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Woolgoolga Whisper

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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 (12 MAR) JOINT MEETING—COFFS HARBOUR SOUTH ROTARY

Tonight, Rotarians from **Coffs Harbour South Rotary** will join us for a joint meeting. We look forward to catching up on each others' activities, and also what lies in the future for our two clubs, and challenges and opportunities.

RYDA THIS THURSDAY, 15 MAR – UPDATE

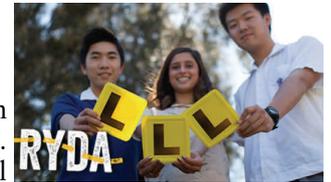
Volunteers are being progressively provided with the information they will need for Thursday's **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)** day. Group monitors are:

Karen Sedgwick, Red **Peter Lacy**, Black **Rod Mackenzie**, Blue
Pam Stone, Green [Friend] **Thea Eves**, Yellow [Friend] **Heather Messer**, Orange

Mary Bryant will assist **David Fayle** with Day Management. **Allan Bryant** will assist with setup, dismantling and other logistics. **Lynda Hagar** will organize morning tea for volunteers. The catering assistance team is being assembled and roles are still being finalised for several other volunteers.

Arranging Facilitation has proved quite a challenge this year, and we have four facilitators new to RYDA, and a fifth coming from Lismore who has done previous RYDA versions elsewhere. Our grateful thanks to these new facilitators: Psychologist **Leanne Peters**, **Chris Satchwell** of Coffs Harbour Driving School, **James Daniels**, Senior Constable **Brooke Papisidero** (coming from Lismore) and **Jenn Calleja** of NRMA Driving Training Coffs Harbour, Jenn stepped in with just one week to go, as Vicki Rieder had to pull out to fly to UK for family reasons. As well as the WHS students, we are expecting at least five **Distance Education students** (from Grafton, Glenreagh, Nana Glen & Corindi), and two other students from schools in Coffs Harbour.

Ecologically we've made some progress—the student bags this year are reusable calico.



**Please RSVP for Mon
9 April Science & Engi-
neering Chall'ge Dinner
to Karina Bettison :
kbettison@me.com
0414 870 139**

Lower Bucca Community
Preschool team receiving
auction helper donation
from President Pamela

THE FUTURE OF THE MONTHLY AUCTION

The monthly auction has been generating fantastic financial results since the investment in perimeter fence and verandahs. However, with our members not getting any younger or fitter, the future of the monthly auction is by no means secure.

Dick Matthews recently announced that he will no longer be Auction Director after June 2018. The club is extremely grateful to Dick for the enormous additional work he and Marie have done with the Auction and Rotary shed in this key position. Members need to put some serious thought into how (or whether) we can maintain the sustainability of the Auction. Don't forget to respond to President Pam with any **suggestions for improving our auction processes** and making our major fundraiser more sustainable.



HAPPY 30th BIRTHDAY TO US – ART COMPETITION OPEN TO ALL COMERS



Don't forget to paint a picture, make a pot, take a photo, make a quilt or whatever artistic pursuit takes your fancy...or promote our special **Rotary Art Exhibition** (and its prizes) to any artists or crafty people you know. The theme of the art exhibition is "Community: People, Places, Heart and Soul" and an **entry form is attached** [on page 3 of this Whisper] for you to send to anyone you know who might be interested in entering.

PRESIDENT PAM & MATILDE AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

President Pam is attending the District Conference at Armidale this weekend (9–11 Mar) and will be helping to judge the Public Speaking finals. YEP inbounder Matilde travelled there with Pam, and on Sunday departs with the other YEP inbounders on their big safari.

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians:
YEP: Matilde
Guests:
Attendance: 15/23 (65%)
Apologies: John Arkan, Harjinder Singh, Gareth Owen, Norm Michener, Peter Lacy, David Edwards, Rod Mackenzie, Echah Wright
Raffle: David Fayle
Birthdays: John Arkan 15 Mar
Anniversaries: Pamela & David Fayle 29 Mar

COMPASSIONATE GRANT DONATION

In response to unfilled community need, Rotary has recently established a new scheme to provide one-off Compassionate Grants in cases of dire straits. Our Cluster has a current case, a single mother with 3 children and a terminal illness. Donations of \$500 have been made from Woolgoolga, Coffs City and Coffs Harbour Rotary Clubs via RAWCS Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants (RACG).

