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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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NEXT MEETING : Monday 25 May inc Board Meeting 6pm for 6.15pm start

Our meeting will be an update on projects for the coming year and preparations for the Changeover on 29 June. Also feedback on the Neighbourhood Centre's 30th Birthday display, last Saturday, showcasing local Community Groups. Feedback also on how the volunteers went helping out at the Outrigger Day in Coffs Harbour, on Friday 16th.

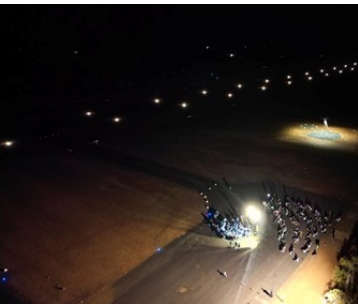
LAST MEETING : Monday 11 May

Pam and David Fayle gave a presentation about their memorable Outback Tour with the Clarence Valley Orchestra and renowned soprano Mirusia. The Narrabri concert was organised with the help of Narrabri Rotary, and raised around \$8,000, half each to Rotary and CVO.



At the end, the outstanding audience was standing as one (as at the other four venues). The

touring group was treated to a very classy and most delicious treat by the Narrabri Rotarians: gourmet pizzas from their own pizza oven, both before and after the gig! Thank you Narrabri Rotary! Worth consideration for larger clubs in our region, eg for future Outrigger National Carnivals?



At Lightning Ridge the concert was after sunset on the tarmac at Lightning Ridge Airport, and raised \$5,000 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. [Drone photo]



The tour was enriched greatly by Peter Smith, whose experience and network of contacts throughout the region

was extraordinary. Peter's notable career was shaped by the Rotary Group Studies Exchange he went on when young. Peter says the 1996 GSE was "absolutely a life-changing experience which opened doors to take a brass band to England and France."

We were treated to videos of Mirusia singing Je Veux Vivre at Narrabri and captaining paddleboat Japara near Bourke; and at Lightning Ridge a Medevac training flight landing during a number; and Danny Boy played with just faux miners' headlamps on, in memory of those who died mining.

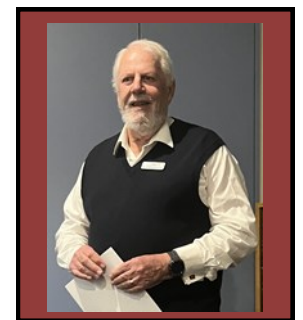


At left: War memorial in Broken Hill.



Board & Officers

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Secretary: Alison
Ass Secretary: David F
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Community Services: all
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Club admin & Public image: Pam F
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Projects: David E
Public Officer & TRF David F
Bulletin: Mary
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YEP Counsellor: Bronwyn



We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Gumbaynggirr people, the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters where we live, learn and work.



POP-UP Stall at Marine Markets

It was a beautiful, sunny day for the last Pop-Up Stall at the May Marine Markets. Thank you to Rod, Bron, Peter Mc, Michelle, Kyle and Jenny who are always volunteering to set up and run the stall each month. Although the profit from these stalls is minimal for the amount of hours spent there, it is a reminder to the Community that Rotary is still active in Woolgoolga. The profit this month came from the 100's board and the small Mothers' Day raffle. Let's hope the weather is as kind next month for the 13 June Markets.



Update on our Outbounder 'Bella' in Brazil

Izabella Van Der Merwe 12/4/26



This month had definitely been the busiest month yet. At the start of the month, I went kayaking and zip-lining, which was amazing, the scenery was so pretty. I also went to the circus, it was different from the circus's I've seen in Australia but was still cool to see.

My third host family took me with them to the beach, they are also hosting an Australian exchange student named Hayley, which was nice to go with them. It took us about six hours to drive there, it's also one of the closest beaches from my city which is kinda crazy to think about cause back home I'm a 2 minute drive from the beach. Me and Hayley also made ANZAC biscuits on ANZAC day for our host families, everyone really liked them, my host mum's mother-in-law even asked me for the recipe which was nice to share the recipe.

One of the biggest highlights was going to Foz do Iguaçu with my host family, we went on the giant Ferris wheel, and the view was amazing, you could see Argentina and Paraguay from the top which is so cool because in Australia were not close enough to actually see another country. We also watched a show where people performed the traditional dances from Paraguay, Argentina, and Brazil. We even walked from Brazil into Paraguay and got to go shopping in Paraguay, we were meant to go to Argentina after, but we didn't have enough time to go.



This month has been amazing, but I can't wait to go on my Amazon trip next month!

National Reconciliation Week, 27 May to 3 June

- ☑ Reconciliation involves action by everyone
 - ☑ Recognises the dates of the 1967 Referendum and the Mabo decision
- National Sorry Day (26 May) and Mabo Day (3 June)

We as Rotarians acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traditional Custodians of Country and recognise their continuing connection to land, sea, culture and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.



DATES FOR ROTARY Diary

Wednesday Jun 17, 2026 Coffs H Rotary Changeover

Sat June 27th - District 9660 Changeover Dinner

29th June Woolgoolga Changeover



International President **Francesco Arezzo**, is a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa in Sicily, Arezzo has been part of Rotary for more than three decades. He has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee, RI director, and chair of the 2023 International Convention Committee for Melbourne, among other leadership roles.

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	25th May Board + meeting	15 June Meeting	29th June Changeover	6 July Meeting
Reminders	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm
Welcome/Fellowship	Pam	Jenny S	Rod	Peter L
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	David F	Geoff	na	Peter Mac
Vote of Thanks	Alison	Bronwyn	na	David E
Guest Speakers or Event	tba	tba	na	tba

PROJECTS

- ◆ DV Safe Phone
- ◆ World War 1 Restoration and Relocation Project (joint with RSL sub-branch)
- ◆ Pop-up shop selling high quality clothing
- ◆ Pride in Workmanship awards
- ◆ Youth Exchange Program
- ◆ Parkinson Support Group
- ◆ Woolgoolga Seniors' Centre