



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

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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 10th February Dinner Meeting 6pm

Welcome back to our first newsletter for 2025. At our last get-together before Christmas we held our annual AGM. There were a couple of new nominations for the incoming board and committee, but we still need a nomination for President for 2025-26.

At this first meeting on Monday, we will be asking for suggestions for a project and major fundraising activity, for possible grant applications.

Rotary exchange student off to Brazil!

It is with great pleasure that the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga supports and sponsors Aliyah Knight on her Rotary Youth Exchange year. Aliyah attends Coffs Harbour High School and is keen to study law at university after finishing her schooling. She is very articulate and her interest in other cultures and countries is an excellent start to making the most of the exchange program.

Aliyah is to spend a year in Brazil in Rotary District 4510 which is in the heart of Brazil's Midwest, nestled within the State of Sao Paulo. She will be an excellent ambassador for her country and her sponsoring Rotary club. She will be immersed in the culture and language, whilst attending school, visiting local Rotary clubs and community groups with a little sightseeing thrown in.

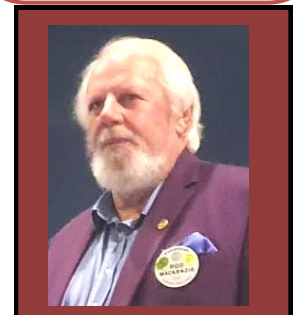
Bronwyn Mackenzie of the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga will be her counsellor throughout the program. Bronwyn and her husband Rod, current President of the club, have much experience with the program, having been past counsellors on the district committee for three years and personally hosting students from Brazil, Mexico, France, Germany, Japan and Finland. We had much pleasure in presenting Aliyah with her official blazer, just before she headed off on her exciting adventure in mid-January. Sadly, the blazers were late to arrive, so we missed the opportunity to make the presentation at a club meeting, however we found a beautiful spot at home. A last glimpse of the Pacific Ocean! Aliyah will do us proud in Brazil and will come back with a much broader understanding of other cultures, a worldwide friendship group and a new confidence and maturity. We wish her all the very best for her year in Brazil.

ILA ROGERS

We would like to express our deep sympathy to one of our Honorary members, Selwyn Rogers on the passing of his beloved wife and partner of many years, Ila. Ila was a great worker for our club along with Selwyn for many, many years. Details of Ila's funeral are not known at this time.

Board & Officers

President: Rod
Secretary: David F
Ass Secretary: Alison
Treasurer: Geoff
Vice President: Kim
President Elect: tba
Community Services: all
Youth Services: 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





Rotary Science and Engineering CHALLENGE Tuesday 8th APRIL 2025 at the Wiigulga Multipurpose Centre

The volunteer organising committee for the Coffs Coast Science and Engineering Challenge has begun meeting to plan our next event, which will be held on Tuesday, 8 April 2025.

Volunteer Briefing: Monday 7 April from 2-4 pm

Dinner: Monday, 7 April, at the Seaview Tavern from 6-8 pm (Special Guest speaker from the By-Pass Team) (details to come)

Actual event: Tuesday, 8 April 2025

Please check your availability to volunteer this year. Your involvement is highly valued, and our experienced volunteers make the day go smoothly. Some volunteers have been involved since the event's inception 11 years ago! We will partner with the Coffs Harbour By-Pass Team again this year.

Woolgoolga High School organised our Working with Children Checks via the NSW Department of Education, and they have a new system this year. **This will involve an electronic application.**

If you know someone in the community who is interested in Science or Engineering and enjoys working with young people, please ask them if they would like to volunteer. They will need a current Working with Children Check and to contact me.

What we need:

1 Your confirmation that you would like to volunteer for the 2025 event. Please email Patty Delaney (pattydelaney101@gmail.com or ring Patty 66 542185 0467072905 with your confirmation

2 Permission to give your email address to the Woolgoolga High School contact Karen Woolridge (front office)

Once we have that, we will be ready to roll out another fantastic event for our 240 Year 10 students attending the Challenge.



The Rotary Pop-up stall will be on Sat 8th March at the Marine Markets in Beach St from 8am. Volunteers will be needed to assist on the morning, even for an hour or two.



Coffs Harbour City and Coffs Harbour Daybreak Rotary Clubs have these charity fundraisers coming up in March.



President-elects Learning & Development / Club Officers Learning & Development

Date: Saturday, **May 24th 2025** (note the change of date)

Locations: WESTS Tamworth: 58 Phillip St, West Tamworth NSW

East Maitland Bowling Club: Banks St, East Maitland NSW

Time: 8:45am for 9am start - 430pm finish

LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS Upcoming Events :

1st March Walking Football Charity Day

8th March Our Rotary stall Marine markets

28th March Charity Golf Day

7th and 8th April Sc& Eng Challenge

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 com-



MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	10th February Meeting	28th February Board/Club Meeting	10th March Meeting	24 March Board/Club Meeting
Reminders	Order Meal by 6pm	4.30 Board Order Meal by 6	Order Meal by 6pm	4.30 Board Order Meal by 6
Welcome/Fellowship	Rod	David E	Kyle	Bronwyn
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Mary	Michelle	Bob	Kim
Vote of Thanks	Pam	Peter Mc	Peter L	David F
Guest Speakers or Event	na	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