REPORT (26 FEB) PAM STONE, ON INDIA

Member **Pam Stone**'s fascination and obsession with **India** shone through in outlining her impressions of this amazing, diverse country, gathered during three trips. The people, their lives, and the problems they deal with, vary. Dravidian people predominate in southern India. They tend to have dark complexion, dark black hair and short in stature – which went over well with Pam! Lighter-skinned Aryans predominate in the north. Throughout India there are also scattered tribal people believed to descend from the most ancient inhabitants; by tradition they are connected to the land, but often are fringe dwellers, eking out an existence begging or around tips and building sites. With animals and needing land, they are unsuited to (re)settlement in apartment blocks. Communist Kerala State (SW) is an interesting contrast, in that every family is allocated a little land, and everybody is more or less OK. The complex caste system still predominates in many less populous areas; much less so in more progressive cities like Bangalore, where women also have a more equitable and broader role in society and the workplace. People in Woolgoolga tend to think of our local Sikhs as representative of India, but they are more “1920s Sikhdom” from NW India. Pam also touched on India's history, religious diversity, sacred cows, smoking, urban design and functionality, people's attitudes to each other [influenced by reincarnation], and food [Pam's probiotic regime has protected her from gastro illness]. Pollution is a huge issue, including from cars in major centres, lack of landfill sites, and rice husk burning in the north. Even the Taj Mahal in Agra is suffering. India is way ahead of us in reuse of materials for Boomerang-type bags—including old saris! She's very keen to visit again.



REPORT AUCTION 3 MARCH

The new helper group, the **Lower Bucca Community Preschool** sent a strong and willing team who were a great help and used their young muscles to help break down unsold items and took extra loads to the tip for us. Auctioneer John trialed a new method of auctioning walking around among the items and it seemed to be very effective. We were lucky the rain held off on the day. Many thanks to those who helped out in the lead-up and at the auction itself.

THANK YOU MITRE 10 WOOLGOOLGA

Mitre 10 has sponsored the Science and Engineering Challenge by providing 10 resin tables at a very good price. These Rotary tables will be stored at Woolgoolga High School.

PRIDE IN WORK NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The club is considering a round of **Pride in Work** awards. Please send nominations or float ideas to Vocational Director Geoff, royalgi@westnet.com.au

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| CLUB NOTICES | 15 Mar | Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) day | DISTRICT NOTICES | 9-11 Mar | District Conference Armidale |
| | 2 Apr | (Easter Mon) Rotary Art stall at Art by the Sea | | 21 Mar (Wed) | We're invited to RYLA dinner, Macksville Ex-SC |
| | 10 Apr | Science and Engineering Challenge day | | 7-14 Apr | Bookfest (Coffs Harbour South Rotary) |
| | May date | tba 30th birthday art competition launch; also Cluster Presidents/Secretaries meeting | | 29 Apr | District Assembly, Port Macquarie |
| | 26 May | (Sat) Swap Party at Karen Sedgwick's | | 11-13 May | MUNA, Gunnedah (model United Nations) |
| | 18 Jun | Changeover | | 27 May | District Assembly, Walcha |
| | | | 23-27 Jun | Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Canada | |

| MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend | | | | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|--|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Date | 12 Mar Joint Meeting | 19 Mar Board | 26 Mar Meeting | 2 Apr No meeting | 9 Apr Meeting | 16 Apr Board |
| Attendance | Glenda Kennedy | 4:15pm VISITORS | Peter Lacy | AUCTION 7 APR | Science & Engin'ing | 4:15pm VISITORS |
| Welcome/Fellowship | Karen Sedgwick | INFO CENTRE | Dick Matthews | IN LIEU | Challenge dinner | INFO CENTRE |
| Introduce Guest Speaker/s | n/a | | tba | | Seaview Tavern | |
| Vote of Thanks | Mary Bryant | | tbc Pam Fayle | | 6-8 pm | |
| Guest Speakers or Event | Coffs South & Woolgoolga Rotarians ad hoc | | tbc CHCC rep re planned cultural complex | | S&E Challenge dinner | |

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)



INVITATION

Woolgoolga Art Group and the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga are holding a special art exhibition and competition from 4 May – 31 May 2018, to celebrate the 30th birthday of the local Rotary Club. The exhibition is titled

“COMMUNITY – PEOPLE, PLACE, HEART and SOUL”

The exhibition has a “community” theme to celebrate 30 years of the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga serving its local community. As well as art and craft works, the Rotary Club will mount a display of some of the community projects it has been involved in.

Entry Form

Entry fee: Woolgoolga Art Gallery Members \$5, Non Members \$10
Commission: Sale of Works Members 25%, Non Members 40%

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| Artist Name | |
| Address | |
| Telephone | |
| Email | |

Details of Entry **ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 30th MARCH 2018**

PRIZES: \$400 first prize; \$100 second prize

| Title of work | Size (w x h) | Price | Fee |
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| | TOTAL | | \$ |

Delivery and Collection of Entries RECEIPT NUMBER Issued -----

WORKS MUST BE DELIVERED BY 30th April 2018 to Woolgoolga Art Gallery

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| Artist will deliver and collect works | YES | NO |
| Artist will arrange return post | YES | NO |
| Artist will arrange courier service | YES | NO |
| Details of any special delivery or collection arrangements | | |

I agree with the terms and the conditions of the exhibition.

Name

Signature

Date

ENQUIRES - Art related Jane Mann 0402 757 464
- Rotary related Pam Fayle 0401 022 951