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Club President
Norm Michener
District Governor
Ian Jackson
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President
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Meetings each month
1st Sat: auction shed
8:30-3:30
2nd & 4th Mondays
6-8pm Woolgoolga C.ex
3rd Monday
Board meetings VIC
if 5th Monday,
contact Secretary

TONIGHT (27 FEB) MICHELLE VAN SANTEN: MARINE DEBRIS

Tonight, **Michelle (Shelli) Van Santen** will give us important insights into the massive problem of **marine debris**. Master of Marine Science and Management student at SCU's National Marine Science Centre, she is also a volunteer with Sea Communities at Les Village (north Bali), and is co-organizer of Coffs Harbour Marine Debris Challenge, which aims to spread awareness of the effects of marine pollution on the health of our oceans and the creatures that call them home. She will talk about the situation particularly in Woolgoolga and in Bali.



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by 9am Monday



Fermented Greenland shark—not YEP Mitch's favourite Danish dish!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RYDA, THURSDAY 9 MARCH

Members, partners and friends are asked to **indicate their availability to help on RYDA** (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) day, Thursday 9 March. Please **email David Fayle**, indicating (a) whether or not you are available, and (b) if available, for the whole day (c8:40 till 2pm) or which part of it. David will also circulate a form for this at the meeting. We now have a Facilitator for Risks and Distractions (Phil Hannaford), and the driver for Stopping Distances (Greg Johanson), both of whom were with us at the previous RYDA.

REPORT ON AUCTION SHED OPEN DAY THURS 16 FEB & OTHER WORK

The trial open-day at the shed – effectively a temporary “op-shop” – generated modest interest from ~30 visitors and \$211 of sales. Thank you to all the members who staffed the op-shop day, or assisted with preparatory work. Thank you also to Norm and Dick for further major work at the shed, including major refurbishment of the north verandah area and cleaning the fascia (*photo*), ready for the next Monthly **Monster Auction!** At least four members and a partner also assisted with a massive working bee at Woolgoolga Art Gallery at the weekend.



UPDATE ON FUNDRAISING TO BUY AUCTION PICKUP VEHICLE

The “crowd-funding” initiative has so far raised about \$2,740 (directly and indirectly) to help buy a vehicle suitable to do auction pickups with. Thank you to **Bill Roffey** for his generous donation of half-share in a golf buggy, adding \$1500 (*photo from Advocate*). **Woolgoolga Art Gallery** contributed \$200 as a thank you for our club's ongoing support. Several large anonymous donations have also helped. To add your donation visit <https://www.givenow.com.au/rcwpickup> – **Woolgoolga Rotary's online donations page at GiveNow**, a commission-free online donation service. You will be taken to the Help Us Pick Up! Rotary Auctions Woolgoolga page, where you can donate using your credit card. (You can also get there from our website).



STATS AT A GLANCE
Visiting Rotarians:
YEP: Mitchell Huthnance, Clarence Harré, Anne Schörghuber
Guests: Elliotte Hyder, Jesse Wills, Mandy Trees, Karen Reid, John Mitchell, Alan Bell, partners Helen, Sally
Attendance: 14 (64%)
Apologies: John, Harjinder, Trish, Gareth, Geoff, David E, Leslie, Rod
Raffle: John Mitchell
Birthdays: Mary Bryant 20 Feb, Ian Fitzgerald 22 Feb, Rotary 23 Feb (1905), Lesley Fitzgerald 26 Feb, Graeme Wright 29 Feb (!), Harjinder Singh 2 Mar
Anniversaries: Ian & Lesley Fitzgerald 27 Feb

SOAP AID – CLEAN HANDS SAVE LIVES

Soap Aid aims to save and improve the lives of children in disadvantaged communities through the facilitation of improved hygiene practices around the use of soap and to contribute to a reduction in environmental degradation through soap recycling. **Kim Thompson** identified this Rotary-linked program as a very worthwhile project, particularly for disadvantaged indigenous communities afflicted with trachoma, and club members think is a good project to be involved in without needing a major commitment of resources. We are investigating further.

