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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 (11 DEC) CHRISTMAS PARTY + ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tonight our meeting (including the short AGM) will be at the Woolgoolga Beach Reserve. This is an **important night for the future of the club**. It is time to elect the key members of the Board for next Rotary year (President, Treasurer, Secretary) and put in place a stable succession for the following year.

Members have just received a draft of the Half-Yearly Report, recording yet another impressive six months of achievement, but **without an efficient Board and a President, the club cannot function**, much less deliver such outcomes. Thankfully, Geoff Royal has agreed to put his name forward as President (having already done it in 2009–10), otherwise we would be facing the cessation of the club. Geoff needs and deserves members' ongoing support and commitment, especially on the Board. Not all the current Board members are continuing, so if you are not on the Board yet, please consider putting **your name forward for the Board**. Also important is that at least one of you is prepared to become **President the year after (2019–2020)**. We will also be approving the audited financial accounts (circulated earlier). The **Christmas Party**, brought forward a week, will follow the AGM. Please bring your own meat and drinks, plus a salad, nibbles or dessert to share. We will use BBQ at Beach Reserve.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS MARIANNE CHIRON AND DENNIS CHIRON

On 27 November we welcomed two new members: **Marianne Chiron** and **Dennis Chiron**.



Dennis has had a long-standing interest in working with Rotary in Queensland, and spoke at our club recently on a project that would benefit ex-service people, which has now come to fruition as "Business Supporting Our Veterans". Marianne is Dennis's partner including his business partner and is also a business advisor and facilitator. As Dennis' partner, she also has a good general knowledge of what Rotary is all about, and since moving to this area, has become aware of our club's role within the community. President Pamela Fayle, as part of the ceremony, said: "It

has already been explained to you that the ideal of Rotary is service. Our principal motto is Service Above Self, and the object of this club and all Rotary clubs is to encourage and foster this ideal in all that we do. You are joining us to share in this effort, and you are becoming a member not just of the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga, but to a worldwide association; and by virtue of your membership in this club, you will be welcomed into the fellowship of any Rotary club in the world.

"In our Club members contribute what and when they can and we understand that people have busy lives. There is lots of scope to pursue particular passions or projects, interesting speakers to listen to and learn from, but also plenty of scope for building networks and friendships and just enjoying yourself. You have each been approved for membership in this club because we believe you to be a worthy representative of your vocation and the community, interested in the ideals of Rotary."

DONATION TO HELP REFUGEES

The ongoing crisis in Bangladesh and Myanmar caused by a million **Rohingya refugees** fleeing Myanmar is being tackled by Red Cross, which has teams on the ground offering relief on both sides of the border; has opened an emergency hospital; is helping people access emergency shelter, toilets, food and safe drinking water; is providing personal and social support, and establishing safe spaces for women and children; and is helping to reconnect families who became separated as they fled. Our **\$500 donation** will be matched 1:1 by the Australian Government.

Secretary:
Patty Delaney
0429 449 385

APOLOGIES TO:

Karen

0410 039 805
before 9am
Monday



STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians:

YEP: Matilde Jakobsen, Lina Van der Loo, Kaisa Kousmen, Nina Vilain-Herson, Linnea Forsman, Bianca Lima, Julien Volery, Lorenz Laube, Clelie Stuyck, Aneta Babouska, Mats Pederson, Viola Bianchi

Guests: Jacqui Bruce, Jane Ripley, Josh

Attendance: 15 (60%)

Apologies: John Arkan, Harjinder Singh, Gareth Owen, David Edwards, Pam Stone, Peter Lacy, Karina Bettison, Glenda Kennedy, Norm Michener, Karen Sedgwick

Raffle: Dennis Houghton

Birthdays: Pam Stone
21 Dec, Dennis Houghton
25 Dec (Xmas day), Dianne Houghton
5 Jan, Bronwyn Mackenzie
18 Jan

Anniversaries: Norm & Helen Michener 9 Dec, Rod & Bronwyn Mackenzie 15 Dec, Echah & Graeme Wright (2) 20 Dec, Glenda & Garry Kennedy 14 Jan, Charles & Elizabeth Phipps 18 Jan

REPORT (27 NOV) JACQUI BRUCE, PODIATRIST

Podiatrist **Jacqui Bruce** gave an eloquent summation of the scope of work done by her as a podiatrist. The diversity of that work was astonishing to me, and I suspect equally surprising to those in the room who are regular visitors to a podiatrist. From Newcastle, where she finished her degree in podiatry 4 years ago, she came to Coffs a year ago and opened her own business, The Coffs Coast Foot Clinic, with best friend and fellow podiatrist Storm Murphy.

