



# Woolgi Whisper

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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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Club President  
Pamela Fayle  
District Governor  
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Rotary International  
President  
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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 (12 FEB) DOUBLE-DIP TREAT FROM KIAHNI AND CLARENCE

Tonight we have TWO guest speakers, both former Youth Exchange Program (YEP) students but speaking on very different topics.

**Kiahni Huthnance**, who returned to us in January from her year away in Finland, will talk about that year, and how it has changed and moulded her. (We wonder how she's adapting to our hot summer, having come from the depths of a far-northern winter!)

**Clarence Harré**, outbinder to Austria in 2016 and more recently, member of the Rotary-related **Interact Club** in Coffs Harbour, will talk about one of Interact's 2017 activities, the **C.ex Community Crew Sleep Out**. This event encouraged all community members to register and sleep out for the night, enduring what 105,000 **homeless** Australians experience on any given night. Overall it raised over \$60,000, split evenly between three charities that provide frontline assistance: **Homes for Heroes**, **Warrina Domestic & Family Violence Specialist Services Cooperative**, and **Bridging the Gap Men's Resource Centre**. Our club provided a \$200 donation towards the funds raised by the Coffs Harbour event.

It's a timely talk –the 24–page **feature article** in this month's **Rotary Down Under** is on this very topic (starts page 24). It includes items about **Interactors** sleeping rough (page 41) and **Coffs Harbour South's Shower and Laundry project** (page 36), & the cover photo.

## DONATIONS: AUSTRALIANS FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH & OPERATION CLEFT

Further to last year's donation, \$500 went to **Australians for Women's Health (A4WH)**, which aims to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity and to provide **gynaecological surgery** to women with fistulas and prolapse 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).

**Operation Cleft** is a unique Rotary project that provides free **cleft repair surgery** for underprivileged children in **Bangladesh**. After surgical repair of their cleft lip and/or palate, they have an opportunity to lead a normal life, to get an education, to build a social network and to reach their full potential as contributing members of their community. Donation: \$200.

## REMINDERS: RYDA (THUR 15 MAR) & SCIENCE & ENG CHALLENGE (10 APRIL)

Organisers of RYDA (Youth Driver Awareness) day and the Science & Engineering Challenge are still **short of enough volunteers** to assist. RYDA is on Thursday 15 March, and the S&E Challenge on Tuesday 10 April. If you have not already done so, members please let David Fayle 0401 022 951 know about RYDA availability (including any partners wanting to help), and let Dennis Houghton know re S&E Challenge (0432 188 412).

## NEXT CPR / DEFIBRILLATOR COURSE IS ON 19 FEB

Places are still available on the second Rotary course teaching people how to perform **cardiopulmonary resuscitation** and to use a **defibrillator**, on Mon 19 Feb at C.ex Club Woolgoolga. Contact Dennis Houghton 0432 188 412. (Cost is just \$5, but early registration is requested.)



One in five Australians do not know how to recognise a cardiac arrest (CA). Symptoms such as a sudden collapse, loss of consciousness, or no breathing are common signs. For every minute without CPR, a persons' chances of surviving CA go down by 10%. Add the use of a defibrillator in the immediate time after the attack and you have given the casualty the best chance of living. After 10 min, there is little chance of survival. Every adult and teenager should learn the lifelong skill of CPR.

Secretary:  
Patty Delaney  
0429 449 385

APOLOGIES TO:

**Karen**  
0410 039 805  
before 9am  
Monday



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### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:**  
**YEP:** Matilde  
**Guests:** Clark Webb; partner Marie  
**Attendance:** 12/23 (52%)  
**Apologies:** John Arkan, Harjinder Singh, Gareth Owen, Norm Michener, Leslie Casey, Glenda Kennedy, Pam Stone, Peter Lacy, Karina Bettison, Karen Sedgwick, Patty Delaney  
**Raffle:** Dick Matthews  
**Birthdays:** Garry Kennedy 6 Feb, Patty Delaney 8 Feb, Mary Bryant 20 Feb, Ian Fitzgerald 22 Feb, **Rotary** 23 Feb (1905), Lesley Fitzgerald 26 Feb, Graeme Wright 29 Feb (!)  
**Anniversaries:** Dick & Marie Matthews 17 Feb, Ian & Lesley Fitzgerald 27 Feb

