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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga

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Meetings each month
2nd & 4th Mondays
6-8pm Woolgoolga C.ex

NEXT MEETING : 27 July 6pm Board Meeting and Regular Meeting

Board and committee members to provide update on their areas of focus.

LAST MEETING :

Peter Lacy had suggestions from members for guest speakers which we can look at to lock into our schedule.

On Saturday 11 July, Rod spent the day with other Presidents and Rotary members at Sawtell on a leadership training course. He gave a quick rundown and left a hard copy folder for each member to look through at some time

Our club decided put a major focus on supporting Rotary Youth Programs this 26/27 year

YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT Bella VanDer Merwe Update This month had celebrations across Brazil called Festa de junina. It is celebrated to honour Catholic Saints and mark the beginning of the winter harvest season. Celebrations include getting together with family and friends, various traditional dances. Traditional clothing worn at these festivities often features chequered patterns. I've gone to 4 festa de junina already and still have more to go, which shows how big of a tradition this is in Brazil. This celebration may not be as well known as carnival but is a much loved and favoured celebration among Brazilians. Another big event that's been happening in Brazil this month is the World Cup, though the games aren't being hosted here in Brazil, everyone takes it very serious. You even get time off of work so you can watch the World Cup. Families and friends all get together to have barbecues while watching the game and cheering on the Brazilian team.

We are finally on holidays, which has been amazing! Me and Hayley (another exchange student from Australia) have just been swapping houses and hanging out all the time. We have been doing a lot of baking for our host families ANZAC biscuits and chocolate chip cookies are a hit, next on the list to make a Vegemite and cheese scrolls. we're trying to do all sorts of different stuffs we wouldn't have done in Australia to make our exchange a bit more special!

During the Amazon trip, I became really close to poppy an Australian exchange student I was sharing a room with for majority of the trip. We asked our host families and Rotary if I could visit and stay in her city as I wanted to see another part of Brazil as she lives in a more rural less populated city. It was a 5 hour bus ride to get there and had to leave very early one morning. During my time in her city we did some exploring and also went to cotton on which was about a two-hour and thirty-minute drive from her house. Poppi's host parents kindly offered to drive us to the shopping mall. It was nice being in an Australian owned shop again. There were a lot of great shops there, but sadly we didn't have enough time to go through them all so Poppi and I are going to try go there again some time.

All the European exchanges are leaving now, so it's been a bit busy having all the goodbyes for them. The last European staying in my city Bauru, left yesterday, I was quite close to her so it was sad to say goodbye. But I'm so excited to meet the new Europeans that are coming, I've already spoken to 2 new girls coming and can't wait to really get to know them!!

Board & Officers

President: Rod McKenzie
Vice President: David Fayle
Secretary: Alison Ratliffe
Ass Secretary: David Fayle
Treasurer: Geoff Royal
President Elect: tba
Service Projects: David Edwards and Andrew Pryor
Youth Services: Michelle and Peter McIntosh
Club admin & Public image: Pam Fayle
Membership: Christopher
Public Officer & R.F.G: David F
Bulletin: Mary Bryant
Pride in Work : PeterMc, Andrew, Bronwyn & Kyle
YEP Counsellor: Bronwyn
Memorial Pr: Christopher
Child Protection: Alison



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





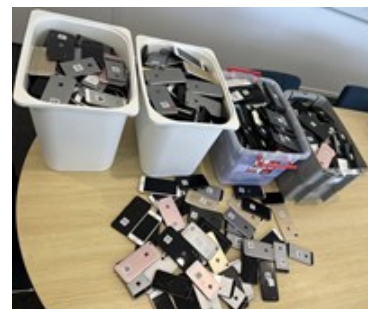
♦ DV Safe Phone Project

Behind every Safe Phone is a person seeking safety, connection and hope. Recent reporting shows that at least 27 women have been killed in Australia so far this year, a sobering reminder that domestic and family violence continues to affect communities across the country.

This month also serves as an important reminder that every donated phone matters. A quick factory reset and removing account locks before donating can make all the difference in helping us turn an old device into a life-changing lifeline. Even phones we can't refurbish are responsibly recycled through Mobile Muster, ensuring nothing goes to waste .

Before donating your phone, please remember to:

- ✓ Back up anything you want to keep
- ✓ Sign out of your Apple ID or Google account
- ✓ Remove any screen locks or activation locks
- ✓ Perform a factory reset to erase your personal data



Rotary District 9660

YOU HAVE A VOICE

Rotary Public Speaking Competition

Contact your Rotary Club

NOW!!

APPLY HERE

Own topic

Use the Rotary 4 Way Test

Cash Prizes

5 minute prepared speech

2 minute Impromptu

MYSTERY

AMAZING

SOUTH CAMP 2026

RYPEN

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

A long weekend of team building, connection, and leadership.

Rotary District 9660

3rd - 5th Oct 2026

TGABC Tea Gardens

- ✓ Step outside your *comfort zone*
- ✓ Build confidence & *teambuilding* skills
- ✓ *Strengthen* connections and friendships
- ✓ Learn new skills with *hands-on* activities
- ✓ Discover your *leadership potential*
- ✓ Build confidence, resilience & *problem-solving* skills

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

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Rotary Club of Sawtell

FRI SEP 4TH 2026

TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

6.30PM ARRIVAL FOR 7.30PM SHARP START

TO BENEFIT: ROTARY'S YOUTH & LITERACY PROGRAMS

SAWTELL R.S.L PRINCESS ROOM

\$20 PER PERSON ENTRY

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

8-12 PLAYERS PER TABLE

BISTRO OPENS AT 5.00PM

PAYMENTS: ROTARY ACC: BSB 533-000 ACC:32813836

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RI President Olayinka



As members of Rotary, we are all united across cultures, languages, and communities. Together, we share a responsibility not only to bring about change but also to ensure that the effects endure. That is why this year, we are called to Create Lasting Impact.

When we work alongside communities, invest in people's skills and leadership abilities, and measure our progress, we ensure that positive changes can continue in our communities and in ourselves long after a single project ends. When we focus our efforts and work together, we can maximize our impact.

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	27 July Board+Meeting	10 August Meeting	24 August Board+Meeting	14 September Meeting
Reminders	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm
Welcome/Fellowship	Peter L	Jenny S	David E	Peter Mc
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	na	Jenny W	na	Alison
Vote of Thanks	na	Michelle	na	David F
Guest Speakers or Event	na	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