



# Woolpi Whisper

Club President  
Rod Mackenzie  
District Governor  
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Rotary International  
President  
R Gordon R Mcnally

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

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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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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.*

### NEXT MEETING : Monday 24th July 2023

Our Club are very pleased to have 4 new members, Alison Ratliffe, Jenny Witcombe, Bronwyn Mackenzie and Christopher Chayko inducted into our Club. They, along with family and friends have been invited to this meeting. I hope all our members and their guests are able to attend to warmly welcome and congratulate them. Please advise Mary Bryant of any guests before Monday for table arrangements and order any meals at the bistro and drinks at the bar before 6.00PM. Another upcoming member, Bob Breen, will be inducted at a later meeting. A Board meeting will be held prior to the ordinary meeting commencing at 4.30PM in the Cinema Room at the CEX Club, Woolgoolga.

### LAST MEETING :



Christopher Chayko and Bob Breen from the RSL Sub-branch attended our meeting. Bob spoke about the Northern Beaches Memorials Project. The proposal for modernising the Woolgoolga Diggers Club Memorial and reinstalling the 1923 Wolgoolga and District Great War Memorial. He outlined their objectives:

- \* Restore the 'Woolgoolga and District Memorial The Great War Memorial 1914-1919' to its original condition on a stepped plinth with an additional flag pole on public land in the heart of Woolgoolga.
- \* Modernise the memorial registered in NSW as 'Woolgoolga Diggers Club Memorial' to include post-Second World War campaigns and peace support operations.
- \* Establish a memorial commemorating the service and sacrifice of Northern Beaches members of the Red Cross Society in support of Australian Forces overseas in the First and Second World Wars and responses to natural disasters.

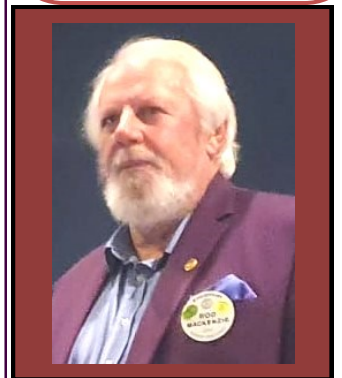
The Coffs Harbour/Northern Beaches community would benefit from having two first-class war memorials and a humanitarian Red Cross Memorial. Woolgoolga businesses would benefit from an enhanced ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day that attracts thousands of residents and visitors to ceremonies and events focusing on these memorials.

The Great War Memorial would become a beautifully carved sandstone, marble and granite heritage memorial commemorating the service of Northern Beaches Veterans from the First and Second World Wars. If located in the parkland beach foreshore area it would become the focus of dawn services for ANZAC Day, with the sun rising over the ocean.

Woolgoolga Rotary Club have offered support for this endeavour by combining with the RSL Branch to make a submission to access a Grant from the NSW Government.

### 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  
Bulletin: Mary  
Pride in Work: Dick  
Board: all other members will be offered positions



### Theme 2023-2024



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



**CHCC Growing and Grooving event on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at Woopi Gardens.**

Our Rotary Club set up a stall at this NAIDOC community resilience event at the great looking Woolgoolga Community Garden.



Thanks to

Rod, Dick, Michelle, Kyle, Peter and Bronwyn who all came down to man the stall. Quite a reasonable crowd with lots of kids but not much interest in us. However it was a great opportunity to network with Red Cross, Lions, Woolgoolga Rural Fire Service and disaster relief agencies. Pam and David supplied some books and jams to sell but only one sale. Still, beautiful weather and we showed the Rotary flag .

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Rod attended a meeting on 11th July with the Presidents of Coffs City, Coffs Harbour, Coffs Daybreak and Sawtell Rotary clubs. This initial meeting came from Marilyn Brien and Bob Carle attending Woolgoolga Rotary's new membership meeting on 23 June and from subsequent discussions about promoting Rotary in this area. The Presidents, which will include invitations to Bellingen and Dorrigo, will meet bi-monthly in Coffs Harbour. Staying in touch between meetings on common issues will also be maintained. Topics discussed included maintaining a positive and supportive network, individual and corporate membership, possible joint projects, upcoming events at each club, newsletters, social and mainstream media, grants and marketing. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5 September at CEX Coffs Harbour.



*Bob Carle of Coffs City, Neil Cole of Coffs Harbour, Marilyn Brien of Coffs Daybreak, Rod Mackenzie of Woolgoolga and Denis Gleeson of Sawtell Rotary clubs*

**REMINDER: DV PHONES for DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS** 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, Woolgoolga

**District Notices**

**2023**

- 1 September** Sawtell Rotary Trivia Night
- 5 September** Presidents meeting Cex Coffs.
- 18th October** MHERV Van Woolgoolga

**Rotary International's incoming President** Gordon R. McNally (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	24th July Board/Club Meeting	14th August Club Meeting	28 August Board/Club Meeting	11 September Club Meeting
Reminders	4.30 Board then Order meal by 6	Cex Wga Order meal by 6	4.30 Board then Order meal by 6	Cex Wga Order meal by 6
Welcome/Fellowship	Michelle	Kim	Peter	Mary
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Rod	Dick	na	David F
Vote of Thanks	na	Geoff	na	David E
Guest Speakers or Event		tba	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