

THE ROTARY CLUB of WOOLGOOLGA Inc.

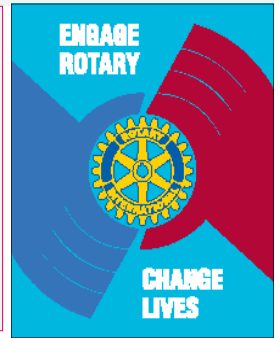
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TONIGHT (9 Dec) - HONEYWELL ENGINEERING SS / AGM

Tonight is packed very full—and starts with a presentation by our three students who attended the **Honeywell Engineering Summer School** in Sydney on 1-6 Dec, who will tell us what they gained from the experience: **Joshua Partridge, Dylan Verhoef and Callon Roach**.

Then will follow our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, which should not take very long, as it consists mostly of routine items, plus the key item of nomination and approval of the Board members for 2014-2015. **Nominations for positions and roles on and outside the Board are most welcome**—have a word to Patty or Norm.

Board members are reminded that the **December Board meeting** will follow the meeting.

SUCCESSFUL VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATION BBQ, 4 DEC

Around 80 people attended the third Woolgoolga Lions and Rotary Clubs **Volunteers 2013 Celebration BBQ** on Wednesday 4 December (up from 40 in 2011 and 50 in 2012). Some of those who attended are members of more than one voluntary group. The Lions chefs again did a great job on the BBQ. John Arkan's samosas were very popular, and not just with vegetarians. The C.ex (Bowling Club) provides an excellent venue and very helpful, friendly staff.

This event provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our communities and to say thank you. There are more than 5 million Australians who volunteer. We have about 130 volunteer groups in the Woolgoolga and Northern Beaches region!

Australian volunteers are essential to society, and many charities would struggle to survive without the support of their volunteers. Australian volunteers contribute more than 700 million hours of community service to so many areas of society, including community health care, heritage and arts, environment conservation, emergency services, education, social justice and sports.

PREVIOUS MEETING 25 NOV—NEW ZEALAND

Allan Casey's talk was on a series of beautiful photographs taken from some creative angles on the topic of New Zealand's South Island. Leslie Casey shared the photography with Allan. From one fortunate enough to be there: "They inspired one to be there. We had our [forthcoming] NZ exchange student [**Bianca McNeill**] on the night so it was relevant that we see where she might be going." Bianca's parents were also present.

Bianca McNeill also gave a brief outline about herself. Members present were most impressed by her mature and confident presentation and her enthusiasm for the coming exchange. She will spend Term 2 in NZ with her host sister's family, and the two will return to Bianca's for Term 3 here.

As a footnote, Echah (I'm told) received a well-earned fine for her T-shirt proclaiming that "It's hard to soar like an eagle when you're surrounded by turkeys"!

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 **Norm**

0418 484 512
by **9am Monday**



STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: none

Guests: (25 Nov) Bianca McNeill and her parents Kevin and Lisa Perry, partners Helen, Bronwyn, Sally, Marie

Apologies: (25 Nov) John, Garry, Glenda, Gareth, Rob, Keith, Greg, Thea, George, David F, Pam, Karen

Attendance: 13 (52%)

Raffle winner: Bianca McNeill

Birthdays: Echah Wright 9 Dec; Bronwyn Mackenzie 18 Jan

Anniversaries: Norm & Helen Michener 9 Dec; Rod & Bronwyn Mackenzie 15 Dec; Echah & Graeme Wright (2!) 20 Dec; George & Sue Smede 30 Dec; Greg Williams & Heather Messer 7 Jan; Glenda & Garry Kennedy 14 Jan

CHRISTMAS MARKET DEC AUCTION

This Whisper is being sent out on the day of the Sat 7 Dec auction, so this is a reminder to bring any Xmas goods for today's stall.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION DAYS

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 attending the remaining end-of-year ceremonies (in date order) are:

Corindi Public School (10th, 5:30pm) President Karen
 Sandy Beach Public School (13th, 9:30am) Rob
 St Francis Xavier (13th, 6pm) Terry

Woolgoolga Public School (10th, 9:30am) Mary
 Mullaway Public School (13th, 9:30am) (Norm?)

OTHER ITEMS

Our **Christmas Party** is coming up fast: Sunday 15th (11.30am at Two Tails Winery, Nana Glen, followed by 12.30 lunch at Kookaburra nearby. In lieu of Kris Kringle we will ask for \$5 p.p. towards Philippines relief).

Please ensure that Norm (0418 484 512) has your numbers (including guests) for the Christmas Party.

If you wish to take the rare opportunity to go to the world Rotary International Conference in our own country, it will be in Sydney 1-4 June 2014. If you register on or before 14 Dec, you get the early-bird rate of \$310, but after then it will be \$50 more.

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).

As announced last time we have funded a **ShelterBox for the Philippines**. November was a momentous month for ShelterBox. Whilst they were responding to an earthquake in the Philippines, the country was struck by the strongest storm ever recorded. Super Typhoon Haiyan left an estimated 10,000 people dead and hundreds of thousands in desperate need of shelter.

ShelterBox responded immediately with more resources. An international "Typhoon Haiyan Emergency Appeal" was launched. ShelterBox Australia set a fundraising target of \$500,000. This target was exceeded in 3 weeks. With the help of Rotary, individuals, and charitable foundations they have raised over \$510,000 ... and the fund is still growing! Obviously, the need is huge and the more donations, the more families they'll be able to help. They have since raised the bar to \$750,000. ShelterBox Australia thanks all those that have donated. Our Rotary District Governor Elect Greg Moran is heading to the Phillipines with Shelter Box shortly.

Mary Bryant represented the club at Probus' 27 Nov session on the Woolgoolga bypass (or deviation, as friends forced to move from Bark Hut Rd. insist it should be called.) Maybe she can report to us re expected opening etc?

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

Condolences to Leslie and Allan Casey on the recent death of Leslie's mother in Queensland.



CLUB NOTICES

7 Dec Auction (Red Rock Corindi RFS)
 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	9 Dec AGM/Board	15 Dec Xmas Party	13 Jan 2014 Sawtell	20 Jan District Governor/ Partners
Attendance	David Edwards	NANA GLEN		Glenda Kennedy
Welcome/ Fellowship	Pamela Fayle	Two Tails Kookaburra	Combined Rotary BBQ	Dick Matthews
Introduce Guest Speaker	Peter Lacy	11:30am Sun- day	At Boambee Bay, Sawtell	Karen Sedgwick
Vote of Thanks	Mary Bryant			Patty Delaney
Guest Speakers or Event	3 Honeywell Summer School attendees prior to AGM	XMAS PARTY		DG Rob Ander- son

**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 IN-
TERESTED IN HOSTING
a YEP STUDENT?
(See Patty)