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# **Rotary Club of Woolgoolga**

## **Annual Report 2015-2016**

and

## **Changeover Dinner Program**

**Club President Leslie Casey**

**District Governor Maurie Stack**

**Rotary International President K. R. Ravindran**



New members: Kim Thompson with President Leslie Casey & Patty Delaney; Dennes Fayle with Leslie Casey



Christmas in July (r) guest speakers Kerry Wood, Leeann Lloyd & Trish Affleck-Mooney; musicians Matt McIvor (l), Bev Moody & Karen Reid



Helicopter golf ball drop



Science & Engineering Challenge: incl. below: building winning bridge



Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) Max Murray, Jason Reinecker - Cuba



Pride in Work Awards for Dana Eden and Diane Holt (both in centre)



Swap party



## Welcome from Club President, Leslie Casey

*Welcome to the Changeover Dinner of the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga. We are here to celebrate another successful year, during which we fulfilled the 2015-2016 theme "Be a Gift to the World". We achieved this by serving our local community and supporting national and international causes.*

*Locally we supported several organisations including the Woolgoolga Regional Community Gardens, Rural Fire Service Brigades, LifeHouse Community Cafe, Woolgoolga Art Gallery, a community art project and several sporting groups. Our support, both financial and people-hours, enables these organisations to function more effectively within, and for our community. Members of our club volunteered at Curryfest, for which our club received a donation which was directed to the establishment of the Palliative Care Unit at the Woolgoolga Retirement Village.*

*Supporting local youth, mainly those who attend Woolgoolga High School has again been a focus. Several students have attended Rotary Science programs, and our club, in partnership with Woolgoolga Lions Club, and several financial sponsors, and the University of Newcastle ran the Coffs Harbour Science and Engineering Challenge for the second time. At least 32 volunteers coordinated eight challenges for students from seven schools from Grafton, Woolgoolga, Coffs Harbour and Dorrigo. Preliminary planning for the 2017 event is underway.*

*Our club currently has two Youth Exchange Program students overseas; Mitchell Huthnance, (Denmark) and Clarence Harré (Austria) are experiencing life, school and climates that are very different from Woolgoolga. We are making preparations for welcoming Anneliese Schörghuber of Austria at the end of July.*

*We have learnt about Malaria - the greatest cause of death in children around the world, and also learnt of programs that can reduce the incidence of malaria in communities. Proceeds from two fundraisers, Golf Ball Drop & a Swap Party, were directed to Rotarians Against Malaria programs. These events were well supported, and enjoyed by locals.*

*Last July, to support the rebuilding of a village in Nepal that was demolished by the April 2015 earthquakes, we held a 'Christmas in July' Dinner with over 90 people attending. Guest speaker, Leeann Lloyd, was in Nepal at the time of the earthquakes & experienced the terror, uncertainty and lack of infrastructure caused by the ongoing quakes.*

*Our main fundraiser continues to be the monthly auctions, and despite the retirement of three of our long-term volunteers last Christmas, we have managed to staff each area, with many volunteers and friends assisting during the month with the pick-ups of stock. The auction shed enables our community to recycle, re-use, and re-purpose many items that would otherwise be sent to landfill. Our club is able to provide affordable furniture and household items to families who are struggling, or for people who just love a bargain.*

*Though our club is not large, it is involved in many projects and its achievements are surprising for their diversity and their number. Every member has contributed to several of our projects, often involving partners, friends and neighbours. In working together, we have created a stronger club that has indeed been a Gift to the World.*

*I thank the current directors, secretary and treasurer for their work in their areas, and for their support this year. I appreciate the assistance they have given me over the year.*

*I wish the incoming Board, led by President Norm Michener, a very successful year.*

