



# Woopi Whisper

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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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 25 September 2023**

**PRIDE of WORKMANSHIP AWARDS**



Dick Matthews has been diligently working on this project and, along with other members, has chosen the three successful Nominees for this Award. The three recipients, Lisa Scorse from Woolgoolga Neighbourhood Centre, Joy Cassels from 'Meals on Wheels' and Teneashia Skinner from 'Ground Earth', will receive their Awards consisting of an engraved plaque at a **Presentation Dinner on Monday 25th September**.

The nominators explained their reasons for choosing the nominee based on their approach, attitude, dedication and commitment to his or her job. They described how the nominee excelled in all aspects of work performance and ethics, inclusive of quality and quantity of output, customer service, safety, initiative and responsibility.

**CURRYFEST 23rd September 2023**

A reminder for one of our town's favourite Annual Celebrations. A wonderful experience growing in popularity every year. Join in the fun, entertainment and enjoy food from many different cultures that make up our nation.



**WOOPi COMMUNITY GARDENS OPEN DAY Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10am to 3pm**

Our Club will be joining with the Lions Club sharing a marquee (and maybe helping with the BBQ) displaying information on Rotary and the different activities in which our Club has been



involved in the local Community. **Members are welcome to drop in and help for a little while.** We will have DV Phones as the cause for donations on the day. This will fit in with October being Sexual Violence Awareness month. At the moment we have 41 phones to send away together with a donation of \$15 per phone to help with refurbishing.



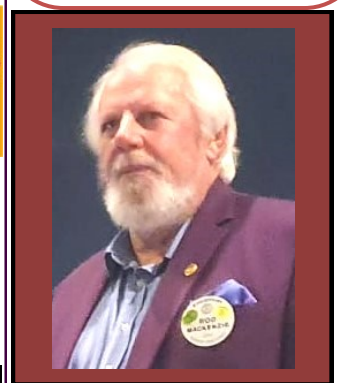
**Marine Rescue Expo Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 9am – 3pm** At the joint Rotary President meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 the local Coffs Coast clubs discussed Rotary participating in this opportunity – a roster can be organised with Rotary members handing out brochures on the day.

**DORRIGO WALK and TALK for MENTAL HEALTH Sunday 15th October** Registration is via [www.liftthelidwalk.com.au/dorrigo](http://www.liftthelidwalk.com.au/dorrigo). Early bird registration finishes on 29th September (free beautiful purple event t-shirt).

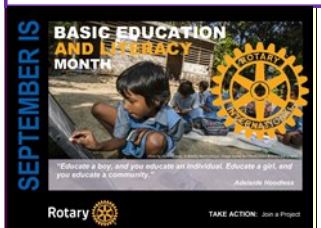


## Board & Officers

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)

## LAST MEETING : Monday 11 September 2023



Our new member Jenny Whitcombe was finally presented with her membership badge and welcomed again to the Club. The evening was a relaxing get-together where we were able to catch up on latest news from members. We were able to congratulate both Kyle McIntosh for his win in the 5km race and Bronwyn Mackenzie for her first place in the over 70's runners at **The 11th C.ex Group Coffs Harbour Running Festival organised by the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour** on Sunday 10th September 2023. The Event Director Keelan Birch said 1200 runners was the largest number of entries ever. He explained how they will be able to "donate more than \$50,000 to local kids' charities".



Rod gave an update on the local Rotary Club's Presidents' monthly meeting. Rod outlined the balancing of our finances so that we have money to move forward. Rod listed our past fundraisers and discussed ways other clubs run activities to help with their fundraising. Our club will now need to work on a major fund-raising project to help with funding our club into the future. We can also look at ways for the club members to enjoy Social get-togethers.

We finished the evening with the first two of our 3 minute member talks. It is an interesting way to get an insight into our members' background. Our prize winner for the night was one of our latest club members, Jenny Whitcombe.

**MALARIA UPDATE** Rotary International President, Gordon McNally, announced that in partnership with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and World Vision, Rotary is launching **Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge**. This will provide **\$30 million to help combat malaria, diarrheal disease and respiratory infections – the top killers of children under five years – in four countries in Sub-Saharan Africa**. These countries include Zambia, Nigeria, Mozambique and the Democratic Republic of Congo.



**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

**15 October** Walk for Mental Health Dorrigo  
**18th October** MHERV Van Woolgoolga  
**24th October** World Polio Day  
**29th October** Coffs City Rotary Food & Wine Festival , Pacific Bay Resort  
**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	25 September Board/Club Meeting	9 October Club Meeting	23 October Board/Club Meeting	13 November 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	Kyle	Alison	Mary	David F
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Rod	David E	na	Peter
Vote of Thanks	Dick	Kim	na	Pam
Guest Speakers or Event	Pride in Work Award	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