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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 (23 APR) REVIEW OF THE ROTARY AUCTION (CLUB ASSEMBLY)

Tonight is a rare **Club Assembly**, the only type of meeting we have that's generally for members only. It's an important one: we need to take a good hard look at the **future of the Rotary auction.**



With the proposed and long-dreaded retirement of Auctions Director Dick Matthews at the end of this Rotary year, it is time to review the auction processes. Although Dick still wants to help out, he no longer wants to be the auctions director and needs to start winding back. He is planning ahead for a smooth transition.

Without Dick's tireless dedication of many hours of work it is highly likely that the auction, as currently designed and run, could potentially no longer be feasible. The many hours Dick puts in visiting the shed for drop offs and pre sales, the many hours he devotes to taking phone calls from donors and arranging and doing pick ups from their homes and unloading at the shed, his sales of special items on Gumtree, his role on auction day itself making calls on reserve prices, pick ups, weather issues and the like.....it is time for a refresh and streamline wherever possible such that we don't need the Army Reserve to replace Dick...it all needs to be less time-intensive if possible even if this means a slight reduction in income.

With that in mind we **need two things from you:**

1. A volunteer to join the Board as Auctions Director to replace Dick
2. Your suggestions for us to consider on ways to reduce workload involved in making the auction happen each month.

In the course of soliciting suggestions several have come up with the view that we need a more **comprehensive discussion of our overall Club objectives and strategies** beginning with what we want to achieve, what funds do we need to do that and then what fundraiser activities can deliver the desired amounts. This may then lead to a discussion of whether or not the auction remains an appropriate fundraiser for the Club into the future. It is likely we will have this sort of planning session in the coming 6 months & if we cannot make headway with points 1) and 2) this coming Monday, we will have the discussion that much sooner.

President Pamela is separately emailing members an updated version of her Table relevant to this discussion, with headings: ASPECT of the AUCTION; SUGGESTION; POSITIVES/BENEFITS; NEGATIVES/COSTS; COMMENTS/ISSUES

## DONATED AUCTION GOODS MADE AVAILABLE TO FIRE VICTIMS

The Board decided to offer the young Darkum Road, Mullaway, family who lost everything in a house fire on 12 April, whatever they need from donated auction goods, when they are in a position to use the items. Broader community support has been very good. The *Coffs Coast Advocate* was at one such gathering in front of Mullaway General Store, and their photo shows Secretary Patty in the centre.



Secretary:  
Patty Delaney  
0429 449 385

**APOLOGIES TO:**  
**Karina**  
0414 870 139  
before 9am  
Monday



Bionic hand successfully test-lifting ball: Coffs Harbour High's winning hand; Mayor Denise Knight & organiser Dennis Houghton stack cups



**STATS AT A GLANCE**  
**Visiting Rotarians:**  
**YEP:** Matilde  
**Guests:** at S&E Challenge dinner included Mayor Denise Knight, & Pacific Complete's speakers Michael Bulmer and Pru Burke  
**Attendance:** 16 (70%)  
**Apologies /Raffle:**  
**Birthdays:** Kim Thompson 3 May, Selwyn Rogers 6 May, Ila Rogers 8 May, Trevor Bettison 8 May, Allan Casey 10 May  
**Anniversaries:** Mary and Allan Bryant 28 Apr

## REPORT (9-10 APR) SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE and DINNER

The **Coffs Coast Science and Engineering Challenge** was conducted on Tuesday 10th April at Woolgoolga High School. This was the fourth year of the Challenge. Approximately 240 high school students from eight Coffs Coast schools competed for the Regional Title: Bishop Drutt College, Coffs Harbour High School, Dorrigo High School, McAuley Catholic College, Orara High School, South Grafton High School, Toormina High School and Woolgoolga High School.



The winning school in a close contest from Coffs Harbour and Dorrigo, was **Bishop Drutt College**. The Bishop Drutt team from the bridge building challenge, won their activity on the last test of their bridge. This led to their overall school victory. Six out of the eight schools won individual challenges.

Sponsorship this year involved our principal partner **Pacific Complete, The Chief Scientist of NSW, Engineers Australia, Clarence Consultants, The Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour South, The Lions Club of Woolgoolga, Mitre 10 Woolgoolga** and our own club. **Danielle Whiting**, our visiting bridge engineer from Pacific Complete, was in her element and enjoyed the experience and expressed an interest in coming back next year.

**Thirty six volunteers** participated on the day including members of the CWA. On behalf of the SEC Committee, I would like to thank our club members, Pam, Patty, David, Dick, Karen, Mary, Peter, Matilde (ex officio) and Karina for their efforts on the day. Also to partners and friends who volunteered, a special thanks.

The **Newcastle Uni team** led by **Terry Burns** were very professional and well organised. Even the packing up process with our clean-up crew went smoothly. Hopefully Mission from Mars will be back next year. Woolgoolga HS with Phil Dalton in charge, and very well supported by Principal Guy Wright, were excellent hosts. Phil in particular is a very competent operator; Guy made some important decisions around the certification requirements that allowed us to operate very effectively.

Our pre-challenge dinner had over forty in attendance. The dinner presentation went very well, providing some interesting insights into the Pacific Highway upgrade. The mix of engineering & communications personnel from Pacific Complete for a varied audience, provided a nice balance. The videos and the information about the live ‘girder tracker’ received a good response. The table task was again ‘challenging’ and overall the designs were creative. A pity about the execution! Special thanks to Karina for her dinner organisation, Leslie for her financial management & the Tavern for a good night. Terry congratulated the Committee and the Rotary Club for a very successful Challenge.

## DONATION FOR TUTORING WORKSHOP FOR INDIGENOUS CHILDREN

To assist with **tutoring workshops for indigenous children** needing help with **literacy and homework**, the club has donated \$300 to **Clark Webb** for this purpose. Clark spoke at our 29 Jan meeting.

**DONATION FOR CANCER RUN** — **Palwinder Rai** ran from Coffs Harbour to the Commonwealth Games venue (Gold Coast), fundraising for the **Cancer Council Victoria**. The club has made a \$100 donation directly to the Cancer Council; this donation is counted towards Palwinder Rai’s fundraiser. (Photo) Palwinder starting run, watched by member John Arkan and Mayor Denise Knight.



<b>CLUB NOTICES</b>	4 May	(Fri) 30th birthday art comp. launch at WAG	<b>DISTRICT NOTICES</b>	29 Apr	District Assembly, Port Macquarie
	5 May	Auction		11-13 May	MUNA, Gunnedah (model United Nations)
	8 May	Cluster President/Pres-elects meet at WAG		27 May	District Assembly, Walcha
	26 May	(Sat) Swap Party at Karen Sedgwick's		23-27 Jun	Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Canada
	28 May	our Rotary meeting at Woolgoolga Art Galry			
	18 Jun	Changeover			
	25 Jun	Board meeting—first of new Board			

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend						
Date	23 Apr Meeting	30 Apr No meeting	7 May No meeting	14 May Meeting	21 May Board	28 May Meeting Art Gallery
Attendance	David Edwards	At this stage	AUCTION IN LIEU	Karina Bettison	4:15pm	Leslie Casey
Welcome/Fellowship	na	we're planning	5 MAY	Geoff Royal	Visitors Inform'n	Pamela Fayle
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Patty & Kim to facilitate	a break on the 5th		Echah Wright	Centre	n/a
Vote of Thanks	na	Monday—we've		Patty Delaney		Karen Sedgwick
Guest Speakers or Event	Assembly to discuss the Auction	been rather busy!		Matilde Jakobsen My YEP year		n/a

**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)