



**Woolgoolga Whisper**

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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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Club President  
Kim Thompson  
 District Governor  
David Mayne  
 Rotary International  
President  
Shekhar Mehta

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

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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**

- 20 June **Changeover**
- 22 October Talent Quest (tbc)

**NEXT MEETING MONDAY 6 JUNE: We have arrived at a Crunch Time!**

As noted on our last *Whisper*, our meeting on Monday will be a **club Assembly** (members only) where there will be a serious consideration of the future of our club. Over the past few years we have tried a number of strategies to address our declining membership, so far to no avail. Does our club have a future?

Quoting from the **Minutes of our May 16th Board meeting**: **Does our club need to hand in our Charter because of small membership numbers and members' availability? What is the process? What needs to be decided? Discussion to continue at meeting 6 June. Members asked to attend and bring ideas. Issues to be sorted will include Rotary Shed, Term Balance Funds, remaining funds disbursement, etc.**

In recent years we have tried several different strategies to increase membership, including promotion of community projects, free first year membership, media releases, inclusion of Friends of Rotary, leafleting pamphlets, ...

**Do we try one more time** to use local media to inform members of the community that unless several (6 or more?) people step up **Woolgoolga will lose its Rotary club?** Do we 'hand over' our Charter to another group of people? What happens to our ongoing projects?

**President Kim will lead the discussion on Monday.**

What might be the **implications for our Changeover** on June 20th? Do we cancel?

At what stage does our **District Governor** (and others) become involved?

**If you are unable to attend our Assembly but would like to have an input, email your comments to one of our Board members by Monday morning June 6th.**

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Note: Our Board has approved \$500 donations to both **Australian Rotary Health** and **The Rotary Foundation**. The Board is also considering a substantial donation to **Backpack Beds** for a significant number of sleeping bags.

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**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

**June is Rotary  
Fellowships Month**

**Rotary International**  
 1.2 m members  
 > 35,000 clubs  
 RI Australia  
 > 30,000 members



**LAST MEETING 23 MAY**

**Ashton Wood** from DV Safe phones spoke at our meeting via Zoom. He explained how DV Safe Phone collects, repurposes and gifts mobile phones to victims of domestic violence (DV) through registered charities, safe houses and authorities serving this vulnerable community. **Do you have an unused phone that might be repurposed? If so, drop it (them) into the Woolgoolga Post Office.** Former Rotarian Trish Baker has kindly offered to place them into our Rotary post box for collection.

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**WIIGULGA SITE VISIT FOR ROTARY AND OTHER SPONSORS**

Our club was invited to a very special visit to the Wiigulga Sports Complex, on the northern fringe of Woolgoolga, which is under construction. Patty Delaney and David Fayle were most impressed with progress. The front entrance is nicely designed and will have iconic artwork. The multipurpose rooms are very flexibly configured and will attract a wide variety of use. The main hall is immense, and has a large stage, with disabled access and a Green Room (not viewable yet). Drop down basketball hoops and a huge central curtain are already in place. Among many other features is a large commercial kitchen, with organisations already enthusiastically queuing to use.

The separate amenities block, the new sporting fields with LED lighting, drainage and irrigation, cricket nets, and the site of the pump track and other community-funded facilities were also shown. Not so visible was the large investment in ensuring sustainability and minimising operating cost, with solar electricity, insulation, and water recycling.

The invitees represented local organisations that have pledged funding totaling \$187,000 for enhancements to this magnificent project. As well as our \$20,000 pledge, other sponsors are: both Guru Nanak and 1st Sikh temples; Lions; Garden Club; Red Cross; RSL (Diggers) Club; Woolgoolga and Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce; Woodsey’s Wheels; Performing Arts Studio; Costa Group; and Seaview Tavern.

The core project has been well funded by all three levels of government, and our community is very grateful to them, to those delivering the project, and of course to Alastair Milroy and his committee for the amazing work they continue to do to bring the Wiigulga Sports Complex to fruition. If all goes well, community use will be possible starting in the last few months of this year.



<b>CLUB NOTICES</b>	<b>2022</b>		<b>DISTRICT NOTICES</b>	<b>2022</b>	
	20 June	Changeover		25 June	<b>D9650 &amp; D9670 Changeover to D9660</b>
	8 Sept	Getting Out There Day			Laurieton United Services Club
	22 October	Talent Quest (tbc)	26-27 Nov	D9660 AGM & Showcase, Tamworth West LC	

<b>MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>6 June Meeting</b>	<b>13 June No Meeting</b>	<b>20 June Changeover</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Reminders</b>	Cex Wga Order meal by 6	Public Holiday	Seaview Tavern Woolgoolga	
<b>Welcome/Fellowship</b>	Rod	na	6.00pm start \$33ph	
<b>Introduce Guest Speaker/s</b>	Assembly Future of Club	na	RSVP Patty asap	
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	na	na	na	
<b>Guest Speakers or Event</b>	na	na	na	

- OUR LATEST PROJECTS**
- ◆ Water Purifier Mullaway School
  - ◆ Sewing Group
  - ◆ DV Safe Phone