



Woolpi Whisper

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

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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 23 October 2023 includes 4.30pm Board meeting

MHERV (THE MEN'S HEALTH EDUCATION RURAL VAN)

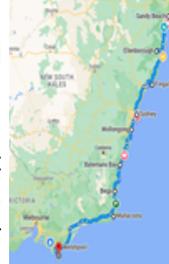


The Van was set up on Wednesday 18th and operated from 9.30am to 3.00pm. There were about 15 or 16 health checks, half of whom were men and half women. Rod and Dick assisted with the Registrations for the day. We gratefully thank member Christopher Chayco and his wife Mary-Ann who kindly accommodated Nurse Leanne Garvey and her son, Tom, on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Hopefully those

people who were checked and had been recommended to seek medical advice will be making appointments with a doctor.

LAST MEETING : Talk by Alison Ratliff : A Journey of Discovery

As an Australian citizen who lived abroad for 46 years, Alison was eager to discover her own country in her recent month-long journey through NSW and Victoria. From Sandy Beach, she headed down the coast with stops in Ellensborough, Fingal Bay, Sydney, Wollongong, Batemans Bay, Bega, Mallacoota, Welshpool, and finally to Wilson's Promontory, which is the most southern point on the Australian mainland. She stayed mostly at campgrounds with power (to help her keep warm on the many cold nights), except for Sydney and Wollongong where she visited friends and family.



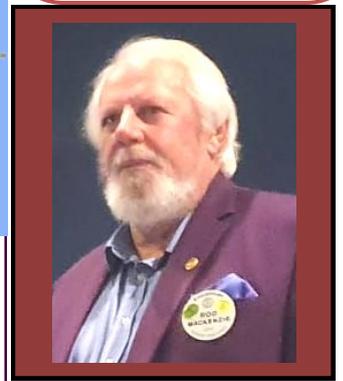
Alison visited many little towns and enjoyed seeing the variety of scenery. She visited a bird sanctuary in Batemans Bay and the zoo in Mojo. In the Yarra Valley Alison experienced wine tasting and visited a Chocolate Factory where she bought some very different and delicious chocolates. Alison enjoyed a paddlesteamer ride in Echuca then went on to Gundagai where her family has lived for four generations. She visited a cousin there and enjoyed touring the museum where a number of her family treasures are housed. After a visit to Siding Springs Observatory at Coonabarabran Alison moved on to Moree

where she enjoyed the Hot Springs. Alison finished her talk with: *"Along the way I came to renew my love of the country, the variation in landscapes, the wildflowers, and the amazing gum trees, especially the stately ghost gums. My father gave me this present of camping when I was younger, and I still enjoy camping rather than staying in motels. To be able to do this in such a wonderful country is indeed a gift".*



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



Malaria Vaccine News



The Rotary Foundation / Rotary International is partnering with Gates & World Vision Foundations to fight Malaria, Diarrhea and Respiratory infections in four countries. Rotarians Against Malaria Action Group is partnering with Action Groups on Maternal Child Health -RMCH & Water/Sanitation-WASHRAG. Working together our impact increases. Vaccine-induced immunity is paramount for progress in the RAM-Global mission to reduce malaria globally. We have excellent science that indicates that the newly-approved second malaria vaccine is about twice as effective as the original vaccine approved in 2021. The vaccine should protect about 75% of the time. The vaccine has been tested in Africa, and is very safe. The new vaccine will be available in 2024, according to the Serum Institute that will be making the vaccine. The Rotary foundation continues to train and equip Community Health Workers. Data systems and speedy delivery of life saving, health giving goods soon will add Malaria vaccines.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported that last year 247 million people in 84 countries were infected and 619,000 of those infected died. During the years before Covid, there were about 400,000 victims per year. The victims are mainly children below 5 years old and pregnant women. 95% of all infections and deaths are in regions of Africa between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.

DV Safe Phone project application for a District Grant David Fayle has written the application for the District Grant of \$5,000 to be used for our DV Safe Phone Project. The aim will be to: broaden the catchment zone for collection of donated mobile phones; to include new collection locations throughout D9660; to identify new partners strategically located throughout D9660; to supply a collection box @ \$38.50 per box; to fund their postage of phones to DV; to donate \$15 per phone to DV Safe Phone for phones from these locations.

From Lorraine Ingram Regional Manager – Family and Domestic Violence
Having access to a DV Safe Phone enables us to support women to access vital services, such as GP apps, online-banking, Centrelink etc, with a confidence in their safety and security. It is a fundamentally essential service and we have been able to support our women at risk into safety and independence as a result of this valuable resource.

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**. The **DV safe phone** program ensures your old mobile phone is erased, tested and distributed to someone in need. The mobile phone is often one of the first items to be thrown, broken or stolen during domestic violence, leaving the victim cut off from the outside world. with no way to call emergency services or helplines for assistance.

District Notices
2023
29th October Coffs City Rotary Food & Wine Festival , Pacific Bay Resort
25/26 November Clubs and District Showcase Dubbo RSL
11th December **Christmas BBQ and AGM** Woopi Community Gardens 5.30pm

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..... “

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	23 October Board/Club Meeting	13 November Club Meeting	27 November Board/Club Meeting	11 December Christmas Party and AGM
Reminders	4.30 Board then Order meal by 6	Cex Wga Order meal by 6	4.30 Board then Order meal by 6	5.30pm AGM then BBQ at Gardens
Welcome/Fellowship	Mary	David F	Jenny	Rod
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	na	Peter	na	na
Vote of Thanks	na	Pam	na	na
Guest Speakers or Event	na	tba	na	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