REPORT (13 FEB) HONEYWELL ENGINEERING SUMMER SCHOOL (HESS) STUDENTS

The 2 latest students supported by our club to attend the Honeywell Engineering Summer School (HESS) – **Elliott Hyder** and **Jesse Wills** – gave us a nice overview of their interesting week with 98 other aspiring engineers from throughout NSW (40% females). Jesse's chosen area of main interest was chemical engineering, and the Uni of NSW, the first place visited, turned out to be his favourite for that field, but during the week he was impressed by many chemical engineers enthusiastically devoted to their field. Elliott's chosen area was aeronautical and environmental physics, and her favourite venue was Uni of Technology Sydney (UTS), where they programmed a driving robot. Pasta-based tower-building featured at UTS and Sydney Uni. At the latter they also tried simulated aircraft piloting, and flying drones. Resmed's sleep apnoea device production line was a major contrast to the huge, hot Bluescope Steel plant. Also visited: Wollongong and Macquarie Unis, the nuclear reactor at Lucas Heights (which makes essential medical isotopes), and Richmond RAAF base. The careers night, with 20 engineers, provided a valuable insight into possible career paths and how to pursue them.

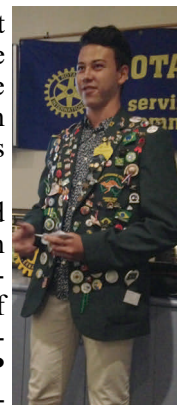


REPORT (13 FEB) YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (YEP) REBOUNDERS



Clarence Harré, arrived resplendent in real lederhosen (traditional rural dress) and said it was a fantastic year—the opportunity of a lifetime—with much hard work to learn the language successfully and the opportunity to see quite a lot of Europe. The history, the challenges, the friendships formed & the different lifestyle living in a major European city compared to little beachside Mullaway were highlights. Clarence also firmed up his ideas for a future career & had rolled up his sleeves for a final year of school.

Mitchell Huthnance, cutting a dashing figure in his badge-festooned YEP jacket and even taller than when he headed for Denmark, gave a great overview of the year. Mitch found little trouble in fitting in from the first, or in making friends. He emphasised particularly benefiting from improved social skills, public speaking, and building a network of friends for the future. A few days after our meeting, Mitch was at **Woolgoolga High** displaying those impressive public speaking skills in helping Patty to **promote the YEP program** to students. Both our outbounders are very grateful to Rotary for the opportunity and the club's support, and our club is justly proud of these two wonderful ambassadors for their country.



CLUB NOTICES	4 Mar	Auction (Woolgoolga Rugby League Club)
	9 Mar 2017	RYDA (brought forward from August)
	1 Apr	Auction (Mullaway P&C)
	3 Apr	S&E Challenge Dinner, Seaview Tavern 5:30-8:30
	4 Apr	Science and Engineering Challenge
	13 May	(Sat) Swap Party (Karen Sedgwick's)

DISTRICT NOTICES	4-5 Mar	PETS President-elect Training Seminar Armidale
	16-19 Mar	RYMARINE (Coffs H Daybreak)
	24-26 Mar	District Conference, Laurieton
	1-8 Apr	RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend						
Date	27 Feb Partners	6 Mar No meeting	13 Mar Partners	20 Mar Board	27 Mar Partners	3 Apr No meet
Attendance	Geoff Royal	Auction 4 Mar in lieu	Lyndee Hagar	VISITORS INFO	David Edwards	AUCTION 1 APR
Welcome/ Fellowship	Peter Lacy		Leslie Casey	CENTRE 4:15	Kim Thompson	IN LIEU
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Echah Wright		Pam Fayle		Patty Delaney	
Vote of Thanks	Dick Matthews		Rod Mackenzie		Echah Wright	
Guest Speakers or Event	Michelle van Santen: Marine Debris: Bali & Woolgoolga		Cherie Topfer Preparing secondary students for workplace		Louise Hardman & Lisa Hunt Plastic recycling	

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

Want to be on the BOARD? - (see Patty)

Can you help with AUCTION PICK-UPS or auctioneering? (See Dick)

WISH TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER? (Contact Pam)

KNOW A FAMILY INTERESTED IN HOSTING A YEP STUDENT? (See Patty)