



# 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 14th October Dinner meeting 6pm**

**LAST MEETING: Monday 23rd September**

**GROWTH MINDSET**  
Intelligence can be developed

- Embrace challenges
- I can train my brain.
- Effort is a path to mastery
- Learn from feedback
- Inspired by success of others

Our guest speaker was Emelia Naumov who is studying at the Coffs Marine Science Centre, for a Bachelor of Science. She is doing a double Major in Earth and Environmental and Marine Systems. Emelia explained herself as an aspiring ecologist focusing on wetland remediation and blue carbon. She has a passion for science communication and an inspiring fascination for the natural world.



Emelia presented her power point showing all the aspects of the forum she attended in Canberra, explaining the different networking opportunities, career expos, workshops and seminars with prominent Scientists. Emelia's artwork inspired by her fascination of microbial ecology raised \$150 out of the total \$8,800 raised on the night at the art auction fundraiser at the 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner at Parliament House. This money is to support the NYSF Access and Equity Scholarship Fund. From Emelia:

*"It was incredible to meet and hear from a diverse range of scientists, peers and politicians."*

### WOOLGOOLGA GREAT WAR MEMORIAL

Our member Christopher Chayko has emailed members of our Community asking people to complete a short survey on the proposal to reinstate the 1923 Woolgoolga Great War Memorial, or close replica with original Roll of Honour stones including for the Second War, facing the dawn at the town beachfront.

You may forward this message to all of your Woolgoolga and district resident contacts to allow them to have a say, and keep the snowball rolling to their contacts. The survey is also being circulated widely on Facebook. Christopher was asked to speak about the proposal on the local ABC radio on Wednesday morning.

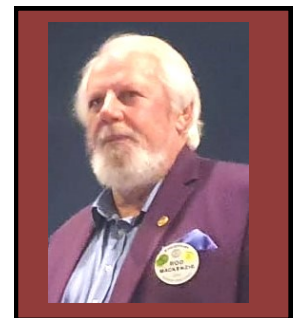
This is a project instigated by the Woolgoolga RSL and one in which we are pleased to assist as a Rotary Club. If you would like to participate in the survey then please cut and paste the following link into your browser. <https://us17.list-manage.com/survey?u=76f01c1c2935a22928e87d693&id=c9eeddf578&attribution=false>

Photos showing similar idea and the site area of proposal



### Board & Officers

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Memorials Project: Bob  
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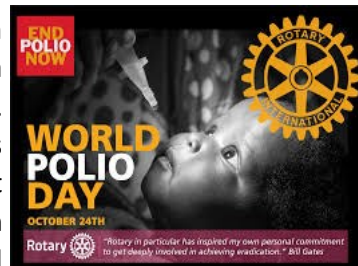


**OCTOBER IS**  
**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH**  
"If we can make a difference in the life of one person in a community, it is a small yet significant step to empowering a whole community."  
Leslie Hedderley  
Rotary  
TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary. Get Involved.

**THE MAGIC OF ROTARY**  
2024-25 Theme

## World Polio Day Thursday 24 October 2024

The ongoing crisis in Gaza has contributed to reduced routine immunization rates and an increased risk of vaccine-preventable diseases, including polio. The crisis also poses a significant challenge to fully implementing disease surveillance and vaccination campaigns. The World Health Organization (WHO) considers there to be a high risk for the spread of this polio strain within Gaza and internationally, particularly given the current situation's impact on public health services. A humanitarian pause has allowed a two-round polio vaccination campaign that began in Gaza on 1 September. Initial reports indicate the campaign started successfully, with teams showing strong commitment and high levels of community participation. **Rotary is committing US\$500,000** to bolster the initiative, channeling these funds through a dedicated Polio Outbreak Response Fund. This contribution represents Rotary's sustained support to the WHO in combating polio globally. Rotary will continue to work with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and other agencies as vaccination efforts unfold. Financial contributions to the PolioPlus fund will help Rotary and its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners achieve a world in which no child is paralyzed by polio again.



### DONATIONS FOR RAFFLE



The next raffle will be a Christmas hamper raffle. If you are able to and would like to, could you please donate Christmas items eg: tins of plum pudding, bon bons, items for nibblies, christmas cards, wrapping paper, lollies things that you feel would assist in making Christmas just that more festive for people. All donations can be given to Peter, Kyle and Michelle at the meetings or you can drop them into their place in Emerald Beach. Also please continue with your donations of Butter and Honey for the Sandy Beach Breakfast club. Thank you for your generosity and continued support



In Australia, **NATIONAL WATER WEEK** is celebrated in the third week of October every year. In 2024, the theme is 'Accelerating Action'. Water is fundamental to life. The availability, seasonality, temperature and quality of water are key factors in biodiversity in terrestrial, aquatic and marine systems. Communities manage water for domestic consumption in cities and regional and remote communities; managing storm-water and flooding risks; watering crops and livestock; water for industrial processes and for cooling; water for pollutant control and dispersion; and water for the environment, including wetlands, maintaining flows in inland river systems and flows to the ocean. There is clear evidence that many of our rivers are struggling with increased pollutant load, reduced flows from water extraction, and the impacts of climate change.



**DV Safe Phones. Mobile phones for those at risk of domestic violence.** This project is our Club's contribution to Rotary's Domestic Violence Campaign. **Drop your old phones into the box at Woolgoolga 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.

**ROTARY CLUB Upcoming Events :**  
**10 Oct** Australian Rotary Health — "Lift the Lid"  
**24<sup>th</sup> Oct** World Polio Day  
**Thu 24 Oct to Sun 27 Oct** RyMarine sponsored by the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak  
**Fri 1 to Sun 3 Nov** Rotary Zone 8 conference N Z

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



MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend				
Date	14th October Meeting	28 October-Board/Club Meeting	11th November Meeting	25th November 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	Jenny	David F	Kim
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Peter L	David E	Bob	Mary
Vote of Thanks	Geoff	Pam F	Alison	Peter Mac
Guest Speakers or Event	Discussion	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