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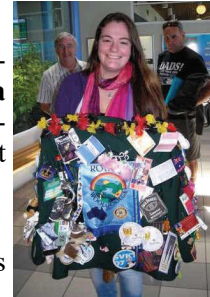
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Meetings each month
1st Sat: auction shed
8:30-3:30
2nd & 4th Mondays
6-8pm Woolgoolga C.ex
3rd Monday
Board meetings VIC
if 5th Monday,
contact Secretary

TONIGHT (5 JUNE) JESSICA PORTSMOUTH

Please note that this meeting is on the first Monday! Tonight, we're looking forward to catching up with one of our former Rotary exchange students, **Jessica Portsmouth**. Back in 2009 (!) Jess spent her YEP year in Germany at Bad Oeynhausen-Minden in north-west Germany (*the photo shows her on return in 2010*). It wasn't a *bad* area by the way – "bad" means "bath", and it is an ancient thermal spa.



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Love Op-shopping?
Your once-a-month chance to
check out our offerings is
June 3
Rotary Auction
Bargain Table from 8:30 am.
10 am Shed opens for sales
10 am Inspection of Auction items
1 pm Auction of large items
Cash only.
Rotary shed behind the CWA
Rotary

AUCTION SATURDAY 3 JUNE

A reminder that the auction is on Saturday 3rd Jun. Helpers this month are the **Woolgoolga Community Garden** people.

The shed is overflowing with donated goods, and anyone interested in high-quality power equipment for house & garden should especially take a close look at what's on offer, including excellent diesel generator (Gen Power), 5-6 kV; Masport chipper shredder, tall 5 HP; off cut saw/grinding wheel (Ozito); petrol driver (Tanaks) trimmer with extensions, router and table with set of router bits new; electric chainsaw; water pump (Onga) with 6.5HP Honda motor and hoses; crowbars, wheelbarrow and other tools, hedge trimmer. There's also plenty of nice quality furniture and a wide variety of other goods.

For copies of Yeates' *Woolgoolga: History of a Village*, contact David Fayle
df@bioaccent.com.au
or 0401 022 951
(only \$30/copy).

IT'S FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR THE WATER FOR INDIAN SCHOOLS!

With the just-announced grant approval, **80 Indian schools** will have **water** filtration and cooling units together with associated drinking fountains – all within the next month or so! Just in time to celebrate 100 years of the Rotary Foundation "Doing Good in the World".

Our club's recent donation of \$750 will fund water filtration and cooling units for 3 of those schools!

Project leader PDG Ken Hall reports:

"I am thrilled to be able to report that our Rotary Global Grant GG1745456 application for the provision of potable, cooled water in schools in District 3090, Punjabi State, India has been approved ...

Whilst participating in Global Grant GG1527177 [to install girls' toilets in schools] it became apparent that in most schools visited clean, cooled potable water was not available to the students. ..The provision of 80 water filtration and cooling units together with associated drinking fountains in schools in the region will provide increased educational opportunity for all students who would otherwise leave school at an early age without realizing their full potential through illness and water borne disease.

The funding for this project is made up as follows:

- Cash from District 9650 - \$20,475US which equates to \$28,665AUD
- District Dedicated Fund (DDF) from District 9650 - \$15,000US
- DDF from District 3090 - \$15,000US
- Matched from World fund - \$39,471US

for a total grant of \$89,946US or \$125,925AUD. [see next issue for info on DDFs]

To say I am excited about this news is an understatement and I trust everyone in the District will be as pleased that we have shown in such a tangible way that we in District 9650 are also able to ensure at all times that we are **DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD.**"

On the Indian end, the work is being organized by Rotarians in District 3090 – the same district ancestral to our local Indian population, including two of our club members.

FILM AFTERNOON Viceroy's House moved, entertained & educated a small group of 6.



STATS AT A GLANCE
Visiting Rotarians: /YEP:
Guests: (reported in last issue)
Attendance:
Apologies:
Raffle:
Birthdays: Helen Michener
2 Jun, Lyndee Hagar 12 Jun,
Gareth Owen 29 Jun
Anniversaries: Sel & Ila
Rogers 7 Jun; Leslie and
Allan Casey 28 Jun

SOAP AID – LOCATION AND FORKLIFT FOUND!

