



Woolpi 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

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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 12th August

Iceland's geothermal origin. David and Pam have recently visited the Nordic Regions so David will be sharing a 12 min video compilation.

LAST MEETING : Monday 22nd July

Our guest speaker was Tiga, one of the owners of Coffs Coast Wildlife Sanctuary (former Pet Porpoise Pool). Tiga was such a vibrant, enthusiastic speaker. She told us the history of the park. It was first opened in 1970 and in 2023 it was taken over by administrators. The Sanctuary had to then find sponsors to help raise over a million dollars to help save the pool plus all the jobs of the dedicated staff. Despite her great effort to fundraise, the park failed to reach its target, which left Tiga and others devastated. When her husband suggested they buy the Park, it seemed to Tiga that her lifelong dream of saving our injured marine and wildlife animals, would come to fruition.



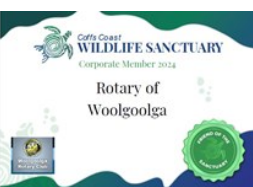
They decided that all profits would go to charity but it meant the wonderful staff could carry on their vital work of caring for the injured and sick wildlife all along the North Coast.

With more than 40 marine and terrestrial animals who call the sanctuary their 'forever home', they care for animals that have been brought in as a result of injury or illness that prevents them from being released back into the wild. As ambassadors, their animals are advocates for ongoing research and education to the community for the species, their care, and the care of their environments. They are active participants in the Australian Species Management Program and have successfully bred more than 14 Australian sea lion pups at the park.



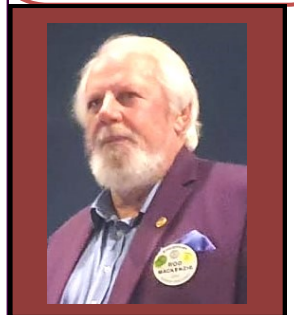
With fewer than 8,000 remaining in the wild, Australian sea lions are endangered and Coffs Coast Wildlife Sanctuary is proudly contributing to their survival. With Tiga's passion and inspiration for the future progress of the Sanctuary, we hope that many people in the Community will help her strive towards her Goal. One of the People helping raise funds is Bianca Saikale, our guest speaker in March. Bianca and Tiga have collaborated on designing special wildlife jewellery which

Bianca is now promoting by travelling to many different clubs and companies, selling the jewelry and helping raise funds for the Sanctuary. Bianca was also one of our guests (via zoom) at the meeting.

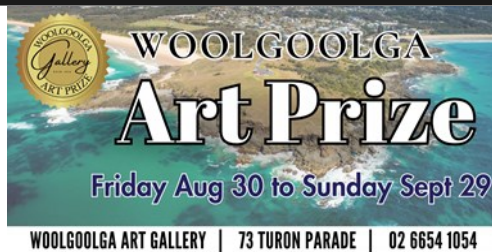


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Also at the last meeting we met Our **Youth Exchange Program (YEP) Outbounder**, Aliyah Knight, who attended with Tylor Knight, her father. Aliyah spoke briefly about herself and her excitement in becoming an Exchange student and going to Brazil in Jan 2025.



REPORT FROM LAST BOARD MEETING: Recent Donations

\$300 donation to the Coffs Coast Wildlife Sanctuary was paid from the Pop-up shop account.

\$300 was also donated to Woolgoolga Art Group for the Woolgoolga Art Prize on 22 July.

\$500. Donation to The Rotary Foundation

\$250 Donation to Australian Rotary Health.

Wheelchair-accessible garden beds for Woopi Community Garden.

Echah Wright discussed our idea at the Woopi Community Garden meeting held on 17 Jul, and the proposal to build a facilitative garden was accepted in principle, subject to questions about a suitable location within the precinct, surface for safe access, and shade in the hotter weather. Pam noted that Coffs Council is likely to offer a round of grants for community groups, in May, for which this project would be apt.



RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) has **Drought Cards** worth a total of more than \$100,000 to give away to Rotary clubs to distribute to drought impacted individuals in your communities. Each one of our Drought Cards has a value of \$500 which can be used at any place in Australia where EFTPOS are accepted. The cards are valid until 31st December 2024 and must be used before then. Rod has received 4 of these vouchers for distribution to those affected in our North Coast area. Our club is in the process of contacting groups which may help us know what areas in our Local District might need this assistance.

Coffs Coast Conservation Sanctuary donated 4 vouchers for a family of four to visit. They will be included in the raffle for the next Pop-Up Stall in September. The theme for that raffle could be "cost of living".

MHERV Bunnings BBQ fundraiser support: Mary will be helping out at the Bunnings BBQ on the 17 August. Christopher has offered to organise the MHERV (Men's Health Education Rural Van) visit to Woolgoolga, arriving Wed 23 Oct for a 24 Oct clinic. A location behind the red coffee van across the road from the Neighbourhood Centre was suggested as better than Diggers Carpark.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) we have committed \$500 to support applicant Ava Wilson. Ava is keen on a career in the science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) area.

Youth protection training: Kim will arrange video screening at a meeting.

Mobile phones for those at risk of domestic violence. Kim and Alison are keen to expand the scope of the grant-funded project to local front-line organisations who can strategically allocate DV Safe Phones.

World Mosquito Program. With support from the Rotary Foundation's Global Grant, the Wolbachia method is playing a vital role in helping fight mosquito-borne diseases and protect communities across the world.



LOCAL ROTARY CLUB Upcoming Local Events :

- 10 Aug** Official Re-opening National Cartoon Gallery and National Holden Motor Museum
- 17 Aug** MERHV BBQ at Bunnings
- 18 Aug** CCR Motor Show
- 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	12 August Meeting	26 August Board/Club Meeting	9th September Meeting	23 September-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	Christopher	David E	Mary	Kyle
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Pam	Rod	Geoff	Peter
Vote of Thanks	Kim	David F	Bronwyn	Michelle
Guest Speakers or Event	tba	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