

Woolgoolga Whisper

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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Kim Thompson
District Governor
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Meetings each month
2nd & 4th Mondays
6-8pm C.ex Club
Cinema Room
3rd Monday
Board meetings VIC
if 5th Monday,
contact Secretary

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We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Gumbaynggirr people, the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters where we live, learn and work.

FOR YOUR DIARY

14 Feb first club meeting of 2022. We return to the Cinema Room at Cex Woolgoolga! Please order meal before 6pm.

21 Feb first Board meeting of 2022. Agenda items to Patty.

5 April Science and Engineering Challenge

Welcome to 2022! For our club 2021 was a challenging year. However, we still managed to celebrate **Pride in Workmanship Awards**, Rotary's Centenary **Art Exhibition**, and 5 community projects (Mullaway PS **sensory garden** and **drink filtered water system**, **Sewing Room**, **Grab & Go packs** and planning for a **Woolgoolga Park Run**). David ran another successful RYDA program for Year 11 WHS students. We ran a successful **Talent Quest**. What ideas do you have for action by our club for this year?



Back to the future! We return to our old haunt, the Cinema Room at Cex Woolgoolga :) Thanks to the Cex for

their grant and Mary for making the successful submission.

Why not consider attending **District 9650 Conference**: 18-20 March 2022, Port Macquarie. Program and registration at <https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference>

Also, a gentle reminder from Treasurer Geoff that Rotary half-yearly subs are due :)

At our club meeting on 14th February, as well as considering ways to **increase membership**, we will discuss the very real issue of **local homeless people** with an increasing number of these being older women, in the Coffs Area. CH Daybreak has asked that we consider this as a worthwhile Cluster project. Monetary needs are not the main concern. It is lending our many talents to the project to help get it off the ground.



The aim of **Beddown** is to take spaces that are commonly used and busy during the day but at night are left vacant or empty. Beddown then activates and repurposes the space at night into pop-up accommodation to ensure the homeless, those who are sleeping rough are then able to come and get into a bed at night. : <https://beddown.org.au/> There is a group run by Doris Cowan called 3 R also with the same aims and objectives so we are keen to work together.

Board & Officers

President: Kim
Secretary: Patty
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Treasurer: Geoff
Vice President: Julie
President Elect: tba
Community Services: **all**
Youth: Mary
Club Services: Pam F
Mem'ship & PR: Pam S
Public Officer & TRF &
Intnl: David F
Bulletin: Norm & Mary

**Feb is Peace and
Conflict Prevention
Month**

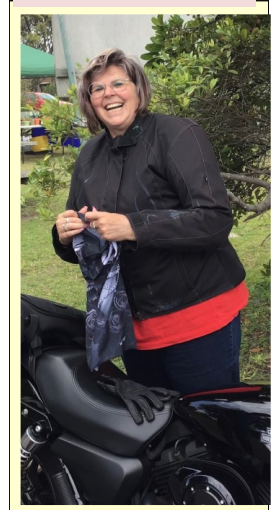
Rotary International

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> 35,000 clubs

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> 30,000 members



The **Science and Engineering Challenge** will be held on **Tuesday 5th April** this year. As in previous years we will need as many volunteers on the day as possible. The Challenge has always been very successful, with the local 8 participating High Schools benefiting greatly from the experience. Even though it is still 8 weeks away, please add this date to your diary so that if possible, you can help on the day. You will need an up to date



'Working with Children Check', plus you will need to sign a form specifically for the High School with proof of Identity. Everyone who attends, enjoys watching the students have fun while co-operating and sharing ideas with their group

NYSF Quinn Watson We received a very positive Thank you email from our **National Youth Science Forum** candidate from Year 11 2021, Quinn Watson. Our club sponsored Quinn \$900 towards the full cost of \$1900. Quinn was also able to attain a grant of \$250 towards his travel and accommodation expenses. The Forum was held early in January and proved to be a very positive experience for Quinn. His email was very impressive and comprehensive, explaining why the Forum for him, was so successful. One part of his email stated: *"Although I went into the program with a relatively narrow mindset, these presentations, in addition to informing me, have also had me consider a variety of other fields, the two of which most intrigued me are defence engineering and mechanical engineering. I might take a general first course in university, and I guess my field of choice will remain to be seen after that."* Quinn is also very willing to attend one of our meetings to give us "a more in-depth talk on his experience". We look forward to meeting him.



It's great to see progress on the **Wiigulga Multi Purpose Centre**. Our Rotary \$20,000 pledge will be called upon soon. (WHS students are keen on a 'youth space': with seating, a platform, wifi, ...). The Centre will have a state of the art basketball court and 4 rooms that can be opened up to cater for 200 people. Two very large LED screens will be included.



CLUB NOTICES

2022

5 April Science and Engineering Challenge

RYDA indefinitely postponed due to Covid

8 Sept: Getting Out There Day

DISTRICT NOTICES

2022

18-20 March: **District Conference** Part Macquarie

1-3 April RYPEN: applications close 25 February

30 April-7 May: RYLA. Applications close April 1

15 May: Club Officers Learning & Development

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend				
Date	14 February meeting	21 February board	28 February meeting	14 March meeting
Reminders	Cex Wga Order meal by 6	Agenda items to Patty	Cex Wga Order meal by 6	Cex Wga Order meal by 6
Welcome/Fellowship	Peter	4.30	Mary	David F
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	na	Visitor Info Centre	Patty	Rod
Vote of Thanks	na	na	David E	Julie
Guest Speakers or Event	Membership 101 Strategies Plan PS and NM	na	tba	tba

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

Want to be on the BOARD?
Need a Task?
(see Kim T)

WISH TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER?
(see Pam S)

HAVE AN IDEA FOR A FUN EVENT?
Just speak to any Board Member