*Leslie Casey  
President, 2015-2016*

## Outgoing / Incoming Office Bearers

Outgoing	Incoming
<p><b>BOARD</b></p> <p>President                    Leslie Casey</p> <p>President-nominee        Norm Michener</p> <p>Vice President            Patty Delaney</p> <p>Immed. Past President    Patty Delaney</p> <p>Secretary                    Mary Bryant</p> <p>Treasurer                    Glenda Kennedy</p> <p><b>Directors:</b></p> <p>Auctions                    Dick Matthews</p> <p>New Generations         Peter Lacy</p> <p>International Service    Karen Sedgwick</p> <p>    YEP                        Patty Delaney</p> <p>Membership and Public Relations                                   Patty Delaney</p> <p>Community Service        Norm Michener</p> <p>Club Service                Pamela Fayle</p> <p>Vocational Service         David Fayle</p>	<p><b>BOARD</b></p> <p>President                    Norm Michener</p> <p>President-nominee        tba</p> <p>Vice President            Leslie Casey</p> <p>Immed. Past President    Leslie Casey</p> <p>Secretary                    Patty Delaney</p> <p>Treasurer                    Glenda Kennedy</p> <p><b>Directors:</b></p> <p>Auctions                    Dick Matthews</p> <p>New Generations         Karen Sedgwick</p> <p>International Service    David Fayle</p> <p>    YEP                        Patty Delaney</p> <p>Membership and Public Relations                                   Pamela Fayle</p> <p>Community Service        Mary Bryant</p> <p>Club Service                Echah Wright</p> <p>Vocational Service         Leslie Casey</p>
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 Patricia (Trish) Baker  
 Terry Booth  
 Mary Bryant  
 Allan Casey  
 Leslie Casey  
 Patty Delaney  
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 Peter Lacy  
 Rod Mackenzie

Dick Matthews  
 Norm Michener  
 Geoff Royal  
 Karen Sedgwick  
 Harjinder Singh  
 George Smede  
 Kim Thompson  
 Echah Wright  
 24 total at 27 June

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Ian Fitzgerald  
 Charles Phipps  
 Elizabeth Phipps

Ila Rogers  
 Selwyn Rogers

Edith White  
 Robert White

# CHANGEOVER DINNER PROGRAM

Monday 27 June 2016 at Seaview Tavern

6:00 pm	Pre-dinner mixer with finger food	
6:30 pm	Call to order	MC Patty Delaney
	Acknowledgement of country	Kim Thompson
	Grace and Toast	MC Patty Delaney
	Introduction of guests; Apologies; Formal welcome	Leslie Casey
	Objects of Rotary	Echah Wright
	Four-Way Test	Echah Wright
6:40 pm	DINNER SERVED	
7:10 pm	Toast to Rotary International	Karen Sedgwick
	Response to the toast	DG Maurie Stack
7:15 pm	Project Tafea – Lenakel Ladies Skill Centre Grand Opening	Robert White and Gareth Owen
7:25 pm	DESSERT SERVED	
7:35 pm	Woolgoolga Rotary's past year	Leslie Casey
7.50 pm	Tea and coffee	
8:10 pm	Presentation to Rotarian of the Year	Leslie Casey
	Induction of incoming President	Leslie Casey
	Induction of incoming Board	Norm Michener
	Incoming President's address	Norm Michener
8:30 pm	Closing remarks and National Anthem	MC Patty Delaney



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## 2015–2016 REPORT BY PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS

Building on a notable record of service during its 28 years, tonight the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga is celebrating the extensive achievements of 2015–2016, echoing this year's theme: "Be a gift to the world".

Highlights included two programs for youth, both involving considerable organisation and hands-on effort: the second **Coffs Coast Science and Engineering Challenge** for students from seven schools in the district, and the **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)** day for local year 11 students.

Underpinning these and a diverse range of other contributions (*see inner back cover*) was an outstanding **fundraising** effort, particularly through the monthly **auctions** & our third **helicopter golf ball drop**, plus two events to raise dedicated funds: for earthquake relief in **Nepal**, a new initiative, **Christmas in July**; and to assist in Rotary's fight against **malaria**, a **swap party**.

We have also been able to respond to disaster recovery in **Fiji** and **Vanuatu**; as well as help farmers and schools in poor, remote areas of **Indonesia**, and the young in **Nepal** and **Kenya**; and contribute to Rotary's global work through **The Rotary Foundation**.

