



# Woopi Whisper

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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Club President  
Rod Mackenzie  
District Governor  
Alyn Miranda  
Rotary International  
President  
R Gordon R McInally

Meetings each month  
2nd & 4th Mondays  
6-8pm Woolgoolga C.ex

*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 11th July 2023

Christopher Chayko will be our guest speaker for our meeting at 6pm for 6.15pm start, in the theatre room at the C.ex Woolgoolga club. Christopher (and possibly Bob Breen) from the Woolgoolga RSL Sub-branch will tell us about the project to restore and relocate the WW1 Memorial that used to be outside the Diggers Club, and plans for the other war memorials at the Club. Christopher and Bob are both retired from the armed forces after long and distinguished careers. Alison Ratliff, will be inducted as a new member into our Club at an upcoming meeting. Alison, who has an extensive background in Engineering, has been working with our Science & Engineering Committee and will be another great asset to the Club.

### WOOLGOOLGA ROTARY CHANGEOVER 26th June 2023

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The McIntosh family have been supporters of our club over quite a few months, willing to attend meetings and help out in the youth projects we have organized so far this year. We also have another new member, Alison Ratliff, ready to be inducted at a July meeting. The ongoing Board members realise the various skills and new initiatives these new members can offer so the Board will include them in discussions and decisions during our general meetings.

Congratulations to David Fayle for another meticulous and comprehensive Annual Report of our 22/23 Year. The report shows that with even our small membership numbers our club had accomplished so much during the year.

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**UPCOMING EVENT:** Our club intends to set up a site at the CHCC Growing and Grooving event on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at Woopi Gardens. We can sell Yeates books, pickles etc. There will be information available to promote Rotary on the day. Anyone able to help man or woman the site for a while on Sunday between 9 and 3 would be welcome.

### Board & Officers

President: Rod  
Secretary: David F  
Treasurer: Geoff  
Vice President: Kim  
President Elect: tba  
Community Services: all  
Youth: Mary  
Club admin & Public image: Pam F  
Membership: all  
Public Officer & TRF : David F  
Board: all other members will be offered positions



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Theme 2023-2024



Rotary International's 23/24 President  
Gordon R. McInally (from Scotland)

**Membership Presentation Meeting** Our Club held a new member information morning at Wiigulga Multipurpose Centre Friday 23rd June. Dick Matthews, a member of Rotary for nearly 50 years, spoke about the fellowship of Rotary. Dick recounted the enjoyment of visiting Rotary Clubs in Australia and overseas and of the welcomes and insights he had into other cultures and lives. Rotary members are welcomed at any Rotary Club meeting around the world and meeting other members can lead to new experiences, help if needed and new friendships.



Rotary Club of Woolgoolga



- Established 1988 with 25 members, currently 7 members with 4 new members being inducted on 26 June 2023 and possibly 5 more in July
- Part of Rotary International
- Rotary is in over 140 countries
- Rotary has 1.4 million members across the globe
- Rotary operates Internationally, Nationally, Regionally and Locally
- RC of W is part of District 9660 with 93 active clubs and 2200 members
- RC of W is joined locally by clubs including Woolgoolga, Coffs Harbour Daybreak, Coffs City, Coffs Harbour, Sawtell, Bellingen and Dorrigo

Incoming President, Rod Mackenzie spoke about the great contribution the club has made to the local community since 1988. It has raised over \$1,000,000 and been instrumental in funding and implementing major projects such as the Woolgoolga Retirement Village, Woolgoolga Seniors Centre, High Street Playing Fields, the bus shelter outside Woolworths, Woolgoolga Tennis Courts, Woolgoolga Netball Courts, Science and Engineering Challenge, Woolgoolga Heritage Walk and contributed \$20,000 towards the Wiigulga Sports Centre. The Club ran the monthly auction of donated goods for many years and raised over \$700,000 for local and overseas projects. The Club has strongly supported local youth programs, bushfire and flood relief, Rotary Health as well as international programmes in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. Those attending, including prospective Rotarians, expressed appreciation and surprise at the scope of works Rotary has done locally and overseas.

Rod expressed Thanks to D9660 and particularly Jenny Sinclair for funding the morning session. The grant provided has been very valuable to our ongoing membership initiatives. The Wiigulga Multipurpose Centre was an excellent venue which provided the room set up, easy audio visual set up, pens and writing pads, bottled water and light refreshments catering for us.

## DV PHONES Update



*Our collected donations of old phones is progressing well. The phones can be dropped off in the box at the Lottery office at 66 Beach St .*

### District Notices

2023

**10 July** CHCC Growing and Grooving, Woopi Gardens

**1 September** Sawtell Rotary Trivia Night

**18th October** MHERV Van Woolgoolga

**Rotary International's incoming President** Gordon R. McInally (from Scotland) called for members to capture the world's attention and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations. He urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders. "The goal is to restore hope — to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves."

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

Date	10th July Club Meeting	24th July Board/Club Meeting	7th August Club Meeting	21 August Board/Club Meeting
Reminders	Cex Wga Order meal by 6	4.30 Board then Order meal by 6	Cex Wga Order meal by 6	4.30 Board then Order meal by 6
Welcome/Fellowship	David F	Michelle	Kim	Peter
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Pam F	na	Dick	na
Vote of Thanks	Rod	na	Geoff	na
Guest Speakers or Event	Christopher Chayko	na	tba	na

### 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