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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 9 October 2023

LAST MEETING : PRIDE of WORKMANSHIP AWARDS



At our Presentation Dinner on Monday 25th September, the Club had the privilege of publicly recognising 3 local residents by presenting each of them with its prestigious Pride of Workmanship Award. Dick Matthews, along with President Rod, presented the three successful award winners, Lisa Scorse from Woolgoolga Centrelink Centre, Joy Cassels from 'Meals on Wheels' and Teneashia Skinner from 'Ground Earth', with their engraved plaques. These worthwhile recipients were joined by family and friends to help celebrate their achievements.



Joy Cassels, oversees the Meals on Wheels service in Woolgoolga. Joy was nominated by one of the Meals on Wheels volunteers with the accompanying citation " Joy is totally dedicated to superior customer service where she displays outstanding qualities, always carrying out her duties with a cheerful attitude. She acts as a guide and mentor to all the volunteers, always supporting them and offering a helping hand."

Teneashia Skinner, Shift Manager at Ground Earth Cafe Woolgoolga, is studying for her Certificate 2 in Hospitality. She was nominated by one of her loyal, regular customers with the attached recommendation. "Teneashia's friendly approach, warm smile and genuine interest in her customers sets her apart. She creates a welcoming atmosphere where all customers feel valued and appreciated. She constantly strives to provide a memorable dining experience."



Lisa Scorse, a NSW Service Agent, is employed by the Woolgoolga Neighbourhood Centre to operate the local Centrelink Agency. She was nominated by a work colleague, who provided the citation "Lisa has provided the Centrelink Service for our Community for several years, and is always friendly and helpful in her role. She goes above and beyond her duties to assist customers in their dealings with Centrelink."

SPECIAL MESSAGE: President Rod would like to find out the whereabouts of our Rotary Club's **Chain of Office**. It has engraved small metal rectangles sewn on, with the names of past Presidents since 1988. If anyone knows where it might be, could you let Rod know please.



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



OCTOBER

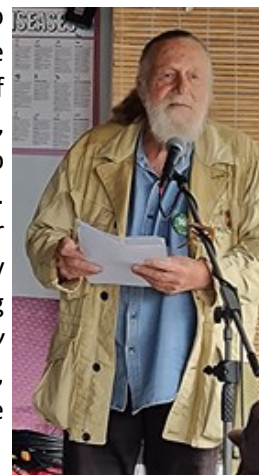


Rotary International
TAKE ACTION: join Rotary, be a People of Action
Rotary International
Economic Development
Community Service
Youth Development
Peace

WOOLPOOL COMMUNITY GARDENS OPEN DAY Sunday 24th September 10am to 3pm



Our club had a free site at the Woolpool Community Garden's open day. An exhibitor could not attend so, fortunately, we were able to use their vacant marquee. Our plan to share a site with the Lions Club fell by the wayside as their marquee was full of bbq ingredients and cooking gear. Several of our members, Christopher, Kim, Dick, Bronwyn and Rod were there to promote Rotary and our Domestic Violence phones project. We chatted to several people interested in bringing in their old phones so our being there was worthwhile. The day was opened with a welcome to country, a young indigenous dance group and Jack Thompson reading two poems, *Clancy of the Overflow* and *Turbulence*. A relaxed day with music, garden tours, food, scarecrows and garden goods for sale. It was most enjoyable socialising with other members of our club, their families and friends.



MHERV (THE MEN'S HEALTH EDUCATION RURAL VAN) Rotary Clubs around Australia have organised the MHERV van for men's health. Since 2017 MHERV has been out in the backblocks of NSW on two scheduled tours per year seeking out the menfolk who haven't seen the inside of a doctor's rooms for years. These are the blokes who drop dead in a paddock, because nobody saw it coming. 41,000 Australian men die of preventable diseases each year. 12,356 have been tested by the MHERV project since 2017. 5,891 were found to be in need of treatment. 441 were in immediate danger of a stroke or heart attack. Our club is hosting the van for 2 nights on 17th and 18th October. Dick will coordinate advertising of the van and organise a parking area for the 18th October so the nurse will be able to test members of our Community who wish to call into the van during the day.

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, Woolpoolga

District Notices

2023

15 October Walk for Mental Health Dorrigo
18th October MHERV Van Woolpoolga
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	9 October Club Meeting	23 October Board/Club Meeting	13 November Club Meeting	27 November 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	Mary	David F	Jenny
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	David E	na	Peter	na
Vote of Thanks	Kim	na	Pam	na
Guest Speakers or Event	Members input	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