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The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

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Club President  
**Leslie Casey**  
District Governor  
**Maurie Stack**  
Rotary International  
President  
**K R Ravindran**

Meetings each month  
1st Sat: auction shed  
8:30-3:30  
2nd & 4th Mondays  
6-8pm Woolgoolga C.ex  
3rd Monday  
Board meetings VIC  
if 5th Monday,  
contact Secretary

## TONIGHT (30 NOV) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / AND SOME FUN

Tonight is our **Annual General Meeting**, with a bit of fun to go along with it. The main task of the AGM is to put in place a **President and Board for 2016–2017**. Normally at this stage we would have in place a President-elect, and often a President-nominee for the following year as well, but we don't – so when you are thinking about what role you would like to play next Rotary year, consider also the overall position of the club and the difficult predicament that would arise if no-one steps up promptly to fill these roles. There are also important roles you can play outside the Board of Directors.

After the business is done we are playing “**What you didn't know about your fellow Club members**”! Think of something about yourself that others would be unlikely to know or guess, then phone or email Pam with this information. The idea is to guess which item matches which member before they tell their stories. Should be an interesting night!

## SIKH COMMUNITY DONATES \$5,000 TO NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The **Sikh Community** has raised an amazing **\$5,000 to assist earthquake recovery** in the Kharikhola area of **Nepal**, and has presented this to our club to send directly to this area, through Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) in association with the Rotary Clubs of Port Macquarie Sunrise and Patan South, Kathmandu, Nepal.



Peter Gargano,  
Canning Stock Route

## MAJOR DONATION TO WOOLGOOLGA REGIONAL COMMUNITY GARDEN

The club has now presented the Woolgoolga Regional **Community Garden** Association with a **\$2,000 donation** foreshadowed in 2013 (photo). Together with a further \$750 given as a result of their excellent assistance with the November auction, these donations will improve the financial situation of the planned community garden, following the setback of the earlier withdrawal of a promised large grant upon the change of State Government.

## FUNDRAISER FOR YEP OUTBOUNDER CLARENCE HARRÉ, ART GALLERY

It's a win-win – enjoy a **sumptuous Austrian morning tea**, while helping hardworking, local Mullaway student, **Clarence Harré**, raise the funds for his Rotary student exchange to **Vienna, Austria**. It's on this **Saturday 28 November 10:30am** at Woolgoolga Art Gallery, \$15 per head. There will be apple strudel, sacher torte, vanilla Kipferl, Mozart chocolates, Linzer biscuits, coffee/tea, Mozart in the background, & the current art exhibition. Lucky door prize, lots of fun and Clarence will tell us more about where he is headed in Austria.

## VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION BBQ Wednesday 2nd December

Time/place: 5.30pm – 7.30pm at outdoor BBQ area, C.ex Woolgoolga (Bowling Club)  
Cost: \$5 per person (meat/samosa, bread, salad, chips, soft drinks, tea & coffee)  
Drinks: beer, wine and basic spirits can be purchased (note no BYO)  
A get-together celebrating volunteering and caring. Lucky door prizes are planned.

Secretary:  
Mary Bryant  
0407 008 468

APOLOGIES TO:

**Pam**

0401 022 951  
6654 7700

by 9am Monday

**STATS AT A GLANCE**  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Michael Fayle (Sawtell)

**Guests:** Peter Gargano, Jim Larry, Diane & Tony Judge, Jean & Chris Edwards, Tineke & Jim Wallace, Judy & Ken Boyle, Gordon Letts, Graeme Batten, Joy Taylor, partners Helen, Sally, Bronwyn, Col

**Attendance:** 14/23 (61%)

**Apologies:** John, George, Harjinder, Trish, Terry, Allan, Thea, Mary, Echah

**Raffle:** none

**Birthdays:** Wayne Crivellone 27 Nov, Surinder Kaur 1 Dec, Sue Smede 5 Dec, Dennis Houghton 25 Dec (Xmas day), Dianne Houghton 5 Jan, Bronwyn Mackenzie 18 Jan

