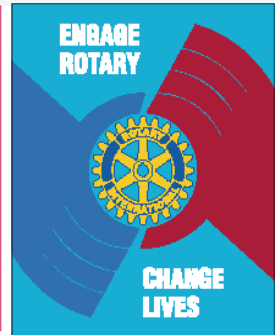


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TONIGHT (28 Apr) Richard Wylie, Marine Research

It's partners night, and a treat is in store: **Richard Wylie** is a marine biologist with a background in aquaculture & marine research. Co-founder and director of Euakafa Island Research Centre, Tonga, he is currently working on a PhD on Marine Education and its link to sustainability. He is also an award winning underwater photographer, and many of his photos have won awards or been published or exhibited. He is a passionate conservationist and believes that photography is an very powerful communication tool for any conservation campaign.



He lectures at Monash University, RMIT University and NMIT in Education, Marine Biology and Aquaculture respectively and is a member of the IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas & the Commission for Education & Communication. He has worked for United Nations, Fisheries, Government, Universities, NGOs & commercial organisations & postings throughout Australia, South Pacific & South East Asia.

CURRYFEST ON SATURDAY (26 Apr)

Don't forget that the main day of **Curryfest** is on this Saturday 26 Apr, before the Rotary meeting. At this stage all Rotary volunteers should be on the **roster**. If you know of anyone else who might be prepared to assist for, say, half-an-hour, there are two simple, but very important tasks they could help with: namely (1) **surveying** as many people as possible on their way out of the festival (yours truly will be analysing these one-page surveys and the results are critically important for grant acquittals and obtaining future funding support) ; and (2) **selling tickets** in the wonderful major **raffle** (first winner chooses return flight to India on Air India, or 3 nights at Darlington Beach Lagoon Spa Villa for a family of up to 5). Volunteers should ask at the gate for the location of the management marquee.

Big news (unaccountably missed by last Saturday's two local papers) is that there will be a curry cooking demonstration at Curryfest by Cathy and Anna Lisle, recent contestants on a very popular TV cooking show. The mother/daughter duo did extremely well and were only eliminated in the final stages—by a strange twist of fate, the dish that knocked them out was a butter chicken curry, so everyone is going to be keen to see Cathy and Anna seek their revenge by whipping up their favourite curry dish. Cathy Lisle (the mum) lives near Walcha while Anna is senior editor for Best Restaurants Australia.

Curryfest gates open at 9.30. Cathy & Anna cooking duo will be at the cooking demo tent on the western side of the Beach Reserve, from just after 10am until 11.30.

OUR INBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT YUTA HAS ARRIVED



2014-15 District 2510
Youth Exchange Student

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Yuta Tsuchiya

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Japanese YEP inbounder **Yuta Tsuchiya** unexpectedly arrived last Sunday at Coffs Airport from Yuni, Hokkaido, a small town of about 7,000 people (marked on map). Patty, Graeme, Pam and David F made a quick dash to the airport to welcome him and take him to Patty and Graeme's, where he will stay only until Wed, when he joins the bus on the major YEP safari. According to our kanji dictionary, the first two characters of his name, Tsuchi-ya (left two)

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 *Mary*
0407 008 468
6654 2663
by **9am Monday**

STATS AT A GLANCE
Visiting Rotarians:
Guests: Susan O'Brien, Ron Whelan, Sharyn Woolley, Colleen Williams, partner Bronwyn
Attendance: 14 (64%)
Raffle: Rod Mackenzie
Birthdays: Selwyn Rogers 6 May; Ila Rogers 8 May; Allan Casey 10 May
Anniversaries: Mary and Allan Bryant 28 Apr



mean earth and shop, while yu and ta mean abundant/rich and enrich or great, so we wish him a year filled with experiences that greatly enrich his life.

