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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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Club President  
Pamela Fayle  
District Governor  
Bob Ryan  
Rotary International  
President  
Ian Riseley

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 (14 AUGUST)

Our guest speaker this month is Tracey Tierney from STARTT. STARTT is an acronym for Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors. START is a specialist, non-profit organisation that provide psychological treatment and support to help people heal from the scars of torture and refugee trauma to help rebuild their lives in Australia. STARTT assists service providers, educational institutions and volunteer groups to work more effectively with refugees.

**YEP WELCOME MATILDE** - A lovely day at Woolgoolga Beach for luncheon BBQ to welcome Matilde our YEP student from Denmark. She is seen here with her host family, her Aussie "sister" fellow Woolgoolga High School student Layne Ortel; Layne's mother Caroline and father Peter. Joining them is Clarence Hoare our Rotary exchange student who went to Venice last



year. Clarence was able to enlighten our host family with wonderful stories and the challenges of being an exchange student. Matilde is looking forward to a great year ahead and has settled in well. Many thanks to our host family. Rotary members were also joined by friends of Woolgoolga Rotary, Heather Messer and Greg Williams who have recently returned from a south seas adventure. A lovely lunch was enjoyed by all.



**FUNDS FOR THE ROTARY VEHICLE** - Last month Dick Mathews our Director of Auctions, accepted a donation from Banana Coast Credit Union. The cheque was presented by Cassandra Wilson the Area Manager and Karen Mills, the Woolgoolga Store Supervisor. Each year the BCU allocates funds to different community groups to assist in the valuable work carried out by numerous volunteer groups. Rotary was fortunate this year to receive funds that will go towards insurances costs for the new pickup vehicle. Generous donations from local business is a great assistance enabling Rotary to carry out its core work of raising funds for local community groups and various projects. We thank the BCU for the donation.



Secretary:  
Patty Delaney  
0429 449 385

### APOLOGIES TO:

**Karen**  
0410 039 805  
before 9 am Monday

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

### STATS AT A GLANCE

**Visiting Rotarians:** /YEP:  
**Guests:** Belinda Flynn  
**Attendance:** Leslie Casey, Dick Mathews, Lyndy Hagar, Karen Sedgwick, Peter Lacy, Denis Fayle, Mary Bryant, Kim Thompson, Karina Bettison, John Mitchell, Dennis Houghton.  
**Apologies:** Echah Wright, Pam and David Fayle.  
**Raffle:** Kim Thompson  
**Birthdays:** Rob White 24 Aug, David Edwards 28 Aug  
**Anniversaries:** Dennis & Dianne Houghton 24 Aug

## REPORT - GUEST SPEAKER FOR JULY - Belinda Flynn



Belinda works as a Trainer and Assessor, accredited by the Royal Life Saving Association. Belinda is based in Woolgoolga and is available for training sessions and certification on CPR, the use of Defibrillators and a comprehensive course on First Aid. First Aid certificates are required for members of a number of sporting bodies, community organizations and in numerous workplaces such as schools. Belinda demonstrated the use of the Defibrillator and the new revised methods in responding to emergency situations. Belinda informed us that only 9% of Australians survive a sudden cardiac arrest compared to 58% of residents in Seattle. The reason for this is that 75% of Seattle residents are trained in CPR compared to 7% in Australia. With 30,000 people dying from cardiac arrest each year in Australia it is a powerful argument to increase our

training and ensure more people have the knowledge and skills to perform these potentially life saving techniques. In addition we were informed that in Seattle when the emergency number is called the caller is told where the nearest Defibrillator is located. This information sparked a lively discussion on the location and accessibility of Defibrillators in our community. Some members are very keen to start a register of available defibrillators and to advertise where and how to access them in case of emergency. Rotary may look into options for this important initiative in the near future. Australia needs more people trained in the use of Defibrillators and they need to be accessible. Defibrillators are relatively simple and easy to use once you know how. The cost of each Defibrillator is approximately \$2900.00. If you or your organization are interested in purchasing a Defibrillator and/or courses in First Aid Belinda can be contacted at Northern Beaches First Aid, Woolgoolga. Email: [bflynn60@westnet.com.au](mailto:bflynn60@westnet.com.au). Ph : 0422594536.



### AUGUST AUCTION

Another glorious day was had on Saturday the 5th August 2017, the weather was wonderful and the auction was again supported by many locals and generous bargain hunters from Grafton, Sawtell and Coffs Harbour. Used, and at times unused goods, and collectors items are available at the **ROTARY AUCTION** which is held on the first Saturday of each month. Although we were a little short of hands this month for pickups Denis Houghton, Allan Bryant and Abdu Adem provided much needed assistance. The men were kept very busy with 9 pickups in the morning, a wonderful effort! Woolgoolga High School were exemplary in their assistance on the day, with two teams organized into morning and afternoon shifts providing invaluable assistance in the Bric-a-Brac Shed and outside with the setting up and packing away of items for auction. Congratulations and thanks to all concerned it was another very successful fund raising event. **Next AUCTION AND PLANT SALE 2 SEPTEMBER 2017**

CLUB NOTICES

2 Sep Auction (WooHoo Enterprise tbc)  
 4 Oct (Wed) District Governor's visit (venue tba)  
 7 Oct Auction  
 26 Nov-3 Dec Dive course for YEP students

DISTRICT NOTICES

8 Sep GSE team leader applications close  
 26-29 Oct RYMARINE (Coffs)  
 5 Nov Charity golf day (Coffs Harb City Rotary)  
 25-26 Nov Pre-PETS (President-elect Training) Tamworth

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend						
Date	14 Aug Meeting	21 Aug Board	28 Aug Meeting	4 Sep No meeting	11 Sep Meeting	18 Sep Board
Attendance	Karina Bettison	4:15pm	Pam Stone	AUCTION	Jon Mitchell	4:15pm
Welcome/Fellowship	Geoff Royal	VISITORS INFOR-	Lyndy Hagar	IN LIEU	Pam Fayle	VISITORS INFOR-
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Each Wright	MATION CENTRE	Karen Sedwick		Leslie Casey	MATION CENTRE
Vote of Thanks	Denis Fayle		Denis Fayle		Denis Houghton	
Guest Speakers or Event	Tracey Tierney—STARTT				Tbc WOO HOO Enterprises	

**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)