



# Woolgoolga Whisper

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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 26 February 2024 4.30pm Board Meeting followed by General Meeting at 6pm C.ex Club meeting Room** Our guest speaker will be Bianca Saikale, a member of the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak. Bianca participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange program in 2017 and later received the opportunity for a second exchange in Germany. In 2023, Bianca launched Saikale, a jewelry business with a mission to give back. For every purchase made, \$50 is donated to an animal conservation organisation, and a portion of the proceeds is also contributed to Rotary.

#### LAST MEETING : 12 February 2024

At our Last meeting on Monday 12 February 2024, **Troy Avidson** a local resident of the Coffs Harbour area, who runs the FOOD FIX program, was our guest speaker. Troy does the rounds of the homeless at CH Jetty every Friday with food and hampers. He supports Pete's place and funded their Christmas bbq breakfast party for 120 which included a barber for haircuts. He works with other agencies but no one around delivers food regularly. His fund-raising at the Coffs Harbour races has raised over \$30,000 with \$14,000 given to our local Fluro Friday group. Troy has started Aardvark's Breakfast Club at Sandy Beach PS, each morning. The aim is to ensure all students are provided with a healthy breakfast to support their well being and engagement at school.



#### From President Rod

I met up in Coffs on Tuesday with the Presidents of Coffs Harbour, Sawtell, Daybreak and Dorrigo. We discussed the various projects each club is doing and ways we can work together. Some of the projects include shelter bags, domestic violence minimisation workshops, walk for mental health, a mothers' day ball, bbqs at Bunnings and at events, RYLA, RYPEN, DV Safe Phones, Trivia night, golf day, shelter bags, auctions, pop up shop, membership, YEP, marketing, science and engineering, D9660 conference, dues, joint lawn bowls for fellowship, Food Fix and breakfast clubs. It's worth going to for networking and it keeps me across what other clubs are doing.



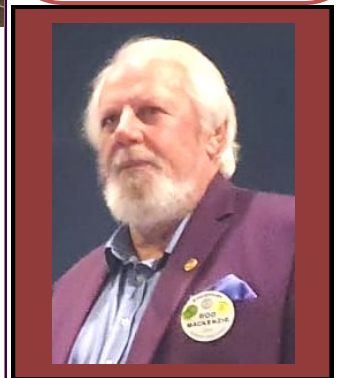
The District Conference is coming up and if any member is interested in attending, please let Rod know. Registration closes on 25th February.

Australian Red Cross have **free online workshops**. to learn more about looking after yourself and others in your community in If you are supporting others in your community after a disaster as a volunteer, worker or neighbour, then join this online workshop on any of the 3 dates at right.



#### Board & Officers

President: Rod  
Secretary: David F  
Ass Secretary: Alison  
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: Bob  
Board: all other members



#### Theme 2023-2024



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



## ROTARY POP-UP STALL at Marine Rescue Market on 10th February

Bronwyn reported at the last meeting about the success of the Pop-up Stall. It was well attended even though the market itself was quite small in terms of stalls. They ran two raffles. The first was a case filled with Nutrimetics kindly donated by Michelle McIntosh. The second was a mixed basket of soaps, candle wax, ceramic coasters, and 2 x Pizza and Schooner vouchers from the Woopi Brewery, plus a tablet stand for the car donated by the Fayles. The raffles were very well patronised bringing in a whopping \$309. The raffles were drawn by David from Marine Rescue and were won by two locals, Pam Wright and Cheryl Chivers respectively. The clothing part of the stall raised \$790, a good result from the sale of only 34 items! We still have many items left which we will try to sell at the 9 March markets. The Dutch Auction is still running until midnight on 29 February. We would encourage all members to promote this through any of their own contacts. Bids can be made through the Rotary email - [rotarywoolgoolga@gmail.com](mailto:rotarywoolgoolga@gmail.com)



All items have reached their reserve price (based on half their value) except the Camilla (reserve of \$245, based on the sale price from the Camilla website). Our total income to date is \$1098, plus a late donation of \$10. Set up expenses amounted to \$238. This was for the site cost to Marine Rescue and various garment racks, coat hangers, stationery and the like. The weather was kind, but the helpers were totally exhausted after their day, having spent 8 hours on their feet. Many thanks goes out to the team - Bronwyn, Jenny, Michelle, Peter, Kyle and Rod and an extra special thank you to Ronnie Breen who spent the day spruiking raffle tickets and drumming up donations from Plantations. Thank you also to all who kindly donated goods and time.

## Coffs Coast Science and Engineering Challenge Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April Wiigulga Multipurpose Centre. Dinner 8th April



The Coffs Coast Challenge was established by the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga and has been running for 10 years except for two Covid years. This year's event will be at the Wiigulga Multipurpose venue and once again it will involve approx. 240 students, mainly year 10, from 8 surrounding high schools. Last year a few of our local Rotary clubs assisted Coffs Harbour High to travel to Newcastle for the state finals. . We are now looking for **volunteers**. You do not need any previous experience, just an interest in helping high school students enjoy a fun day focusing on, practical, hands-on activities to experience aspects of science and engineering they would not usually see in their school environment. Volunteers must have or obtain a current Working with Children Check and be able to commit to a two-hour briefing the afternoon before and then attend the whole event on Tuesday, 9 April.



## LOCAL ROTARY CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

### RYDA on Thursday 14 March Wiigulga Centre

Coffs Harbour Book Fest/ 9th to 16th March  
District Conference at Mudgee/15th to 17th March  
Coffs Coast Science and Engineering Challenge 9th April.  
Sc& Eng Challenge Dinner on 8th April at Seaview Tavern.

Diane Hall will be the District Governor for our District in 2026-2027. We extend congratulations to Diane on her selection. Diane has been a very active Rotary member over a number of years.

## MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	26 February Board/Club Meeting	11 March Meeting	25 March Board/Club Meeting	8 April 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	David F	Jenny	Chris	Bob
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Pam	Alison	Kyle	Mary
Vote of Thanks	Bron	David E	Kim	Peter
Guest Speakers or Event	Bianca Saikale	tba	tba	tba

## 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