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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga

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

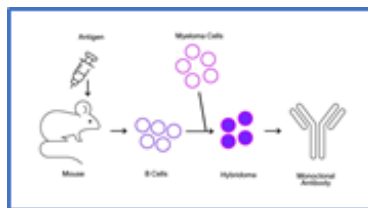
LAST MEETING : 24 August Dinner and Board Meeting

We had discussions on end of year grants to local schools. Also discussed accommodation needed for 3 days for the 10 visiting New Zealand Rotarians. More information to come later. This is a return exchange after Ron and Bron visited several clubs in NZ. We also had updates on our present projects inc the War Memorial project, the MHERV Van, the Pride in Workmanship Awards, and the DV Safe phones. We also agreed to sponsoring two students from Woolgoolga High to attend the National Science and Engineering Forum (NYSF) in January 2027

NEXT MEETING : 14 September .. Dinner meeting with Guest Speaker

Our speaker will be our member, David Fayle, David's talk will give you a tiny glimpse into the submicroscopic world, underpinning life, in which he used to work as a researcher over 40 years ago.

Your doctor might prescribe a monoclonal antibody for you – but what are they and why are they important? David asked his mate Claude to cobble together a presentation with this question: **I want to prepare a visual presentation using words, dot points, images and relatively short videos. The topic is an overview of the fundamentals underpinning monoclonal antibodies plus a brief overview of how a monoclonal antibody is produced, and following that, a summary listing monoclonal antibodies used therapeutically in humans in at least one of Australia, EU, or USA. The audience is our Rotary Club. Please help by preparing a draft presentation.**



The initial result, with very few tweaks, is what David will use. He thinks you will be suitably gobsmacked by Claude's yakka, especially since it cost \$zero!

Rotary's September theme Literacy Month has begun in a truly memorable way, with the passing of Dolly Parton, who started the Imagination Library to increase children's love of reading. Rotary embraced this program and with their support, children by the age of five have already developed a love of reading and books. In 1995, Dolly founded Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in honour of her father, mailing a free, age-appropriate book each month to every enrolled child from birth until they turn five, addressed personally to the child by name. She later spoke about the program's mission at a Rotary International Convention in Montreal, where she announced the initiative to Rotarians and a partnership between Rotary clubs and the Imagination Library began. Together we carried the program to communities around the world. By the time of her death, the Imagination Library had distributed more than 300 million books to children worldwide. The program is now well established in Australia, and its outcomes here have been striking. Tamworth became the country's first city to offer universal enrolment in 2019, reaching roughly 98 per cent uptake among eligible families.

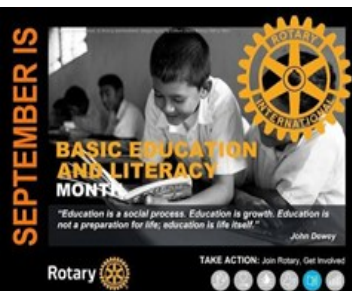


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Pride in Work : PeterMc, Andrew, Bronwyn & Kyle
YEP Counsellor: Bronwyn
Memorial Pr: Christopher
Child Protection: Alison



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 were 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



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	14 September Meeting	28 September Board+Meeting	12 October Meeting	26 October Board+Meeting
Reminders	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm
Welcome/Fellowship	Peter Mc	Jenny W	David E	Peter L
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Alison	na	Rod	na
Vote of Thanks	Jenny S	na	Pam F	na
Guest Speakers or Event	David Fayle	na	Joe Miller tbc	na

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