**Anniversaries:** Norm & Helen Michener 9 Dec, Rod & Bronwyn Mackenzie 15 Dec, Echah & Graeme Wright (21) 20 Dec, George & Sue Smede 30 Dec, Glenda & Garry Kennedy 14 Jan, Charles & Elizabeth Phipps 18 Jan

## LAST MEETING (23 NOV) PETER GARGANO: CYCLING CANNING STOCK ROUTE

Over 30 people came to hear **Peter Gargano** tell us about his bicycling adventure in remote outback Western Australia. Many were curious about why anyone (especially a 62-year-old) would choose to ride for 25.5 days, 1621 km down a desolate track of corrugations, sand and gibbery gravel, with only one tiny settlement between beginning and end (the aboriginal outpost of Kunawarritji). Peter gave us a good appreciation, not only for the challenge, but also the reward – which was a lot more than just completing the distance and becoming the 11th person to do so (and the oldest). He was supported by his daughter **Dee**, who drove the 4WD Suzuki.

A rich variety of scenery was revealed, from a picturesque traditional well (Gulvida Soak), to stark arid hills (Breaden Hills), to shallow or dry salt lakes like Lake Disappointment and Gravity Lake (where the gradient is so slight that water at the low end can be blown to the high end by wind). Orange hakea flowers, other wildflowers, and richly coloured Leichhardt's Grasshoppers contrasted with a dead camel, 4WDs burnt out after exhausts had ignited touching spinifex, Canning's wells in various states of repair, and an occasional grave. Learn more at [bike-csr.com](http://bike-csr.com)

Peter is a vastly experienced bush mechanic, and these skills came in handy, especially when needing to repair the Suzuki. His understanding of physics and mechanics helped also in working out optimal tyre pressures for the bike and the 4WD – contributing to the astonishing record of no punctures for either vehicle.

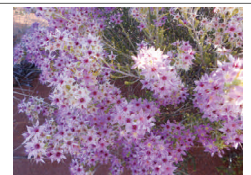


## OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT LA HACIENDA 101

Our Christmas Party will be on Monday 7 Dec, 6 for 6:30 at La Hacienda 101, 101 Fiddaman Road, Emerald Beach. \$30 per person – Please RSVP to Pam. The restaurant is licenced, or pay corkage and BYO.

<b>CLUB NOTICES</b>	28 Nov	Fundraiser strudel & coffee for Clarence	<b>DISTRICT NOTICES</b>	6-11 Dec	Honeywell Engineering Summer School
	30 Nov	AGM and a bit of fun		19-21 Jan	The Science Experience UNE
	2 Dec (Wed)	Volunteers Appreciation BBQ		19-20 Mar	President Elect Training PETS Armidale
	5 Dec	Auction (Corindi Red Rock Rural Fire Serv.)		2-9 Apr	RYLA at Yarrahapinni near Macksville
	7 Dec	Christmas party (La Hacienda, Emerald Bch)		15-17 Apr 16	District Celebration (Conference) Taree
	9 Dec (NB)	LifeHouse Pantry Christmas party		1 May	District Assembly 1 Inverell
5 Apr	Science and Engineering Challenge	22 May	District Assembly 2 Port Macquarie		

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend					
Date	30 Nov AGM	7 Dec Xmas party	18 Jan Board	25 Jan Partners	1 Feb No meeting
Attendance	Terry Booth	La Hacienda	4:15pm	tbc	AUCTION 6 FEB
Welcome/ Fellowship	Echah Wright	Emerald Beach	VISITORS		IN LIEU
Introduce Guest Speaker	n.a.	6 for 6:30	INFOR- MATION		
Vote of Thanks	n.a.	RSVP to Pam	CENTRE		
Guest Speak- ers or Event	“What you didn't know about your fellow Club members”	Smallest Lightest Best souvenir for our YEPPERS to take		Australia Day celebration details tbc	



**Your Rotary Club  
Needs YOU**

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

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

WISH TO PROPOSE A  
NEW MEMBER?  
(See Patty)

KNOW A FAMILY  
INTERESTED IN HOST-  
ING A YEP STUDENT?  
(See Patty)