BOWELSCAN WEEK (3-11 May) – BOOTH AT WOOLGOOLGA PLAZA

There are still quite a few gaps on the Bowelscan Roster for selling kits at Woolgoolga Plaza. The first day is the morning of auction day (3 May), and we will also sell them at the auction site. Then Sunday morning, and the whole week morning and afternoon, then Sat morning and Sun morning 11 Apr. Note that the kits are a different type this year. They are heat-sensitive, and also need to be returned quickly after sampling, and delivered promptly from the pharmacy to Coffs Hospital (which creates a logistic issue to solve). Please make sure you learn about those changes so you can inform *every* customer, as they will all expect one the same as last year's kit..

PREVIOUS MEETING – Susan O'Brien (14 Apr)

Susan O'Brien, Hearing Health Promotional Officer of Australian Hearing, told us of the pervasive impact of hearing loss, and how there was a marked shift happening in the age of onset towards much younger people (at the same time as lifespan is lengthening). Younger generations will be wearing hearing aids much younger than their parents or grandparents were. Susan outlined the role that her firm Australian Hearing plays, having a client group mostly restricted to pensioners, indigenous people over 50, and young people who qualify. They offer a screening service for anyone, & bookings are being taken for 29 Apr.

– Seniors Centre (14 Apr)

Ron Whelan, accompanied by fellow Seniors Centre representative **Sharyn Woolley** and **Colleen Williams**, outlined current issues faced by the **Seniors Centre** in funding the maintenance of the building, and replacement of fittings and furniture. Ron pointed out that the Seniors Centre, as lessee, had responsibility for this, and not the lessor, Coffs Council (who have owned the building since its transfer from Rotary in 2006). He outlined the cash flow from the two tenants, ad hoc use and classes, as well as the very low membership fee of \$5 per year. The Seniors Centre would appreciate **Rotary representation on their management committee** — please notify Secretary Norm if you are interested.

RECENT DONATIONS

- \$500 towards building a school in a remote part of Nepal -see Whisper issue 22 (end March) re Children's Welfare Organisation of Nepal and Karen Coatsworth (construction cost \$12,000, \$5,000 previously raised)
- The remaining 50% of a Shelterbox Rotary's Shelterbox Syria Appeal to assist Syrian refugees (\$500 added to \$500 previously donated)
- \$200 to Supporting Schools in Kenya (ssikenya.org) via Amanda Hill. (see Whisper V25 Iss 30 on website)]
- \$250 to Woolgoolga Red Cross. *Also*
- Every member is now a **MedicAlert supporter**, thanks to a small donation made by the club.

Don't forget the **Anzac Day march and ceremony this Friday**. So far, we have a party of 4 marching.

Members are reminded that Coffs Council has called for community input into decisions on future cultural facilities for the area, including a 600-700-seat Performing Arts Theatre. David Fayle has further information.

CLUB NOTICES	26 Apr	Curryfest (main day Rotary roster)
	3 May	Auction (Corindi Woolgoolga SES)
	3-11 May	Bowelscan booth at Woolgoolga Plaza
	7 Jun	Auction (Woolgoolga Scout Group tbc)
	30 Jun	Changeover Dinner, Seaview Tavern

DISTRICT NOTICES	4 May	District Assembly 1, Gunnedah
	18 May [date change!]	District Assembly 2, Port Macquarie, start time 10:30am
	16-18 May	MUNA Model UN Assembly, Inverell
	1-4 Jun 14	Rotary Internat'l Convention Sydney
	28 Jun	District Changeover

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend					
Date	28 Apr Partners Night	5 May No meeting	12 May Club Assembly	19 May Board	26 May Partners
Attendance	Norm Michener	AUCTION ON	Geoff Royal	BOARD	Mary Bryant
Welcome/Fellowship	David Edwards	3 MAY	CLUB ASSEMBLY		Terry Booth
Introduce Guest Speaker	Trish Baker				Pam Fayle
Vote of Thanks	David Fayle				Peter Lacy
Guest Speakers or Event	Richard Wylie Marine Research				MUNA participants

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)