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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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Club President  
Kim Thompson  
District Governor  
Neville Parsons  
Rotary International  
President  
Jennifer E. Jones

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

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

**NEXT MEETING : Monday 9th May 2023**

## Woolgoolga Rotarians help celebrate Norfolk Island Rotary's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Norfolk Island Rotary is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Chartered on 17 May 1973, the club continues to build on an admirable five-decade history of contributing to its small, isolated community – 1,430 km east of Woolgoolga in the Pacific Ocean between New Caledonia and New Zealand, with nearly 2,200 residents, just one-third of Woolgoolga's population.



Two Woolgoolga (D9660) Rotarians had the privilege and pleasure of participating in the celebration in quite a unique way – as members of the Clarence Valley Orchestra, that travelled to Norfolk Island to perform in a special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert. The concert was the brainchild of Past Secretary of Grafton Midday Rotary, Greg Butcher, who is the founder, Artistic Director and Conductor of the Clarence Valley Orchestra (CVO). The

adventure came to realisation through a year of collaborative work by Greg Butcher and Jasmine Kiernan, Secretary of Norfolk Island Rotary, and her team.

The Rotary/CVO Family Fundraiser Concert was preceded by Rotary's wonderful fish-fry of trumpeter caught by five local fisherman. Charter member Bruce Walker's welcome address described the genesis of the club over 50 years ago, and mentioned that the club has produced three District Governors, including current President Ian Kiernan. (D9910 includes Vanuatu, New Caledonia and northern New Zealand.)

Jasmine commented that many people stopped her in the street "to thank Rotary for organizing the concert, commenting how wonderful it was and such a treat for Norfolk to have an Orchestra of that calibre visit and play, and how much they enjoyed the concert. Both this concert and the ones the next day received sustained standing ovations. CVO Members enjoyed a very special, memorable and successful 5-day visit, that also included an additional whole afternoon of concert sets entertaining an audience partaking in a delectable high tea under a huge marquee overlooking the ocean. Those members included Woolgoolga Rotarians David Faye on viola and Pamela Faye on violin. As well as a reception at Government House, most CVO members enjoyed an island guided tour, a progressive dinner at three fascinating local homes, glass-bottomed boat, and a hilarious Night as a Convict, dressed for the occasion.



## Board & Officers

President: Kim  
Secretary: David F  
Treasurer: Geoff  
Vice President: Julie  
President Elect: Rod  
Community Services: all  
Youth: Mary  
Club Services: Pam F  
Mem'ship & PR: tba  
Public Officer & TRF &  
Intnl: David F  
Bulletin: Mary  
Pride in Work: Dick



**Rotary International**

**1.2 m members**

**> 35,000 clubs**



**Our Science and Engineering Challenge on Tuesday, 4th April** was a great success. The



Science and Engineering Challenge (SEC) is a nationwide STEM\* outreach program presented by the University of Newcastle in partnership with communities. Through the SEC, students experience aspects of science and engineering that they would not usually see in their school environment. The first S and E event in Coffs Harbour was held in 2015 at Woolgoolga High School . Since 2017, the event has been named 'The Coffs Coast Science and Engineering Challenge' to be more inclusive of schools and Rotary Clubs across the area.



This year the event was held at the new WIIGULGA Indoor Multi-Purpose Centre. Schools attending the 2023 event and their positions after the event were follows:



- 1 Coffs Harbour High School (First Place)
- 2 Bishop Druitt College (Second Place)
- 3 South Grafton High School
- 4 Toormina High School
- 5 Dorrigo High School
- 6 Clarence Valley Anglican School
- 7 Woolgoolga High School
- 8 Bellingen High School



The Committee would like to thank all of the 34 volunteers who generously gave up their day to help supervise each of the 8 challenge activities.

**DV SAFE PHONES** Our Club is very pleased to be involved with this domestic violence project by providing old phones donated by our community to be cleared and repurposed for people who need a phone including those suffering domestic violence in their families

**4,912** Victims YOU supported by providing a DV Safe Phone!

**600+** Community partners raising funds & collecting phones

**220+** Agencies helping distribute DV Safe Phones

DV Safe Phone Drop Map | H.A.L.T. Map Project

**WOOLGOOLGA: The History of a Village** was on sale at Easter Saturday's Art by the Sea, helped by excellent weather and hugely by the Woopi News articles, resulted in sales of 32 books. 102 have been sold so far. There are still some copies available.



*Now available again!*

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**Woolgoolga: the History of a Village**

A new reprint of the 4th edition is nearly complete - your opportunity to secure a precious copy of this iconic comprehensive history of Woolgoolga, sold out since well before Covid hit. This edition celebrated the Woolgoolga Heritage Walk, the 125th anniversary of the gazetted of Woolgoolga as a village, and the club's own 25th anniversary.

The 4th edition is not an update of Neil Yeates' book, but the new 17-page Addenda section corrects and extends the original on four significant topics, including the meaning of the wigtail that gave the town its name. If you don't know, or know the old incorrect stories, there's a clue in Dee Murphy's photo of wigtail in a codalmon, one of numerous new photos you'll find in this edition. The book is still only \$39 per copy, and net profits go solely to the club for use in our work. Payment details will be provided when you order.

**District Notices**

- 2023**
- 27 to 31 May** 2023 Rotary International Convention Melbourne.
- 26 June** Woolgoolga Changeover
- 26 June** Sawtell Rotary Changeover Dinner
- 1 July** District 9660 Changeover Dinner Newcastle
- 1 September** Sawtell Rotary Trivia Night

**Rotary International President Jennifer Jones** imagines a Rotary where members act to make their dreams become reality and make the most of their club experiences. During this Rotary year, our President Jennifer Jones is focussing on four presidential initiatives that Imagine Rotary: advancing our commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI); creating a welcoming club experience; empowering girls; and expanding our reach.

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

Date	8 May	15 May	22 May	12 June
	Club Meeting	Board Meeting	Club Meeting	King's Birthday Holiday
Reminders	Cex Wga Order meal by 6	Agenda items to David	Cex Wga Order meal by 6	No Meeting
Welcome/Fellowship	David F	4.30pm	Kim	
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Pam F	Visitor Info Centre	David E	
Vote of Thanks	Rod	na	Dick	
Guest Speakers or Event	tba	na	tbc	

**OUR LATEST PROJECTS**

- ◆ Water Purifier Mullaway PS
- ◆ Sewing Group
- ◆ DV Safe Phone
- ◆ Sleeping bags, tarps, blankets
- ◆ Men's Health Van (MHERV)
- ◆ Tutu desks
- ◆ Compost bins
- ◆ Power to the Kids