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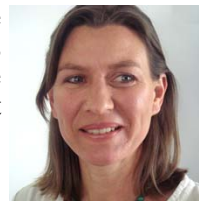
Meetings each month
1st Sat: auction shed
8:30-3:30
2nd & 4th Mondays
6-8pm Woolgoolga C.ex
3rd Monday
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TONIGHT (9 FEB) DANIELLE CANAKIS: REVIVING THE YOUTH CENTRE

The first ever local to go overseas from our club under the Youth Exchange Program (YEP) comes back this evening as guest speaker. **Danielle Canakis** will be speaking to us, not about her experiences 15 years ago in a remote part of Tamil Nadu in south-western India, but about her ambitious project to **revive the local Youth Centre**.



NOTE: EXTRA MEETING 16 FEB AUCTION SHED WORKING BEE

Evening working bee (30 min) and BBQ at shed. Details will be sent later.

SPECIAL EVENT COMING 23 FEB OPEN TO PUBLIC—SECRETS OF WOOLGOOLGA HEADLAND TO BE REVEALED!

The public is invited to hear about the marine natural history of Woolgoolga Headland. The biggest headland in the Solitary Islands Marine Park, it has a diverse habitat supporting an unusually large number of interesting species. Few of us are familiar with the magical world in its many rock pools and on adjacent reefs ... a treasure on our own doorstep that is increasingly drawing photographers, naturalists and tourists to town.

Dr **Steve Smith**, as we know from his previous talks, is a compelling and expert presenter. Runs from 6:00–7.30 pm on Mon 23 Feb at Woolgoolga C.ex Bowling Club. The cover charge of \$5 per person includes nibbles; you can purchase your drinks at the bar. School students are very welcome. Please RSVP with numbers if attending so that we have enough chairs and enough cheese and bikkies (RSVP Pam 6654 7700; pamela@bioaccent.com.au).

THE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE—31 March

The inaugural **Science and Engineering Challenge** is coming on 31 Mar, at Woolgoolga High School. The Challenge, packed with fun and creative, interesting, competitive activities, aims to inspire young people to consider a career in the sciences, engineering or other technology-related areas. Designed mainly for year 10 students from the whole Coffs region, the Challenge is a joint project conducted by the University of Newcastle and the local community. Younger students are also welcome. **Peter Lacy** initiated the project here, and is the Regional Chair, with the committee including teachers, Rotary and Lions members. Coffs Coast business sponsors are invited to support the program following the federal government's withdrawal of support for the program. Plenty of assistants will be needed on the day, so pencil it in your diary!

LAST MEETING: ROTARY YOUTH ADVENTURES FEEDBACK

Our meeting room was really buzzing on 19 Jan when more than 30 of us heard from all of the students that we have recently supported to participate in wonderful events that broadened their horizons, brought opportunities, and built networks—things that can potentially help shape their lives and careers. All 7 students were deeply grateful to Rotary: *(from left)*

Caleb Neithe, Emma Cahill, Bronte Donohoe, Saihaj Arkan, Clarence Harre, Patrick Mullan, Bayley White



An engineering challenge!
Gehry-designed building at UTS

STATS AT A GLANCE

Visiting Rotarians: Robin and Nerida Gourlay (Narrabri)

Guests: Caleb Neithe, Saihaj Arkan, Emma Cahill, Bronte Donohoe, Patrick Mullan, Bayley White, Clarence Harre, Paul McDougall, Dennis Houghton, Graeme Batten, Trish Dengate, Sky Lacy, Tiana Lacy, Sally Lacy

YEP: Yuta

Attendance: 14 (70%) plus Rob White (Hon. Member)

Apologies: John, Trish, Terry, George, Norm, Rod

Raffle: Thea

Birthdays: Garry Kennedy 6 Feb, Patty Delaney 8 Feb, Mary Bryant 20 Feb, Ian Fitzgerald 22 Feb, Rotary's 110th 23 Feb (1905)

Anniversaries: Dick & Marie Matthews 17 Feb

First were **Emma Cahill** and **Bronte Donohoe**, who attended the excellent **Future Vet Kids Camp** in Sydney (Jan 5-9) and showed a nice video they had made covering (eg) the training of assistance & guide dogs, Dr Zammit doing knee cartilage surgery on an animal, and suturing bananas! Meeting major players was a feature, including a scientist who has cloned animals. Emma did work experience with the Mounted Police. Bronte emphasized the importance of having heard about a wide range of career possibilities other than veterinarian, which needs a 98.2 ATAP.

