

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

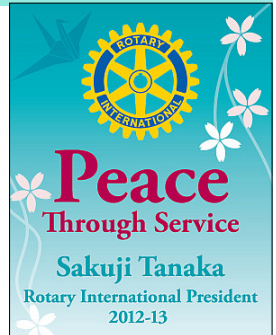
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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

THIS WEEK (16 Dec)

It's Christmas!! And we're treating ourselves to some art. We're off to Grafton Art Gallery on Sunday 16th to check out the Archibald Prize finalists from 10.30 (there's a lovely coffee shop there too for a relaxing morning). Then at 12.30 it's time for Christmas lunch at the 1 Duke St Restaurant. Make sure Karen knows if you are coming (for catering). Cost is \$30 a head. Hope to see members and spouses there for some fun and great food.



NO FURTHER MEETINGS UNTIL 14 Jan BBQ ; 21 Jan MEETING

LAST MEETING (10 Dec)

It was a great night of feedback from three students we had sponsored for various programs. First up, **Ben Paynter** reported back on his attendance at the week long Honeywell Engineering Summer School in Sydney. He got to visit 5 universities and thoroughly enjoyed being with like-minded physics buffs. There were excellent industry visits and Ben was impressed with the size of the Bluescope Steel operation (took 10 minutes to drive from one end to the other); blown away by the Honeywell IT department and fascinated by the security for the ANSTO Lucas Heights tour of the nuclear reactor. There was also a visit to Warragamba Dam.



The students did some practical exercises, including building a crystal radio from scratch and checked out some of the student projects and engineering competitions, including designing and building a race car to compete against other universities.

Ben has decided he would particularly like to study mechatronics and robotics and is interested in the use of recent developments for safety systems in factories. It was a well-prepared talk and obvious that Ben has gained a lot from the experience.

Then it was time for two of the three girls we sent to this year's Rymarine to "debrief". **Carla Westwood and Renee Thorncroft** didn't have to travel as far but had an equally exciting and productive week during October. They got to snorkel in the Solitary Islands Marine Park and to catch a glimpse of the many and varied marine-related careers. They spent time at the Marine Science Centre and did some practical work there (including cutting up a fish!!). There was also a visit to Mutton Bird Island in the evening and given it was breeding season, that was noisy and interesting. They learned about mangroves and estuary ecology at Bongil Bongil National Park and visited Woolgoolga Rock Platform. They had an inspiring presentation from a marine photographer and also visited the Coastal Patrol radio centre. Both girls thought the program extremely worthwhile.



Meeting Place
Woolgoolga C.ex (Bowling Club)
Monday Evenings
6.00pm for 6.15pm
Apologies to
6654 0373
by **10.30am Monday**



MERRY XMAS
to all club members
and their extended
circle of family and
friends.

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: nil
Visitors: Ben Paynter and parents Chris & Jeanette; Carla Westwood, Renee Thorncroft.
Apologies: Echah, John, Gareth, Garry, George, Sel, Kirpal, Mary, Keith, David E
Attendance: 14 (58.3%)
Raffle winner: Geoff
Birthdays: nil
Anniversaries: Rod & Bronwyn 15 Dec, Echah & Graeme 20 Dec; George & Sue 30 Dec.

SERGEANTS SESSION

Sergeant Rod read out some career ending terminology before hitting several members with re-entry tax, late fines and even fining Norm for NOT having a funny story/ misadventure this week ... he'll have to do better for Christmas!



AGM

The AGM approved last year's minutes, and the Treasurer's set of accounts and noted the half-yearly report before receiving nominations for the 2013-14 board. President elect Karen will be joined by Norm as secretary, Trish as Treasurer, (assisted by Geoff) and also on her Board will be Pam, David F, Terry, Paty, Dick, Glenda and Mary. Areas of responsibility will be decided closer to the time. Our President elect for 2014 -15 is Patty Delaney. Secretary David will now submit the annual report to Dept of Fair Trading as required.

OTHER CLUB NEWS

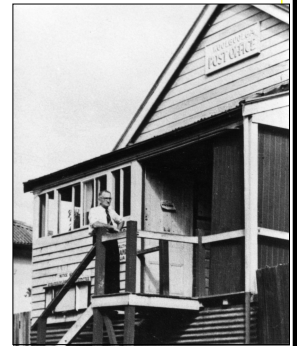
Big thanks to Walter, Sarah and all of those at Cex Bowling Club who feed and serve us throughout the year.

Donations: Board approved a donation of \$750 to auction partner Simone McPhillips for the Mau Mau School Water Tank Project near Vila. In addition, Rob White raised an additional \$1375 via a raffle and some of this will go to the Mau Mau School Tank while the rest will help fund Kits for Kids to send school materials to Vanuatu. Well done Rob! Board also agreed to again provide \$600 for a Maiak Scholarship in Vanuatu to bring a student up to tertiary entrance level.

School Presentations Several members will represent the Club at local school end-of-year presentations over the next few weeks. The Club has donated \$200 to each of the local schools.

Volunteers BBQ was a big success with many local volunteer groups appreciative of the opportunity to catch up with others who serve our community (photo top right).

Life of Pi fundraiser for Ashley Haven Orphanage, Ethiopia grossed just over \$3,000 from the auction and film night and a big reduction in the normal charge by the Bray St Theatres means that around \$2,700 has been raised.



HERITAGE UPDATE AND PHOTO

The first Post Office was a money order office in 1892 in/beside Pullen's general store. In 1898, a dedicated PO was erected on the south corner of River & High Sts, replaced in 1911 by a building in Beach St which was still there in the 1950s as shown in the photo (r). A new PO was built in Beach St in 1975 and finally a move to Woolgoolga Plaza was in 1997.

Check out our new Heritage Walk Website currently under construction:
<https://sites.google.com/site/woolgoolgawalk/>

CLUB NOTICES

16 Dec Archibalds & Christmas Party in Grafton.
Christmas Break
 14 Jan Cluster BBQ at Boambee Reserve (tbc) to kick off the new year
 Jan Rachel Hall returns from Denmark tba.
 21 Jan First club meeting

DISTRICT NOTICES

December is Rotary Family Month
 11-14 April District Conference Taree
 27Apr -4 May RYLA, Keepit
 5 May District Assembly, Walcha
 17-18 May MUNA, Port Macquarie
 22 Jun Rotary International Conf Portugal

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend

Date	Sunday 16 Dec Christmas Party	14 Jan	21 Jan
Attendance	Karen Sedgwick	Pam Fayle	Patty Delaney
Welcome/ Fellowship	Visit Archibald prize finalists	CLUSTER BBQ	Peter Lacy
Club Speakers 3-5 minutes	10:30am at Grafton Art Gallery	Boambee Reserve	TBC
Introduce Guest Speaker	Followed by	Hosted by Sawtell	Sel Rogers
Vote of Thanks	Lunch at 1 Duke St	5-5.30pm tbc	Trish Baker
Guest Speakers	At 12.30	Na	TBC

**Your Rotary Club
Needs YOU**

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

Can you help with
AUCTION PICK-UPS
or auctioneering?
(See Dick)

**WISH TO PROPOSE A
NEW MEMBER?**
(See David E)

**KNOW A FAMILY
INTERESTED IN
HOSTING a YEP
STUDENT?**
(See Patty)