Dennis Chiron has used his first evening as a member very effectively for networking, and signed Jacqui's practice up to his "Business Supporting Our Veterans" initiative. They offer veterans 10% off all treatments, as well as 10% off their exclusive range of shoes that also love feet. www.thecoffscostfootclinic.com.au Ph 02 5606 2114.

DIVE COURSE FOR YEP STUDENTS

All 12 of the District's Youth Exchange Program inbounders were with us for the week of the scuba diving course, which was blessed with pretty good weather this year. Of the 8 students attempting the Level 1 Open Water Diving qualification, 7 completed



the diving requirements, though only one has so far completed the theory requirements. (We wonder whether the truncated attention spans of social media are affecting the capability of students to knuckle down and complete the more complex paperwork!) The 8 dive students were Lorenz Laube, Austria (Armidale); Viola Bianchi, Italy (Taree); Mats Pederson, Norway (Scotts Head); Aneta Babouska, Slovak Republic (Coffs); Linnea Forsman, Sweden (Armidale); Julien Volery, Switzerland (Tamworth); Bianca Lima, Brazil (Coffs); and Clelie Stuyck, Belgium (Narrabri). Four of the group snorkeled: our own Matilde was joined by Kaisa Kousmen, Finland (Tamworth); Nina Vilain-Herson, France (Gunnedah); and Lina Van der Loo, Germany (Walcha).

Especial thanks to Friend of Rotary **Garry Kennedy** for initiating, organizing, publicising and helping deliver this course & ensuring that everyone could attend. He & **Patty Delaney** also travelled all the way to Uralla to collect the students from the west. Thank you to hosts **Heather Messer & Greg Williams, Megan & Aaron Hart, Patty & Graeme, Echah & Graeme, and Pam & David**. Functions were hosted by the Kennedys, Heather & Greg, and Patty & Graeme—many thanks! Thanks also to host **Stephan Soule** who hosted a special visit to the National Marine Science Centre.

ANYONE FOR A NEW ZEALAND TRIP?

The Rotary Club of Pakuranga invite you to join The Ultimate 17 Day Rotary Tour of New Zealand 6–22 April 2018 (unfortunately conflicting with our S&E Challenge Day). Email David Fayle to get the overview (wow!).

CLUB NOTICES	11 Dec	Christmas Function & AGM (Beach Reserve)	DISTRICT NOTICES	8 Jan	Cluster BBQ, Boambee Bay (Sawtell RC)
	29 Jan	first meeting for 2018		10-11 Feb 18	District Training
	3 Feb	Auction		21 Feb	Cluster dinner in Coffs for Uganda GSE
	21 Feb	Ugandan GSE visit to Woolgoolga		24-25 Feb 18	PETS (President-elect Training) 2018-19, A'dale
	15 Mar	Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) day		9-11 Mar 18	District Conference Armidale
	10 Apr	Science and Engineering Challenge day		7-14 Apr 18	Bookfest (Coffs Harbour South Rotary)

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend						
Date	11 Dec Board, AGM & Xmas Party	8 Jan BBQ	22 Jan Board	29 Jan Meeting	5 Feb No meeting	12 Feb Meeting
Attendance	VIC for Board only 4.15	annual BBQ Cluster Rotary clubs	VISITORS INFO	Details tba	AUCTION 3 FEB IN LIEU	Details tba
Welcome/ Fellowship	Then Woopi Beach Reserve	Boambee Creek Reserve	CENTRE 4:15PM			
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	AGM at 6:15pm then Xmas party	(Monday evening)				
Vote of Thanks	na					
Guest Speakers or Event	Santa?					

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

Want to be on the BOARD? - (see Pam or Geoff)

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)