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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 (22 Feb) SMALL GRANTS, INDONESIA/ROTARIANS V MALARIA

Tonight members and guests will hear about some of the most important work that Rotary is doing internationally, from very localised projects that are tiny but make a giant difference, to the massive challenge of global disease eradication – malaria.

- ★ **Mary Bryant:** about her trip to remote parts of **Indonesia** – the islands of Flores Maumere and Indonesian West Timor, to assess **Rotary Small Grants**.
- ★ **Karen Sedgwick:** bringing us up to date on the **Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)** program.

District 9650 Director of Rotarians Against Malaria, **George Mills**, will also be visiting us on the night from Port Macquarie Sunrise Rotary if he has recovered from his overseas trip.

Mary will be presenting a slideshow re the trip she took last May. She will be showing the work of the Nusa Tenggara Association (NTA) using Rotary Club Grants. These are ongoing projects sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lane Cove. They demonstrate what a small amount of money (eg \$600) can achieve in a poor village where the people use their own resources to enhance their efforts to provide them with a living.

Indonesia is one of the top cocoa-producing countries in the world but the small farmers in the hills of Flores and West Timor live in one of the poorest provinces of the vast archipelago. The Rotary Small Grants Project is assisting them to stay healthy and send their kids to school. Water, health and education are needed, as well as a new library and school furniture! Most small grants are around A\$600 – enough for a large water tank, or desks for a school.

As usual, guests are very welcome– come to the Woolgoolga C.ex (Bowling Club) by 6 pm, and order your meal first-up at Walter’s Bistro. But don’t forget please: to help us organise the seating please **let Pam know any extra guest numbers by Sunday pm:** 0401 022 951 or email rotary@bioaccent.com.au .

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by 9am Monday



REMINDER MUSEUM VISIT (29 Feb)

Around 25 are intending to come to the specially arranged guided tour of the Coffs Harbour Regional Museum on the rare 5th Monday of February. Please let Pam know any further additions – phone Pam on 0401 022 951 or email rotary@bioaccent.com.au .

STILL NEED OUR NEXT PRESIDENT

The club is still without a President-elect for next year. The incoming Board will be filled after a President-elect is found.

PRIDE IN WORK

Terry Booth is planning a Pride in Work event on Monday 11 April at Woolgoolga C.ex Bowling Club. He advises that he has two nominations in the pipeline, and others are welcome.

STATS AT A GLANCE
Visiting Rotarians:
Guests: Kim Thompson, Peter Titmus, Guy Wright, Megan Hart, Isaac Collins, Patrick Mullan, Jim Lawry, partner Sally
Attendance: 12 (50%)
Apologies: John, Harjinder, George, Trish, David E, Terry, Allan, Geoff, Norm, Echah,
Raffle: Dennes Fayle
Birthdays: Mary Bryant 20 Feb, Ian Fitzgerald 22 Feb, Rotary 23 Feb (1905), Lesley Fitzgerald 26 Feb, Graeme Wright 29 Feb (teenager!)
Anniversaries: Dick & Marie Matthews 17 Feb, Ian & Lesley Fitzgerald 27 Feb

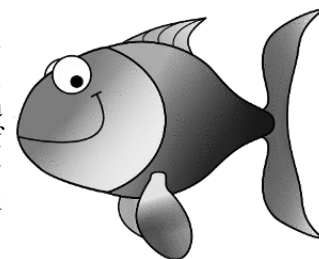
LAST MEETING (8 FEB) OUR STUDENTS REPORTED BACK ON NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM & HONEYWELL ENGINEERING SUMMER SCHOOL

Isaac Collins told us how the **Honeywell Engineering Summer School** reshaped his plans for the future, towards electrical engineering rather than his previous idea of mechatronics. Obviously still bubbling with enthusiasm after a rich variety of experiences and challenges, he touched on the initial hands-on challenge to make a carrier out of paper (in which he came 2nd!), solar-powered cars (on a cloudy day) at Uni of NSW, touring the recycling facility, talking to engineers during their tour of Richmond Air Force Base, electrical engineering at Wollongong Uni, seeing how medical radio-isotopes are made at ANSTO, Australia's only nuclear reactor, the amazing scale of the metal rolling plant at Bluescope Steel, and marine AM/FM radios—plus an engineering trivia night and the experience of staying in Dunmore Lang College at Macquarie University with 100 other engineering enthusiasts. He was very thankful to Rotary for the experience.

Patrick Mullan was equally effusive about the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in Canberra, though was precluded from disclosing much detail, as the NYSF likes to keep the experience fresh and exciting for each batch of students. He was in the “Lovelace” information technology interest group (which struck a chord no doubt with President Leslie, who told us last year she would like to have had Ada Lovelace, computer pioneer, to dinner). Spookily, the group decided, for their group costume, on T-shirts saying “Error 404—costume not found” – and it was Drop-Box Error 404 that had earlier prevented your editor from downloading Clarence Harré’s presentation on HESS [postponed to a future meeting]. The 10 days of NYSF program was full-on, and they were running on energy and little sleep. There were lab and site visits, keynote addresses, workshops, debates, forum, video communication with the Large Hadron Collider people at CERN near Geneva, visit to ANU Linguistics (forensic work to determine true source of emails etc), seeing RAJIN, Australia’s fastest supercomputer, hearing people from marine and agriculture fields, and meeting Nobel Prize winner Dr Brian Schmidt. Social events included a Rotary dinner and a disco, and the best thing of all were the many friends he made. He is profoundly grateful to Rotary for this opportunity.

FISH AUCTION CANCELLED THIS YEAR

Allan Casey advises that he received a call from Mark Kallman, President of Coffs Blue-water Divers. Mark indicated that there were some issues with the competition this year, and that to maintain its viability, the event has been rationalised to a one-day event with a reduced entry fee, no presentation and no dinner. Another change was the scrapping of the donation of the fish and the fish auction for this year. Mark indicated that this may change in the future. The weigh-in will still be at Woolgoolga beach for those interested in attending.



CLUB NOTICES

5 Mar	Auction Woolgoolga Athletic Group (tbc)
2 Apr	Auction
5 Apr	Science and Engineering Challenge (Tues)
11 Apr	Pride in Work
30 Apr	Swap meet (fundraising to combat malaria)
7 May (Sat)	Bowelscan booth at Woolies / Auction day
14 May (Sat)	Bowelscan booth outside Woolworths

DISTRICT NOTICES

19-20 Mar	President Elect Training PETS Armidale
2-9 Apr	RYLA at Yarrahapinni near Macksville
15-17 Apr 16	District Celebration (Conference) Taree
25 Apr	World Malaria Day
1 May	District Assembly 1 Inverell
22 May	District Assembly 2 Port Macquarie

MEETING DUTY ROSTER Please swap nights if you cannot attend					
Date	22 Feb Partners	29 Feb Vocational visit	7 Mar tba	14 Mar tba	21 Mar tba
Attendance	David Fayle	COFFS MUSEUM	tba	tba	tba
Welcome/ Fellowship	Terry Booth	na			
Introduce Guest Speaker/s	Karen Sedgwick	na			
Vote of Thanks	Trish Baker	President Leslie			
Guest Speak- ers or Event	Mary Bryant Rotary Small Grants Indonesia	Terry Beckhouse Will intro- duce us to the new museum			

**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)