



Woolgi Whisper

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

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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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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 8 July 6pm Dinner Meeting

It was decided at our last Board meeting to make this upcoming meeting a forum for our members to plan, talk about ideas, goals, projects both existing and new and activities for the 2024-25 Rotary year, as we have a great mix of members with different experiences .

LAST MEETING : Changeover Dinner meeting on Monday 24th June.

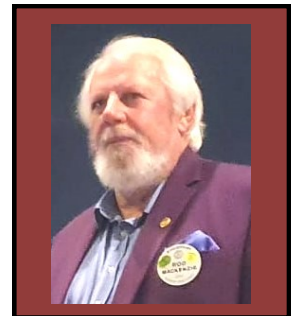
It was wonderful to have a couple of special guests with the DG's rep Robyn Norton joining us from Kempsey and Stan Jackson from Coffs. Stan is a 50 year Rotarian who had a role in mentoring our Club when it was first set up. Congratulations to Rod for taking another turn as President after a very successful year...and thanks to MC Christopher for an entertaining evening. At this meeting the ongoing Board agreed to continue for the 2024-25 Rotary year with only a few minor changes. There is still the position of President Elect to be filled. This is a Board position and the President Elect will become President for the 2025-26 Rotary year.

President Rod's Message (abridged version) from our 23/24 Annual Report.

Rotary has made major contributions to our community over 36 years. Our fundraising sources had dropped substantially. Essentially, survival and being sustainable is our present plan. I'm pleased to say that our dire position has improved considerably since 2022. Sadly, Dick Matthews, a staunch supporter of Rotary, passed away at the start of the year, leaving our membership now standing at 15. The influx of our new members and the efforts of existing members has brought new ideas, fellowship and involvement into the Club and our projects. As our Secretary David Fayle so well describes in our Annual Report, we have continuing projects and several worthwhile new ones underway and planned. In the upcoming year there are several goals I would like to achieve. Increasing new individual membership to 25, gaining five corporate members, establishing a major fundraising project, commencing a major community project, continuing our current programmes, maintaining good fellowship and enjoyment including with past and honorary members, raising Rotary's profile and not burning out members with excessive demands on their time and finances. None of this could have been or will be achieved without our members. They have been wonderful over the last year and are the reason the Club is on the up. So, thank you one and all for your fellowship, ideas, creativity and willingness to pitch in and make things happen. I look forward to a successful and enjoyable 2024-25 year .

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: Christopher
Public Officer & TRF David F
Bulletin: Mary
Pride in Work and
Memorials Project: Bob
YEP Counsellor: Bronwyn



Change-over Pictures





Kyle McIntosh wins again!! Kyle just won Gold at the NSW Cross Country championships, thereby qualifying for the National Championships in Launceston. Congratulations Kyle !

CanDo Cancer Trust Charity Bowls Day on Sunday July 28th at C.ex Woolgoolga Bowling Club.

* CanDo continues to assist over 120 new patients per

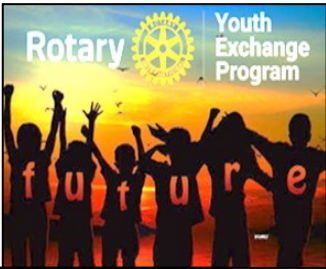


annum . CanDo relies totally on donations and fund raising events to help patients. The CanDo committee are all volunteers so no wages or other costs are paid from Donations . We hope members will again support this most enjoyable charity day.

◆ DV Safe Phone Project



We are pleased to report that the Coffs Harbour region is at just under 150 safe phones equating to 150 lives supported with DV Phone life-saving kits. They currently support the agencies shown below. Whenever these frontline agencies require phones, we generally send 5-10 DV Safe Phone Survival Kits, at a time. Each Safe Phone Survival Kit gift equals a life supported with a safe phone. * Lifetime Connect Limited * WDVCS Coffs * Neighbourhood Centres of Bellingen Shire. Drop your old phones into the box at Lottery shop or Woolgoolga Post Office. Our club will collect them and send them off to DV Safe Phone in Queensland. Your gift of a phone supports a domestic violence victim.



YEP Counsellor – Bronwyn Mackenzie has volunteered to be the counsellor for our outgoing Student, Aliyah Knight, who has been assigned to Brazil.



We have again decided to donate \$300 to support the **Woolgoolga Art Prize 2024** to be opened on Friday the 30th of August. Woolgoolga Art Prize & Exhibition has been running for over 40 years and attracts entries by local, national and International artists.



Our donation for 2 large toasters will be welcomed by the **Safety Beach school breakfast club**. Thanks go to our members, Peter and Kyle, for their ongoing help with this worthwhile cause.

Sawtell will be holding their annual Trivia Night on Friday 6 September in the Sawtell RSL'S Princess room. This will be professionally run by Jordan Oppy with prizes and a raffle for a television set. Members can help by joining in the fun night and while also helping to raise funds for the Club's support of local schools. The \$20 entry includes hot canapés and fun prizes.



Happy Birthday Michelle for 13th July



LOCAL ROTARY CLUB UPCOMING Changeovers
29 July Sawtell
Upcoming Local Events :
28 July CAN-DO Bowls
6 Sept Sawtell Rotary Trivia Night at Sawtell RSL

International President Stephanie Urchick , of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, revealed the 2024-2025 presidential theme, **The Magic of Rotary**. "We are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand. It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed..."



MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	8 July Meeting	22 July Board/Club Meeting	12 August Meeting	26 August Board/Club Meeting
Reminders	Order meal by 6	4.30 Board then Order Meal by 6	Order meal by 6	4.30 Board then Order Meal by 6
Welcome/Fellowship	Kyle	Jenny	Christopher	David E
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Alison	Michelle	Rod	Pam
Vote of Thanks	Peter	Bob	Kim	David F
Guest Speakers or Event	Forum	tba	tba	tba

PROJECTS

- ◆ DV Safe Phone
- ◆ Sleeping bags, tarps, blankets
- ◆ World War 1 Resoration and Re-location Project (joint with RSL sub-branch)
- ◆ Pop-up shop selling high quality clothing
- ◆ Pride in Workmanship awards