Kim Thompson's efforts to get the Soap Aid program up and running have had a major boost. A very excited Kim reports that Kamaldeep Singh Clair, CEO of Oz Group Woolgoolga has confirmed that his company will provide us undercover storage space and access to a forklift for the Soap Aid project, initially in Woolgoolga and later perhaps in Coffs Harbour. We are most appreciative of his enthusiasm and support for the project. Great work Kim, and thanks to Mary who trudged around Woopi industrial area with her looking for possible locations, and to president Norm who helped in negotiations with Oz Group.

Soap Aid themselves will organise a press release in the local papers & add our location to their website. Soap Aid has set up a partnership with Rotary for a pilot collection program, and we are now a part of this. 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 & to contribute to a reduction in environmental degradation through soap recycling. Soap Aid has since 2011:

- Collected waste soap from 300+ leading hotel groups across Australia and New Zealand
- Recycled 470,000+ (100gm) bars of soap and redirected 47 tonnes of waste soap from entering landfill
- Distributed lifesaving soap to 100,000+ children and adults in communities in Australia and overseas

The work of Soap Aid will also help in the fight against trachoma in indigenous populations. Read about our donation to End Trachoma Now in Whisper Issue 20.

REPORT (27 MAY) SWAP PARTY – OVER \$900 RAISED!

A wonderful Swap Party was enjoyed by many people on 27 May. What a great array of goods, and what fun it was to sort through the things to find that special treasure. The afternoon tea was enjoyable too, with many delicious cakes and slices to choose. Congratulations to organizer/host Karen Sedgwick, & those who helped on the day or by making items for tea.

The outstanding \$945 raised will be shared equally between the Social Development Centre, an orphanage in Kathmandu, Nepal that we have supported for some years (see last Whisper for update report), and toward the fight against the scourge of malaria, through Rotarians Against Malaria.



REPORT – YEP SELECTION INTERVIEWS WALCHA

Patty Delaney and Donna Huthnance (YEP parent, recent host & herself a past YEPPER) travelled to Walcha for the outbound YEP student selection process 26-28 May. The new Rotary vehicle went well apart from a flat battery [note – headlights do not switch off automatically!] 12 were interviewed, but none applied from Woopi. Patty was very impressed with the selection process; she was on a panel with 2 others including the incoming District Governor Bob Ryan. Students had to undergo 2 panel interviews with their parents present and then by themselves (15 questions) as well as completing a General Knowledge test and presenting their school records. Ten students (aged from 14 to 16 including one girl of indigenous background) were successful, with their 1st or 2nd choice of country. Patty says that the applicants will not have any problems with job interviews in the future after this gruelling process. Our future leaders will ensure our country is in good hands! The District YEP Committee & Walcha Rotary looked after the visitors well. Donna, a recent rebounder and a German inbounder shared their experiences with the applicants and families.

CLUB NOTICES	3 Jun	Auction (Woolgoolga Community Garden)	DISTRICT NOTICES	2-4 Jun	MUNA (Model United Nations, Kempsey)
	26 Jun	(Mon) Changeover, C.ex Club, 6 for 6.30pm		10-14 Jun	Rotary International Conference Atlanta
	1 Jul	Auction (Sherwood Ck Rural Fire Service)		1 Jul	District Changeover Laurieton
	5 Aug	Auction (Woolgoolga High School tbc)		15-16 Jul	(tbc) YEP outbounders briefing
			31 Jul	International President's Dinner (Port Macq.)	

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend						
Date	5 Jun Meeting NOTE	12 Jun No meeting	19 Jun Board	26 Jun Change over	3 Jul Meeting NOTE	24 Jul Meeting
Attendance	John Mitchell	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	VISITORS	C.ex	Dennis Houghton	Note 10 July no meeting
Welcome/Fellowship	Leslie Casey		INFORMATION	6 for 6:30	Karina Bettison	(auction in lieu) and 17 July
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Patty Delaney		CENTRE		Pam Fayle	Board
Vote of Thanks	Kim Thompson		4:15		Mary Bryant	Patty Delaney
Guest Speakers or Event	Jessica Portsmouth Former YEP outbounder				Cherie Topfer Youth Career Pathways	Belinda Flynn Increasing cardiac survival

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)