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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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

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 5 September 2023

Discussion on major fund raising event ideas plus other smaller events to help with our Club recognition in the community.

## LAST MEETING : Monday 28 August 2023

We welcomed two new members, Bob Breen and Christopher Chayko, to our Club. Bob has had a long and distinguished career in the Australian Regular Army and in the Army Reserves and is a Professor in Strategic Studies at Deakin University. He writes contemporary Australian Military History. Bob is President of the Woolgoolga RSL Sub-Branch and a driving force in the restoration and relocation to the beach-front of our World War 1 memorial which Rotary is fully supporting. Christopher has a long and distinguished career in both the Australian and British armies. Christopher is the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Woolgoolga RSL Sub-branch. Christopher is also a member and strong supporter of Legacy and with Bob Breen, working on the World War 1 memorial project.



**MEMBERS PROUD ACHIEVEMENTS:** We are very proud of our youngest member Kyle McIntosh who told us about his win of a Gold medal at the Australian Cross Country Championships at Stromlo Park in Canberra. He is now Open Para Cross Country Champion of Australia. Congratulations from all of us. Also Bronwyn gave a brief talk about her experience in this year's City2Surf. This is a popular road running event held annually in Sydney covering a 14-kilometre course. The event is a "fun run" as well as a race, attracting both competitive runners and community participants who can choose to run or to walk. This was the 53<sup>rd</sup> year and attracted around 81000 participants. The event is a major fundraiser for the Westpac helicopter service although participants can nominate and fundraise for different charities. One outstanding group was the Wonder



Woman group. Over 280 people were attempting an unofficial record of the largest gathering of a group of people dressed in a Wonder Woman costume. They were also raising funds for brain cancer research. The race finishes with a nasty 2-kilometre hill climb followed by 2 kilometres along and back down the length of Bondi Beach, with the finish line tantalising in sight the whole way. The reward at the end was a PB (personal best), averaging 6:20 pace and placing Bronwyn in the top third of female competitors of all ages and 12<sup>th</sup> in her age group. A very happy result! Well Done Bron!



## 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)

## PRIDE of WORKMANSHIP AWARDS



Dick Matthews has been diligently working on this project and has produced an information sheet along with the nomination form, for local nominations for our Pride of Workmanship Award. The Club will select up to three recipients who will receive their Awards consisting of an engraved plaque at a **Presentation Dinner on Monday 25th September 2023**. It is designed to publicly acknowledge an employee or business operator, irrespective of age, gender or vocation, who in the eyes of his or her employer or customer, displays outstanding qualities in terms of approach, attitude, dedication and commitment to his or her job. The award is intended to cover all aspects of work performance and ethics, inclusive of quality and quantity of output, customer service, safety, initiative and responsibility.

**The C.ex Group Coffs Harbour Running Festival is organised by the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour.** The 11th annual event will be held on: **Sunday 10th September 2023**. The community event for people of all ages and abilities consists of the Beachside Radiology 21.1km Half Marathon, Baringa Private Hospital 10km, Southern Cross University 5km Fun Run/Walk and the Key Employment 3km Fun Run/Walk. In 2023, they will be having the Rotary Teams Challenge where randomly drawn teams of 8 can donate 5 x \$1,000 to registered local children's charities of their choice. All proceeds from the event go to local Rotary charities including Life Education, Early Connections, Can Do Cancer Trust and Mid North Coast Disabled Surfers Association. Contact the Event Director Keelan Birch at [run@rotarycoffsharbour.org.au](mailto:run@rotarycoffsharbour.org.au) with any queries.



**Malaria Update:** On August 20th, Rotarians in Yumbe, Uganda commemorated World Mosquito Day by conducting malaria testing and treatment in the Machangana and Luzira village. Out of the 373 people that were tested, 131 people (35.1%) tested positive for malaria.



### Exchange Student Update :

Congratulations to Elizabeth de Halleux, our Exchange student from (2016-2017) on her recent Engagement. Pictured here with her fiancé .



**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

**10 September** Coffs Harbour Running Festival  
**15 October** Walk for Mental Health Dorrigo  
**18th October** MHERV Van Woolgoolga  
**25/26 November** Clubs and District Showcase Dubbo RSL

**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	11 September Club Meeting	25 September Board/Club Meeting	9 October Club Meeting	23 October 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	Alison	Kyle	Mary	David F
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Dick	na	Pam	na
Vote of Thanks	David E	na	Kim	na
Guest Speakers or Event	Pride in Work Award	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