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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 : 24 August Dinner and Board Meeting

Discussions on end of year grants to local schools. Also discuss accommodation needed for 3 days for the 10 visiting New Zealand Rotarians. A return exchange after Ron and Bron visited several clubs in NZ. Also updates on our present projects.

LAST MEETING : 10 August Regular Dinner Meeting with Guest Speaker

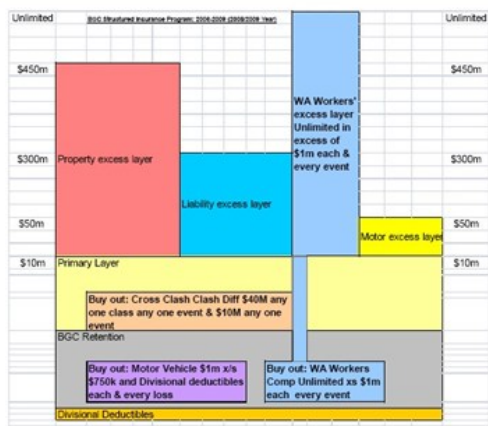
Ian Heppell our guest speaker is an Actuary with much experience in the corporate Insurance area. He focused his talk on the pricing work he did related to Rio Tinto and the Western Australian building company BGC.

Being quite ignorant in the work of an actuary I looked up what their work involved and was informed that: *" Actuarial work involves using mathematics, statistics, and financial theory to measure and manage risk. Actuaries analyze past data to predict future financial events, help companies set insurance prices, design pension plans, and manage long-term investments."*

Ian showed us an outline of the work he was involved in in the Pilbara.

He had to work on the amounts of money needed by Insurance companies to protect against future disasters, esp Cyclones, that may cause havoc in the mining area over the next years, so that the underwriters were able to prepare for these probabilities.

This chart shows how Ian set the premium on the Primary layer where he had to show the probabilities of payout up to the \$10 million mark for individual claims, with a one million dollar excess. Various other insurance companies had to cover any amounts above that \$10 million mark, for those claims.



Listening to Ian made me realise why it would take many years of study and experience to confidently make the predictions for insurance companies.

Later I wondered if the mathematical and analytical minds required means that as AI becomes more entrenched in companies, will there always be a need for the human input. I decided to ask AI. Answer: *Leading global financial authorities and employment data show that the demand for actuaries is actually projected to grow significantly—roughly 22% over the next decade, which is much faster than the average for most occupations.* This is good news



Peter Lacy, Ian Heppel and Rod McK

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.





Pride of Workmanship – Nomination forms will be available at Rotary meeting 24 August. Nominations will open on 1st September and close on 30th September. Members are asked to approach businesses to encourage them to make nominations. An article will be in the August and September Woopi News edition and Rotary FB posts/local happenings page. Pam has informed the

Chamber of Commerce. Nominees will be verified with the employer if not an internal nomination. The Awards night will be on **Monday 19th October** at the Senior Citizens Centre.



POP-UP Stall at markets due for **11th September** Markets



MHERV – Men's Health Education Rural Van Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser 2nd and 3rd Oct. Roster for volunteers to be sent out in Sept.

Showcase in Sawtell. Sunday, 11 October 2026



Rotary Dorrigo is hosting **Lift The Lid Walk** for mental health on Sunday 18th October 2026

A WALK not a race - grab your friends, family, sporting groups, work mates and dogs and enjoy a day out for a great cause. 6km (12,000 steps) and will take a leisurely 1.5 - 2 hours to complete (walk as much or as little as you choose) \$30 entry (early bird) by 30 Sept inc free T-shirt

Rotary Club of Sawtell

Friday 4th September Sawtell

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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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! **CREATE LASTING IMPACT**

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	24 August Board+Meeting	14 September Meeting	28 September Board+Meeting	12 October Meeting
Reminders	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm
Welcome/Fellowship	David E	Peter Mc	David F	Rod
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	na	Alison	na	Peter L
Vote of Thanks	na	David F	na	Pam 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