Local students benefitted through many other programs and opportunities. These included **Getting Out There Day**, **National Youth Science Forum**, **Honeywell Engineering Summer School**, **Rotary Youth in Agriculture (RYAG) Equine**, **The Conoco Phillips Science Experience**, and the **Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)**.

Two local students are currently in Europe under the **Rotary Youth Exchange Program (YEP)**: **Mitchell Huthnance** (Denmark) and **Clarence Harré** (Austria). Austrian student **Anneliese Schörghuber** will arrive in July.

Five local citizens received **Pride in Work** awards (**Diane Holt**, **Dana Eden**, **Jude Walter**, and **Anne & Will Hushon**), while **Jeff Luke** was the overall State winner of the **Rotary NSW Emergency Services Award** (for Rural Fire Service).

The **Facebook** page continued to raise the profile of the club and has proved a most effective channel of publicity.

Two new members joined us: **Dennes Fayle** and **Kim Thompson**. Dennes also celebrated 50 years as a Rotarian.



Leslie Casey



David Fayle



Karen Sedgwick



Dick Matthews



Pam Fayle



Patty Delaney

## Enhancing opportunities for local youth

The second **Coffs Coast Science and Engineering Challenge**, Woolgoolga High School 5 April, was a great success. Over 220 students from 7 district schools from Dorrigo to Grafton displayed some admirable problem-solving, creative and lateral thinking skills. McAuley Catholic College won again (Grafton; 1349 points); Bishop Druitt College (1182) was second, with Coffs Harbour High and Woolgoolga High not far behind. Woolgoolga did well to provide an extra team & a half to fill in at the last minute (including numerous Year 7 students). The other schools were South Grafton High, Dorrigo High and St John Paul College. *[Photos on inner front cover]*

The 8 teams undertook 8 challenges, including 6 familiar ones: Bridge, Mars rover, Catapult, bionic hand, Helter Skelter earthquake tower, & Stringways. This year's new activities challenged students to build a manoeuvrable, fast hovercraft from rudimentary components; and to provide power to a town & its infrastructure in the most cost-effective way ("Electricity"). Around 30 volunteers assisted: Rotary, Lions, Probus, Woopi Walkers and other community members, as well as teachers. Congratulations to the organising team, comprising WHS Science head teacher **Phil Dalton**, initiator **Peter Lacy** (engineer), along with fellow Rotary members **Patty Delaney** and **Leslie Casey**, metallurgist **Michael Hope** (Woolgoolga Lions Club), biotechnologist **Gordon Letts**, and IT expert **Chris Edwards**.

Last year's winner, **McAuley Catholic College**, went on to win their day at the **NSW State Finals**, and only just missed qualifying for the National Championship. The club contributed towards the school's costs.

Road safety is important to everyone, and young people are especially vulnerable: each year ~250 young people aged 17-25 die on the road in Australia, and 20 times that number are seriously injured. Our seventh successful **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)** day was attended by 75 Year 11 students from Woolgoolga High School on 20 August. All six modules of RYDA had just been significantly revamped, two of them being completely new (Personality Test and Genevieve's Story). Five of the six modules had first-time Facilitators this year, and they all did a wonderful job. The High School Canteen catered for both RYDA and the S&E Challenge.



Glenda Kennedy



Mary Bryant

### 2015 – 2016 BOARD



Peter Lacy



Norm Michener

Originally initiated by our club, **Getting Out There Day** is a program run by Woolgoolga High School to prepare Year 12 students for life after school. The program, revamped last year, was again well attended and relevant. The club contributed \$800 and Secretary Mary Bryant attended. The club also secured a C.ex Grant to cover the cost of hire of the venue. Many WHS students helped at the auction, WHS receiving a further \$750 donation.

Our club places a strong emphasis on broadening the opportunities available to individual students. Debating and public speaking, frequently underappreciated by students, equip participants with tools that they may well find invaluable during their lives. We provided \$100 towards the primary school **Great Debate**. President **Leslie Casey** attended the debate, involving 5 schools and held at Mullaway Primary School on 30 November 2015, and presented the medals.