## REPORT (29 JAN) CLARK WEBB, LEARNING – ABORIGINAL YOUTH

Clark Webb's passion for the impressive programs he has developed to **improve outcomes for Aboriginal youth** was very evident. The initial impetus and a prime focus is on improving **reading** among aboriginal children, which leads to far better **educational outcomes** and subsequently **employment opportunities**. On the employment side, they have developed a coffee vending business, **Nyanggan Gapi** (=perfect coffee!) via a mobile van and more recently a container at Sealy Lookout. The reading program has now extended to **teaching the Gumbaynggirr language**, using a very effective immersion technique coupled with images, where participants learn to create sentences in an environment where only Gumbaynggirr is used. Despite the programs being after school, they are well-patronised in the three locations, Coffs Harbour (Wongala Estate Aboriginal Reserve north of Park Beach Plaza), Sawtell (William Bayldon Primary School) and Yarrawarra (recently relocated from Woolgoolga High School).



Separately, Clark runs his own business, **Wajaana Yaam-Gumbaynggirr Adventure Tours**, which offers stand-up paddle boarding and kayaking combined with Gumbaynggirr stories and language. Tours at Coffs Creek, Moonee Creek and Red Rock are run. Clark pointed out that tourism is the only industry that combines the revitalisation of language and culture with an economic future. Clark teaches some Gumbaynggirr, and they sample some seasonal bush foods, and do some snorkelling. He also covers some history, such as where some of the Aboriginal camps were for a long time, and about forcible removal of people. He relates this to contemporary Aboriginal experience. (Clark's father as a youth spent a lot of time at Baryugil, about which we learned from member Kim Thompson in her recent talk.)

Read more about the aims of the **Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan Aboriginal Corporation** in the previous Whisper.

## ROTARY GSE GROUP FROM UGANDA VISITING US ON WED 21 FEBRUARY

A greatly shrunken Group Studies Exchange group from Uganda will visit us on Wed 21 Feb. The four left are:

### Empowerment, support and mentoring organisations

Ms. Joan Prose Kabayambi: Executive Director of Hope Again Fistula Support Organization [medical]

### Agriculture

Mr. Peter Lusembo: Research Officer: National Agricultural Research Organization

### Administration and diverse interests

Ms. Eunice Drakua Chiria: Senior Administrative Officer, Uganda Electricity Generation Company

Ms. Mary Francis Awor: office administrator with broad experience

Details of timing and program will be sent when they have been finalized, but their visit will include lunch with us.

## ROTARY SIGN ON THE SOUTHERN ROAD INTO WOOLGOOLGA

**Dennis Houghton** has put much time and effort into restoring and refurbishing the fallen **Rotary sign** on the old highway leading into Woolgoolga. Thanks you Dennis for a great job!

### CLUB NOTICES

19 Feb CPR Defibrillator course, C.ex  
 21 Feb Ugandan GSE visit to Woolgoolga  
 15 Mar Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) day  
 10 Apr Science and Engineering Challenge day  
 26 May (Sat) Swap Party at Karen Sedgwick's  
 18 Jun Changeover

### DISTRICT NOTICES

10-11 Feb 18 District Training  
 21 Feb Cluster dinner in Coffs for Uganda GSE  
 24-25 Feb 18 PETS (President-elect Training) 2018-19, A'dale  
 9-11 Mar 18 District Conference Armidale  
 7-14 Apr 18 Bookfest (Coffs Harbour South Rotary)  
 23-27 Jun Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Canada

### MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	12 Feb Meeting	19 Feb Board	26 Feb Meeting	5 Mar No meeting	12 Mar Joint Meeting	19 Mar Board
Attendance	Pam Stone	4:15pm VISITORS	Glenda Kennedy	AUCTION 3 MAR	Geoff Royal	4:15pm VISITORS
Welcome/Fellowship	Echah Wright	INFO CENTRE	Leslie Casey	IN LIEU	Dick Matthews	INFO CENTRE
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Patty Delaney		Lynda Hagar		Rod Mackenzie	
Vote of Thanks	Karina Bettison		David Fayle		Mary Bryant	
Guest Speakers or Event	Clarence Harré re homeless project Kiahni Huthnance re YEP Finland		Andrew Brooks, Quickfix Repairs		Peter Rheinberger Coffs South Rotary	

**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)