CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Woopi Whisper

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga

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

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LAST MEETING : 26th October Dinner meeting and Board Meeting



RN Kath Wyborn was the guest speaker at our last meeting, with her husband Craig.
Kath gave a brief history of the MHERV Van. Launched in 2008 across just four towns, this vital mobile health service has grown to support 90 communities throughout New South Wales.
The van was set up by the Warners Bay Rotary Club, (based out of Newcastle}. It spent February to June on the road, then after a few months' break, it started up again after providing essential health evaluations. To date, the team has assessed more than 30,000 people, including 4,500 individuals since the start of this year's tour alone. Their annual journey began on the South Coast before heading north through inland towns like Gundagai and Young all the way to the Queensland border. From there, the van travelled back down the coast to cover regional areas, including Coffs Harbour. While local Rotary clubs heavily support the tour, the service relied on the assistance of Lions Clubs, Men's Sheds, and other community organisations to host their stay and spread the word to residents, in communities where there were no Rotary Clubs.
Kath also gave a few real life stories of where the Van checks had helped individuals who had been at risk of serious health issues until the check-up results caused them to follow up with Health professionals who then put in place vital life-saving interventions.
The van was situated in the Woolgoolga Surf club car park on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th October. This new position seems to have worked very well with the Number of visits this year rising to nearly 100 people checked, ie more than twice the number than in previous years.

Michelle McIntosh, who spent time organising the van visit and organising the rosters received a lovely Thank you letter from the MHERV van Operations Manager, Warners Bay Rotary. They "*appreciate the time and effort that was put in by you and your Club members to do the planning needed for the visit, including choosing a new site that worked well with larger numbers being tested, setting up a roster of helpers to greet people at the reception, organising the accommodation for R.N. Kath and Craig, as well as distributing the Publicity provided. Thank you also for helping spread the message in your community that:-*



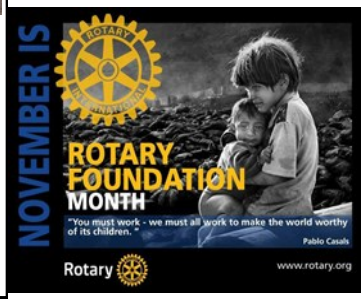
"Just a 5 to 10 minute investment of time can save your own, or the life of someone you love".

NEXT MEETING : Dr Joe Wilson will be our Guest speaker. His topic is Raising Spanish fighting bulls. It will be illustrated with a power point presentation. After Joe, Peter lacy will give a short presentation about RAWCS, which will also be illustrated.

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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 Awards at Woolgoolga Seniors Centre



APOLOGIES

Last Newsletter I posted all the winners of the Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards. Unfortunately I left off Bronwyn Mackenzie, who received a Commendation Certificate for all the work she has done for the Woolgoolga Senior Centre. Congratulations Bron.



❑ Kyle McIntosh competes for NSW at the National Cross Country Championships in Ballarat.

A Proud Achievment

Our youngest member **Kyle McIntosh,** an elite para-runner, has been selected to represent Australia for the eighth time at the upcoming **Virtus Asia Oceania Games in Bangkok,** Thailand. Kyle will compete in the 1500m and 5000m events.
This is after he has achieved strong results at state and national cross-country championships. Kyle is backed by Sports Inclusion Australia (SIA), his family, and his coach Andrew Rowlings.



2026 Remembrance Day Service in Woolgoolga, which is being relocated this year due to construction

- **Event Change:** The service will be held at **Woolgoolga Beach Reserve** instead of the usual Diggers Club forecourt due to ongoing building works at the club.



- **Date & Time:** Wednesday, **11 November 2026**. Attendees should gather by **10:30am**, and the service will conclude by **11:15am**.

Service Details: It will be a simple outdoor commemoration featuring a trumpeter, a hymn, the National Anthem, and a printed Order of Service. There will be no formal wreath/poppy laying, choirs, or organized seating/ shelter. We can discuss this event on Monday night at meeting for those who would like to attend representing our club.

Roster for the Christmas Raffle .

Thank you to all those who have already given up their time to assist in either setting and packing up or selling tickets.
I know it is getting to be a busy time of the year and many of you have plans however even if you could spare an hour to sell tickets or come in the afternoon to assist with packing up or setting up in the morning that would be very much appreciated. It is also a great showcase to show the community the great work Rotary does.
If you can't make any time in November, the Raffle will be held in December with a stall at the Senior centre and at the Marine markets, if you could consider those dates when they come out that would be fantastic.



MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend				
Date	**9 November Meeting**	**23 November- Board+Meeting**	**14 December AGM + Christmas Party**	**8 February Meeting**
Reminders	Order Meal by 6pm	Order Meal by 6pm	Woopi Comm-unity Gardens	Order Meal by 6pm
Welcome/Fellowship	Pam	Kyle	Rod	Peter MC
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Peter L	na	na	Pam
Vote of Thanks	David E	na	na	Alison
Guest Speakers or Event	Joe Miller Spanish Bulls	na	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**