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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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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
Board meetings VIC
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TODAY (16 FEB) EXTRA MEETING - SHED WORKING BEE & PIZZA

A reminder to members that we have an extra meeting this month, in the form of a short **working bee** at the auction shed, followed by **pizza**. (The proposed BBQ presented logistic problems!)

- **6:10pm at the auction shed** first we will have a clean up for 30 minutes - wear old clothes and gloves for work
- followed by pizza from/at the pizza place next door (Patty is organizing gluten-free bases for the pizzeria to use for three of us)
- socialising and Rotary matters

Please let Patty know if you're intending to come.

Board members are reminded that we have a **Board meeting first**, 4:15pm at Visitor's Information Centre.

HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY YUTA

Yuta's party is on this evening (as I type) Thurs 12 Feb at Rustic Mezedes restaurant, 6:30pm. Let Patty know *straight away* if you wish to join the group, so table space can be organised.

SPECIAL EVENT 23 FEB —SECRETS OF WOOLGOOLGA HEADLAND

The public is invited to hear about the marine natural history of Woolgoolga Headland, and so far we have 40 on the list in addition to Rotary members and partners. 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).

BUMPER AUCTION!!

The meganormous auction on 7 Feb JUST missed being the biggest in net return in the past decade, being pipped by a mere \$13 by the April 2011/12 auction. The **Corindi Pony Club** came in force and worked hard all day - we thank them very much. Two of last week's speakers—**Bronte** and **Emma**—were among their helper group. Thank you also to other helpers; notable among them being **Kirsten Wright** and **Dennis Houghton**. Apologies to others missed.

PUBLIC SPEAKING NEWS

Following the late withdrawal of Cheyenne Hart, last year's cluster runner-up, Catherine Burney from Dorrigo, has accepted the challenge. We wish her well for finals in Walcha on 21 Feb.

LAST MEETING (9 FEB) DANIELLE CANAKIS: TWIN TREAT

(1) INDIA

Our club's first outbounder under the Youth Exchange Program (YEP), **Danielle Canakis** went 25 years ago (*not 15! - and I did maths at ANU...*) to Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu near the Kerala border in south-western India. She took some time to reminiscence about this and how it had influenced her life. Her first choices had been China then Japan, but it turned out to be a wonderful place to go. The first six months was learning how to live in this very different environment, and she learned so much. Her one regret was that English was the usual language used in her circles, and her Hindi did not progress as much as she would have liked. She still keeps in touch with her host mum, and visited again during the 1990s.



STATS AT A GLANCE
Visiting Rotarians: none
Guests: Danielle Canakis, Dennis Houghton, Paul McDougall, Kirsten Wright, Partner Wayne
YEP: Yuta
Attendance: 16 (80%)
Apologies: John, Terry, David E, Peter
Raffle: Dennis Houghton
Birthdays: Yuta Tsuchiya 12 Feb (18), Mary Bryant 20 Feb, Ian Fitzgerald 22 Feb, Rotary's 110th 23 Feb (1905)
Anniversaries: Dick & Marie Matthews 17 Feb

The experience shaped the direction of the life in many ways — serving the community, in ways demonstrative to our youth, being a key element. She is keen to reconnect with Rotary, but with four young children, traditional membership is not currently feasible.

(2) REVIVING THE YOUTH CENTRE

Before India, Dani was a founding member of the local Interact Club, in 1989, just a year after our club started. She also started Carols by the Sea. In India she joined a Rotoract club. Since then she has worked with youth throughout her career, most recently as Woolgoolga High's off-site distance education teacher, dealing with students who for medical, behavioural or other reasons cannot physically attend school. Keen to provide broader opportunities for local students, including her current ones, she wants to **revive the local Youth Centre**. Unfortunately, the project had a major setback three days before, when after an assessment, Coffs Council refused to allow any future use of the unused Youth Centre building next to the Ambulance station, or of its basketball court. Dani is now assessing viable alternatives as well as developing ideas for making it work, and welcomes input.

FISH AUCTION—21-22 March

The annual Fish Auction is on the weekend of 21-22 March 2015. **Allan Casey** has been confronting and overcoming the many bureaucratic hurdles. Members who can assist are asked to keep these afternoons free in your diaries: it's a great event (and a marvelous way of restocking the freezer!)



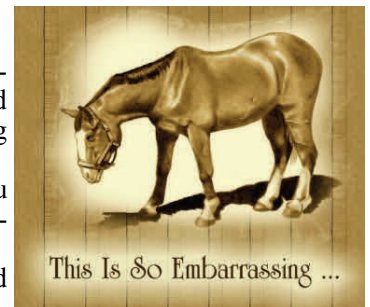
WOOPS!

We thought that our auction helper team for last week's mega-auction was raising money for Mau Mau School (Port Vila, Vanuatu) Project, and advertised this on radio and in our auction ads. It turns out that they were actually raising

money for the **Corindi Pony Club!**

Simone McPhillips, who organized the helper team for our previous auction for Mau Mau School Water Tank Project back in 2013, also organised the wonderful team we had helping at the auction, and our thanks go to her and her team for a fabulous job.

The Board will look at a donation to Mau Mau as well, in consultation with RAWCS and the partner Rotary Club in Vanuatu that were involved in the previous project.



THE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE— **important preparatory events**

The inaugural **Science and Engineering Challenge** is coming on 31 Mar, at Woolgoolga High School.

Those assisting during the Day—and plenty will be needed—are invited to attend two useful preparatory events that will give a good foundation for maximizing your effectiveness in that role:

- 1) **Wed 18 March at Armidale** (most of the day) (with a meal/function on the previous evening)
- 2) (the most important one) **Saturday 28 March at Woolgoolga High School** 10am-12 noon

Peter Lacy 0414 916 712 can provide further information.

CLUB NOTICES

16 Feb	Special club meeting at auction shed
23 Feb	Steve Smith : Wool'ga C.ex, open to public
7 Mar	Auction (Woopi Netball Association)
9 Mar	Special talk: Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)
14 Mar	Yuta Tsuchiya (YEP) returns to Japan
21-22 Mar	Fish auction
31 Mar	Science & Engineering Challenge

DISTRICT NOTICES

21 Feb	Public Speaking semi finals Walcha
26 Feb	PolioPlus movie night, Sawtell
13-15 Mar	District Conference, Inverell
21-28 Mar	RYLA (Youth Leadership) near Macksville
25-29 Mar	RYAG Sheep (Walcha)
6-9 Jun	Rotary Intl Conference, Sao Paolo, Brazil

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend					
Date	16 Feb Board then Working Bee		23 Feb Public event	2 Mar No meeting	9 Mar Meeting
Attendance	4:15pm	6:15	\$5 to David F	AUCTION	Thea Eves
Welcome/ Fellowship	Visitors Information	Working bee	Patty Delaney	7 MAR IN LIEU	Glenda Kennedy
Introduce Guest Speaker	Centre	At shed	Patty Delaney		Karen Sedgwick
Vote of Thanks		Then pizza	Leslie Casey		Peter Lacy
Guest Speakers or Event			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)