Partnering with Rotary International, Soap Aid aims



to save and improve the lives of children in disadvantaged communities through the facilitation of improved hygiene practices around the use of soap & to contribute to a reduction in environmental degradation through soap recycling. The partnership with Rotary is to implement a pilot collection program, and we are now a part of this. The work of Soap Aid will also help in the fight against **trachoma** in **indigenous populations**.

## REPORT ON CHANGEOVER

Changeover was celebrated at the C.ex Club, and the beautifully decorated room (thanks Lyndee and Patty) was buzzing with a full house of over 50. Assistant Governor **James Christian** and his Rotarian partner **Diana** came from Bellingen to attend. Unfortunately Mayor **Denise Knight** had to pull out late. President **Norm Michener** reviewed the year, thanked his Board, including retiring members **Glenda, Echah** and **Leslie**, and handed over the traditional regalia to incoming President **Pamela Fayle**. Pam introduced her Board, many of whom, fitting the theme of the evening, were recycled. Incomers to the Board are **Kim Thompson** (Treasurer), **Geoff Royal** (President-elect/Vocational) & **Lyndee Hagar** (Community Services).

**Patty Delaney** thoroughly deserved **Rotarian of the Year**. Norm commented how difficult the selection was, as many members have made major contributions to our work this year.

**David Fayle** was astonished to be conferred a rare honour, a second (**Sapphire**) **Paul Harris Fellow** award.

## DONATION NEWS

In the last Whisper the **C.ex Community Crew Sleep Out** was seeking support. Rotary Clubs of Coffs Harbour City and Coffs Harbour and the Interact Club are involved. Our club has now donated \$200.

We will donate \$500 to the **Can Do Cancer Trust**, associated with the **Bowls Day** on Sunday 30 July 9am. (Entry Cost \$10).

## FAREWELL ANNE AT THE AIRPORT, SUNDAY 2 JULY 10am

The departure of our YEP inbounder Anneliese Schörghuber is imminent. Anne leaves from the airport the day after the Auction — Sunday 2 July at 10 am – if you have a chance, come and farewell her then.

CLUB NOTICES	1 Jul	Auction (Sherwood Ck Rural Fire Service)	DISTRICT NOTICES	1 Jul	District Changeover Laurieton
	5 Aug	Auction (Woolgoolga High School tbc)		29 Jul	NYSF interviews Walcha
	2 Sep	Auction (WooHoo Enterprise tbc)		29-30 Jul	YEP outbounders briefing
	7 Oct	Auction		31 Jul	International President's Dinner (Port Macq.)
			3 Aug	Cluster 1 Presidents & secretaries meeting 5pm	
			8 Sep	GSE team leader applications close	

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend						
Date	3 Jul Meeting NOTE	10 Jul No meeting	17 Jul Board	24 Jul Meeting	31 Jul tba	7 Aug No meeting
Attendance	Lyndee Hagar	AUCTION	4:15pm	Dennis Houghton	OUTING	AUCTION
Welcome/Fellowship	Karina Bettison	IN LIEU	VISITORS INFOR-	John Mitchell	SPECIAL EVENT	IN LIEU
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Pam Fayle		MATION CENTRE	Leslie Casey	OR MEETING	
Vote of Thanks	Mary Bryant			Kim Thompson		
Guest Speakers or Event	Cherie Topfer Youth Career Pathways			Belinda Flynn Increasing cardiac survival		

**Your Rotary Club Needs YOU**

Want to be on the BOARD? - (see Pam or Geoff)

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)