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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 : 28 September Dinner and Board Meeting

Sandy Beach Primary, Election Day BBQ, 13 March, 2027 for State Election, 8 am until sold out. Rotary to buy the food and donate money to the school. We can list project in the Grant Application.

A visiting team of about 10 Rotarians, mainly couples, from New Zealand will be here for 3 nights at our Club. Need to accommodate them (in a house/unit that has a separate bathroom and bedroom) and look after them, entertain them and show them the sites. If our Club can't host them all Rod will contact a Coffs Club to help. Volunteers needed.

NEXT MEETING : 19 October Pride of Workmanship Awards at Woolgoolga Seniors Centre 9 Boundary St commencing at 5.30pm (in lieu of General Meeting)

Light refreshments will be served. Please wear your Rotary shirts and your nametag.

Bunnings Joint Barbecue 2nd and 3rd October (For MHERV)

Members of our Club assisted other local Rotary clubs on both the Friday and Saturday. The results were very pleasing. Our club was able to cover the cost of accommodation for the MHERV van team when they visit Woopi on 27th October. Michelle is arranging a roster for the day. Below is an outline of amounts from the Bunnings 2 days. Thank you to those members who volunteered to help out on either or both days.

Costs	\$4562.24
Less Coles gift cards	\$100
Total costs	\$1167
Net proceeds	\$3394.87
Less accommodation	\$480
Sent to MHERV	\$2915.36



Rotary District 9660 held its Sawtell Showcase at Sawtell RSL Club

on Sunday 11 October, bringing Rotarians together for club project presentations, training workshops and an update on how the district will change from



Sawtell Showcase, Sawtell RSL Club, Sunday 11 October 2026. Photos: Rotary District 9660

2028. PDG Neville Parsons was master of ceremonies, and DGE Peter Comino set out the priorities of RI President Yinka Babalola: service that delivers sustainable, measurable, long-term results. District Governor Nominee Simone Wong of the Rotary Club of Mt Warning AM in District 9640, who will be the first District Governor of the new district in 2028-29, was introduced. PDG Neville Parsons explained rezoning, redistricting and the Regionalisation Pilot. The district now sits in Zone 9, and new, larger districts begin on 1 July 2028, with Rotary Community Groups taking a greater role in supporting clubs.

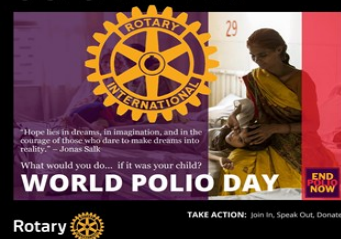
Board & Officers

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 & RFG: 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.

OCTOBER 24TH



POP-UP Stall at 10th October Markets



Even though the weather looked rather threatening the market day went very well. Peter, Michelle and Kyle set up the stall and worked tirelessly with Jenny Storum until pack-up time at 1pm. Misty rain didn't dampen the attendees as it was the last weekend of school holidays. The 100's board sold all numbers eventually so the winners were able to be notified. Later in the morning Mary and Andrew came to help out. The Christmas raffle went really well as we had to start a third book before the end of the morning.



There will be other opportunities to sell more tickets before the draw around mid December. While at the markets I met a Rotarian from Newcastle/Lake Macquarie who had come up for the Sawtell showcase on Sunday. Her club was involved with raising money for [Shelterbox Australia](#). ShelterBox began in 2000 as a Cornish Rotary Club's millennium project. With the support of Rotary members and clubs around the world, ShelterBox grew to become an internationally recognised, independent disaster relief organisation. Since 2012, ShelterBox and Rotary have been official Project Partners in disaster relief. **Nepal Flooding Update**

A ShelterBox team is in Kathmandu distributing support to approximately 1,000 families (5,000 people) with assistance from Islamic Relief. Helicopters remain the only way to transport our aid items to remote villages, and many affected villages are still to be assessed. Our aid items include: tarpaulins, sleeping mats, ropes, solar lights, thermal blankets, and tents.

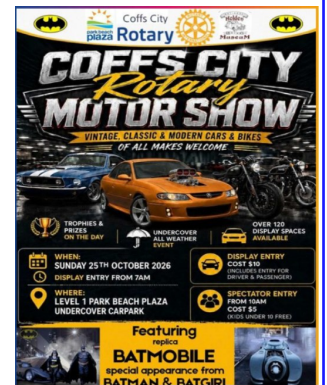


Disaster relief Centre ,Nepal

24 October marks World Polio Day, a time to celebrate one of humanity's greatest public health achievements while recommitting ourselves to a task not yet complete: the global eradication of polio. When Rotary first launched its PolioPlus program in 1985, and joined global eradication efforts a few years later, polio was endemic in more than 125 countries, affecting an estimated 350,000 children annually. Today, thanks to sustained international cooperation and the commitment of millions of volunteers, the disease is endemic in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan.



MHERV – Men's Health Education Rural Van will be in Woolgoolga on Tuesday 27 October parked down by the Beachside park. Provides free, quick, and confidential health checks (blood pressure, blood sugar/diabetes, and cholesterol) to men who might otherwise avoid visiting a doctor, though everyone is welcome.



MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	19 October Seniors Centre	26 October Board+Meeting	9th November Meeting	23 November- Board+Meeting
Reminders	Pride of Work- manship Awards	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm
Welcome/Fellowship	Bronwyn	Peter L	Pam	Kyle
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Peter McIntosh	Michelle	Peter L	na
Vote of Thanks	Rod	David F	David E	na
Guest Speakers or Event	All Award Recipients	MHERV van nurse	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