



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 28th October Board meeting 4.30pm followed by Dinner meeting 6pm

LAST MEETING: Monday 14th October

David Fayle took the audience on one of the world's classic all-day train journeys, Norway's Bergensbanen, from Oslo to Bergen. On a gorgeous



sunny day, the scenery was a feast for the eye. Much of the high country was covered with snow and ice, and there were plenty of rapids, streams and waterfalls. On the evening before, quite a few people were bathing in Oslofjord in front of the Munch Gallery.



"Royal Connection" Peter Lacy gave his 3 minuter with a very entertaining look at some of his life history. Peter was born in York,UK. He went to St Peters school which was founded in 627 AD. One of the previous students was Guy Fawkes. Peter was a Queen's Scout & met the Queen at St Georges Chapel in Windsor. Peter, who was a qualified Engineer at the time, explained how for 3 years he worked on an earth filled Dam on the Jhelum River in Pakistan, because India was stopping river flows into Pakistan. Pakistan was under military rule at this time. A dam was needed for the water for the people to grow food. The dam had 100ft high spillway. The temps were 30 plus degrees during the day while the water temp was 54 degrees. Peter was amused when Prince Phillip flew in to visit the dam, he visited the workers rather than the Upper Classes. They used a TBM (tunnel boring machine) which did 105ft a day. The dam was finished in 1967 and would cost around \$5 billion in today's terms. They also created a farm for food, housing for Pakistan labourers, a school and a hospital. The dam is the 7th largest in the world, and is named after the nearby village of Mangla. It is used for irrigation and producing hydro-electric power.



Mangla dam Pakistan

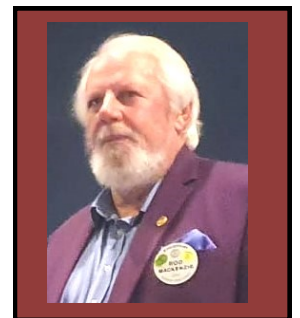
Drought Relief Vouchers x 4 Rod contacted Grafton Rural Financial Counsellor. He was happy to distribute the 4 x \$500 Drought Relief Vouchers to those farm families who are doing it tough and are still trying to get back on their feet.

Our Next POP-UP MARKET STALL is on 9th November. At this stall members will be selling the Good Used Clothing plus tickets for the remaining 6 Coffs Coast Conservation Sanctuary Family Vouchers. The vouchers should raise \$1,400. Upon successful completion, \$400 of the \$1,400 is proposed to be donated to the Coffs Coast Wildlife Sanctuary.



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



MHERV VAN VISIT The MHERV (Mens Health Educational Rural Van) visited Woogoolga on Wed 23 and Thurs 24th this week.



Our members volunteered to spend a couple of hours each day to help with greeting the people who visited the van. Over the 2 days RN, Stephen Southgate tested over 38 people for Blood pressure, blood sugar levels and cholesterol. It was a pleasing result as we also found that most people in our local area keep up to date with Dr visits and medical checks. The Van will be at Coffs Harbour



Bunnings on Friday 25th and Sat 26th then on to Sawtell (outside the RSL) for Sun 27 and Mon 28th October. We thank Christopher Chayko and his wife for providing accommodation for RN Stephen for the 2 night's stay.



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. We have now funded a collection box for Wellington



 \$108,736 Grants Awarded (Gov & Non-Gov)	 \$379,767 Donations & Community Fundraising
 223 Individual Donors	 85 Phone & Fundraiser Campaigns
 1,000+ Volunteer Hours	 850+ Phone Drop Locations

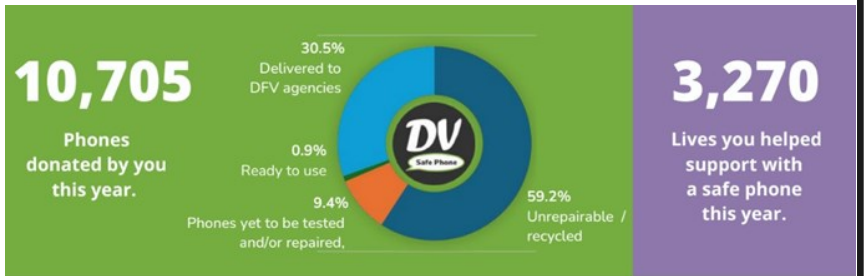
Rotary along with the other clubs we are supporting. The 2023–24 DV Safe Phone gratitude report includes mention of Woolgoolga Rotary.

Recent data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) highlights, domestic violence remains a significant issue in Australia, particularly for women with some alarming findings:

Partner violence: 1 in 6 women (17%) and 1 in 18 men (5.5%) have experienced physical or sexual violence from a partner. Emotional abuse: Nearly 1 in 4 women (23%) and 1 in 7 men (14%) have been subjected to emotional

abuse by a partner. Economic

abuse: 16% of women and 7.8% of men have faced economic abuse, which involves controlling access to financial resources. (Source: <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/crime-and-justice/partner-violence/latest-release>)



DONATIONS FOR RAFFLE We are having a Christmas hamper raffle. If you are able to 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 contact the Club President Rod. Also please continue with your donations of Butter and Honey for the Sandy Beach Breakfast club. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.



ROTARY CLUB Upcoming Events :

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
25 November – 10 December 2024. Global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

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	28 October-Board/Club Meeting	11th November Meeting	25th November Board/Club Meeting	9th December Meeting
Reminders	4.30 Board then Order Meal by 6	Order Meal by 6	4.30 Board then Order Meal by 6	AGM & Christmas Party
Welcome/Fellowship	Jenny	David F	Kim	Rod
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	David E	Bob	Mary	na
Vote of Thanks	Pam F	Alison	Peter Mc	na
Guest Speakers or Event	Discussion	tba	tba	na

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