Our 3 students at the 3-day **Conoco Phillips Science Experience** at UNE in Armidale (13-15 Jan), **Patrick Mullan**, **Bayley White**, & **Clarence Harre**, experienced not only insights into various aspects of science, but also the university lifestyle & social events like spotlighting at Dangar's Falls. They made crystals; prepared an antibacterial handcream, and did some "extreme chemistry". They were particularly impressed by forensic criminologist Dr Xanthe Mallett, and the "who done it" was quite challenging.

For **Saihaj Arkan**, the **Honeywell Engineering Summer School** (Sydney 7-12 Dec) opened his eyes to engineering as a career option. Visits included Aust Nuclear Science & Tech Organisation (*photo: safety grid around the reactor*), UTS (*photo Gehry-designed building*), Honeywell, Bluescope Steel (*photo*), Uni of Sydney (*photo; flight simulator*), Uni of NSW and UWS. While there was some repetitiveness in the university experiences, ANSTO and Bluescope especially provided an insight into the role of an engineer and the breadth of roles possible.

Caleb Neithe's wonderful experience at the prestigious 12-day **National Youth Science Forum** in Canberra (Jan 5-17) included building an international network of friends with common interests, and expanding his career options well beyond physics. Live videoconference with CERN Switzerland and a lecture by Nobel winner Brian Smith were just two of a diverse range of activities. An important facet was general personal development, beyond the science.



CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR COMMUNITY CAFE

Before Christmas, the club again donated \$500 towards the All Nations Community Cafe (held every Wednesday for the less privileged in our community, and as well, some members & partners (**Sue & George Smede** and **Terry Booth**) assisted with their annual Christmas party. At least 115 people were there for the meal. This very successful function was held in the new extension including on the outside deck. This facility is open for other community groups to use. Catering was largely by Joe Fallon from Rustic Mercedes plus the Woolgoolga Retirement Village people, providing a first class meal enjoyed by all. The standard of food, presentation and serving was much higher than in previous years. Much of it was donated. **Peter and Jenny Ainsworth** expressed their appreciation of Rotary's donation, help in serving the meal and the clean up.

FISH AUCTION—21-22 March

The annual Fish Auction is on the weekend of 21-22 March 2015. Our appreciation goes to **Allan Casey** for taking on the organization of this.

CLUB NOTICES	7 Feb	Auction (Mau Mau School Port Vila Project)	DISTRICT NOTICES	21 Feb	Public Speaking semi finals Walcha
	16 Feb	Special club meeting at auction shed		26 Feb	PolioPlus movie night, Sawtell
	23 Feb	Steve Smith : Wool'ga C.ex, open to public		13-15 Mar	District Conference, Inverell
	7 Mar	Auction (Woopi Netball Association)		21-28 Mar	RYLA (Youth Leadership) near Macksville
	9 Mar	Special talk: Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)		25-29 Mar	RYAG Sheep (Walcha)
	21-22 Mar	Fish auction		6-9 Jun	Rotary Intl Conference, Sao Paolo, Brazil
	Late Mar	Yuta Tsuchiya (YEP) returns to Japan			
31 Mar	Science & Engineering Challenge				

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend					
Date	9 Feb Meeting	16 Feb Board	23 Feb Public event	2 Mar No meeting	9 Mar Meeting
Attendance	David Fayle	4:15pm	\$5 to David F	AUCTION	Thea Eves
Welcome/ Fellowship	George Smede	Visitors Information	Patty Delaney	7 MAR IN LIEU	Glenda Kennedy
Introduce Guest Speaker	Rod Mackenzie	Centre	Patty Delaney		Karen Sedgwick
Vote of Thanks	Terry Booth		Leslie Casey		Peter Lacy
Guest Speakers or Event	Danielle Canakis, Reviving the Youth Centre		Dr Steve Smith, National Marine Science Centre		George Mills, Rotarians against Malaria (RAM)

Your Rotary Club Needs YOU

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

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

WISH TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER? (See Norm)

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