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# Woolpi Whisper

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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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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

*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 5th JUNE 2023

Rod has discussed his thinking about draft plans for 2023-24. A **morning information session will be held at Wiigulga Sports Centre on Friday 23 June at 7am** to give an overview of Rotary and promote membership. Light refreshments will be served. Marketing of this event will soon begin, using Facebook, our Website, social and mainstream media, emails, face to face and other invitations. Rod would like **suggestions from members of people and businesses to invite**, with their contact details including emails.

As we come out of the last few years of Covid and lockdowns Rod is looking at aspects of our club and how it can run in a freer environment. These include member engagement, communication and feedback, meetings, projects, fund raising and priorities, budget, goals, membership, marketing, promotion, visibility and club image, guest speakers, visits, social events, networking, grants and joint ventures with other organisations. Rod would like feedback and suggestions from members on their ideas for the Club, suggestions, likes and dislikes, and what would make our club sustainable with more members and its activities better and more enjoyable. The best way to do this is by email which can be more easily collated.

It's proposed to have a **member's club planning session on Monday 19 June** to get member input to the draft plan. A working plan for the year would then be presented at our first meeting in July.

**LAST MEETING :** Charlie and Riley from Woolgoolga High School gave an interesting and informative talk about RYAG which they attended at Walcha in February and March 2023. RYAG went for a week and was attended by 30 students, 10 of them boys and 20 of them girls. It was a very hands on week and involved visiting several farms one of which had 10,000 sheep and 500 cattle. They were shown and experienced things like artificial insemination of sheep, low stress strategies for looking after and moving sheep, judging and classing sheep to improve sale prices, sheep sales, the technology used on the farm including tagging, data collection and classifications. They saw sheep dog training and the logistics of livestock transport which included moving sheep overseas. One of the farms that they visited produces fine wool which is sold into Italy for making high quality suits. They also saw the genetic mixing for breeding sheep to meet different farm conditions in different regions. They took part in live sheep appraisal to judge the meat and the fat on the sheep by touch and sight and visited shearing sheds and saw wool classing, fleece throwing and laser wool testing for fine micron wool. The week finished up with a dinner and a dress up and both students enjoyed it and learnt a lot. They thanked Rotary for helping fund their attendance at RYAG and their talk was well appreciated. They were excellent candidates to go on that particular program.



## 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  
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 Intl: David F  
 Bulletin: Mary  
 Pride in Work: Dick



## Rotary International

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## Farewell to Patty Delaney

Patty Delaney has been one of the backbones of our Club in recent years. Patty has decided to retire from Rotary and spend more time pursuing her other interests including her creative writing.

Patty has continued a sustained effort and perseverance to keep our Club working on many community projects. As our first female member, Patty showed rare courage from the start in joining the all-male club, a handful of whom could not accept change and left. She has participated in nearly everything the club has done during her 16 years as a member, accelerating her efforts as time went on and nearly



always as a member of the Board. For most of that time, the Youth Exchange Program was one close to her heart. Patty and her partner Graham provided their home many times for young people from overseas. Patty has continued her long distant relationship with some of them even to this day.



Patty has initiated and run many things, such as Christmas in July, the Pitch a Project which included the Mullaway Public School Sensory Garden and Water Purifier Project. Graham has been a strong support for Patty throughout her term and has been at many Rotary Projects giving a much needed helping hand. Patty has run Bowelscan and played key roles in the Club Facebook page, helping out at stalls, social events, helicopter golf ball drops and much much more. Her continued role as chairperson for the Science and Engineering Challenge has been one of her loves and one which Patty hopes still to be part of. Patty has been responsible for the members' Working with Children Checks, as well as our Club's OH&S.



Patty has been Secretary for the past 7 years after being President in 2014–15. Her service was honoured with a Paul Harris Fellow awarded in 2015 and the Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire in 2021. We wish Patty all the

best for the future.

### District Notices

**2023**

- 19 June** members club Planning Session
- 23 June** Information Session Wiigulga Sports Centre
- 26 June** Woolgoolga Changeover at C.ex Woolgoolga
- 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	6 June Club Meeting	19 June Board Meeting	27 June Club Changeover	11th July Club Meeting
Reminders	Cex Wga Order meal by 6	member's club planning session	Cex Wga Order meal by 6	Cex Wga Order meal by 6
Welcome/Fellowship	David F	4.30pm	Kim	Rod
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Pam F	Visitor Info Centre	na	Geoff
Vote of Thanks	na	na	na	Dick
Guest Speakers or Event	Quiz night	na	na	tba

### 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