

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

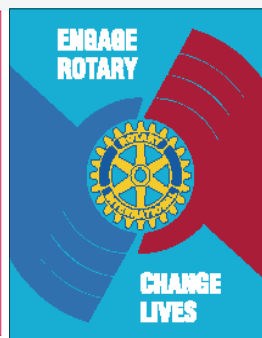
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TONIGHT (25 Nov) - OVERSEAS TRAVELS

Tonight is a treat — **Allan Casey** will tell us about recent travels. Guess where?



DONATIONS NEWS

In light of the trauma in **Syria** and the devastation of **typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines** we have donated funds for half a **ShelterBox** for the Syrian situation (in Syria itself, plus displaced Syrians in neighbouring countries), and a complete **ShelterBox** to assist with the massive problem in the Philippines. In both cases, ShelterBox Australia has a designated program into which our donation goes.

This year we are pleased to be able to lift our contribution to **The Rotary Foundation** to \$1250, or \$50 per member. The work done by TRF and with TRF funding worldwide is truly phenomenal. Closer to home, it is also an investment in our future, as funds contributed now will benefit our Rotary District's coffers in 3 years' time.

We have boosted our contribution to **Australian Rotary Health** from \$25 to \$50 per guest speaker. Most appropriately, the first such speaker was **Dusty Dempsey**.

All 6 local **schools** will or have received \$200 donations towards end-of-the-year presentations (or the equivalent) - ideally "Blood Sweat and Tears"-type awards. Rotary members will attend most of the ceremonies, including **Corindi Public School** this year.

Auction helpers to benefit from \$750 donations were the **Woolgoolga Athletics Club** (Nov) and **Woolgoolga Public School P&C** (Oct), both of which had provided excellent help throughout the day.

PREVIOUS MEETING 11 NOV—DUSTY DEMPSEY

Occasionally, a talk will leave its audience shocked and with a feeling of helplessness. **Dusty Dempsey's** talk was one (pictured at right). Dysfunctional barely begins to describe her early life through to adulthood, with her father dying when she was 6, and her young life in a destructive and terrible environment of relatives and foster homes, alcohol and drugs, the household running SP betting with Dusty as the courier, boarders, molestation, a suicide attempt at 11, and other dreadful impacts on mental health that came with all of that. Subsequently, her own son went through a traumatic time with serious mental health issues culminating in a violent attack on him and eventually death.

Meeting Places

1st Saturday of the month at
the Rotary Shed
8.30-2.30

2nd & 4th Mondays
in the month

Woolgoolga C.ex
(Bowling Club)
6-8pm

3rd Mondays
Board meetings
(venue varies)

Apologies to **Leslie**

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by **9am Monday**



STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: none

Guests: (11 Nov) **Dusty Dempsey**

Apologies: (11 Nov) **Kirpal, John, Garry, Gareth, Rob, Keith, Greg, Thea, George, David E, Echah, Trish**

Attendance: (11 Nov) 14 (54%)

Raffle winner: **Dusty Dempsey**

Birthdays: **Wayne Crivelione 27 Nov, Surinder Kaur 1 Dec, Sue Smede 5 Dec**

Anniversaries: **Norm & Helen Michener 9 Dec**

It was amazing then to hear that Dusty had managed to emerge from this and achieve tertiary qualifications in mental health, nursing and psychotherapy, and embarked on a career using these skills, both in paying work and in her additional volunteer work. As well as her current work with Community Care Options (based at the Seniors Centre), she has established and run an informal support group for youth with mental health issues for more than 4 years. Obviously her traumatic background equips her unusually well for such work.

She pointed out that stress was a normal part of life that needed to be dealt with, and the importance of physical contact in ameliorating it (eg cuddles for kids). Her philosophy is to live in the present.



CHRISTMAS MARKET COMING UP NEXT AUCTION

Christmas-related items of any type are sought for the special stall that will set up at the auction on 7 Dec. Anything Xmassy welcome. We are hoping to be able to support the orphanage children in Lalibela, Ethiopia, who we have supported before. Proceeds from the Xmas stall will be held for that purpose.

OTHER ITEMS

A **reminder** to make your phone calls if you have not yet done so! Secretary Norm has emailed each member with a small set of volunteer organisations to contact to invite them to the annual **Volunteers BBQ** *now on Wednesday 4 Dec.*

The club is supporting three students to attend the Honeywell Engineering Summer School: **Joshua Partridge**, **Dylan Verhoef** and **Callon Roach** (Sydney 1-6 Dec). The students will speak early at our 9 December club meeting (which also includes our AGM and December Board meeting).

The club is keen to continue the tradition of providing educational **Kits for Kids** to underprivileged kids overseas, nearly all of which over more than a decade have been sent to help schoolchildren in Tanna Island in Vanuatu. We have applied for assistance from The Rotary Foundation via a District Grant (previously known as a DSG), which will help us to fund the project. To date, donors/sponsors for the 2014 kits are: Coastal Homesites (\$100), Woolgoolga RSL Club (\$100), Amble Inn (\$50) & Woolgoolga Bottle Shop (\$50). Grateful thanks on behalf of the recipient kids to these generous donors and to Rob White for doing the hard yards to get these funds.

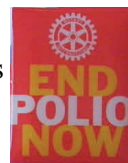
Well done **Lions Club**: their **Golf Ball Drop win** will benefit the **Seniors Centre** (\$200 towards their trailer) and **Northern Beaches Care** (\$300 Coles vouchers). The Advertiser carried a nice article on page 2 (16 Nov).

Please see David Fayle if you wish to support **PolioPlus** by purchasing a \$5 "End Polio Now" badge.

A reminder to look out for possible **Pride in Work** nominations (notify Terry), and for artists among us to work on entries for the **Art of Work** competition (the big night is Friday 7 Feb).

A reprint of the amended **Heritage Walk brochure** (5000) has been completed.

We regret that **Kirpal Husna** has notified the club of his resignation. Kirpal's short time in Rotary was unfortunately affected by a serious accident that left him immobile for many months, coupled with several episodes of very destructive weather impacting on his banana crops, plus overseas travel & other commitments. We hope he is able to rejoin at some point in the future.



CLUB NOTICES

4 Dec Volunteers barbeque (5:30 pm Wed)
 7 Dec Auction (Red Rock Corindi RFS tbc)
 9 Dec AGM / HESS delegates / Board
 15 Dec Christmas Party (Nana Glen)
 20 Jan 14 District Governor's visit

DISTRICT NOTICES

13 Jan 14 Combined Rotary BBQ, Sawtell
 1-4 Jun 14 Rotary Internat'l Convention Sydney

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend				
Date	25 Nov Partners	2 Dec No meeting	9 Dec AGM/Board	15 Dec Xmas Party
Attendance	Echah Wright		David Edwards	NANA GLEN
Welcome/Fellowship	George Smede	AUCTION (MEETING)	Pamela Fayle	Two Tails Kookaburra
Introduce Guest Speaker	Greg Williams	SAT 7 DEC IN LIEU	Peter Lacy	11:30am Sunday
Vote of Thanks	Keith Minhinnett		Mary Bryant	
Guest Speakers or Event	Allan Casey On their travels		3 Honeywell Summer School attendees prior to AGM	

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

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

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

WISH TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER? (See David F)

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