Debating at the **Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)** is a rather different experience. Attendees, often dressed and outfitted to represent their allotted country in teams of two, simulate the great debates of the United Nations Assembly, but among the well-constructed and persuasive arguments, there is even more fun and hilarity, along with plenty of bribery, plotting, the occasional arrest, bomb scare or coup. MUNA was held at Kempsey on 28–29 May, with WHS students **Max Murray** and **Jason Reinecker** representing Cuba [*photos: inner front cover*]. They will report to a future club meeting.

Many of the opportunities we provide fall into the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (“STEM”). The club provided \$2,000 of the \$2,950 cost to assist **Patrick Mullan** to attend the **National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)**, that ran for 12 days during January 2016. It is far from easy to qualify for this highly competitive forum, and we congratulate Patrick.



Two local students attended the **Honeywell Engineering Summer School** in Sydney on 6–11 Dec 2015: **Isaac Collins** and **Clarence Harré**. HESS is also a prestigious and competitive program, which brings together 100 Year 11 students from all over NSW & ACT who are interested in pursuing engineering as a career. Throughout the week-long program, students visit 5 universities, and tour some major engineering companies & projects to see engineers at work. Woolgoolga area students continued a track record of strong representation, with a total of 12 students out of 600 over the past six years.

The club supported **Lucinda Gray** to go to **The Conoco Phillips Science Experience** in Armidale in January.

Just prior to Changeover, a student was poised to attend **Rotary Youth in Agriculture (RYAG) Equine** in Tamworth, for advice on careers in the equine industry, including traineeships and agricultural college courses, as well as possible career paths within this and affiliated industries. Also on the schedule was viewing the opening of the World Youth Cup Quarter Horse Event. The



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club contributed towards the RYAG Equine cost for attendee **Jamie Hill**, and **Echah Wright** undertook to transport her to and from it.

Under our innovative **Club Scholarship** scheme, three disadvantaged students were assisted: one to provide internet access at home; the second to attend the State Athletics Carnival; and the third with essential travel costs, including for excursions.

The club also supported **end-of year presentation ceremonies** (or the equivalent) in six local schools (total of \$1,200); schools are requested to couple the donation where possible to **Persistent Commitment to Education Awards**. Club members presented prizes at some of the ceremonies.

These programs for local youth were funded in part by the **helicopter golf ball drop**, described later. Patrick, Isaac and (via PowerPoint) Clarence afterwards reported at club meetings on their experience at HESS or NYSF, and thanked the club for its support.

## **Auction: a win-win-win for the community**

The monthly **auction** of donated goods is not only our club's major fundraiser, thereby allowing us – and our helpers – to help build our community, but it also makes other key contributions to the community, especially for those needing to set up house with limited funds, and it is an ecologically friendly way to usefully recycle goods that would otherwise end up as landfill. The generous support from locals continues to strengthen each year, & the Rotary auction has developed a unique and important role in this community.

## **Building our local community**

Our monthly auctions entail a large amount of physical work. Each auction day, a different community group assists, and in return, receives a donation. This year, the helper groups were able to benefit from donations totalling \$7,250. All nine provided important help on their day(s).

Red Rock–Corindi Surf Life Saving Club (2)

Woolgoolga Region Community Garden

Corindi Red Rock Rural Fire Service

Sherwood Creek Rural Fire Service

Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Woolgoolga High School

Woolgoolga Triathlon

Woolgoolga Athletics Club

Woolgoolga Rural Fire Service

One of these helper groups, the **Woolgoolga Region Community Garden**



**Association**, received a \$2,000 donation, foreshadowed in 2013, in addition to \$750 given after excellent auction assistance (Nov). These donations are helping with the development of this new community asset.

Another local organisation to benefit this way was the **Woopi Tri Festival (triathlon)**– donations totalling \$1,000, \$750 being for auction help (Oct).

Similarly, the **Red Rock–Corindi Surf Life Saving Club**, twice auction helpers, received an extra \$250 towards an inflatable craft (total donation \$1,750).



Traditionally one of our most important annual programs, **Bowelscan** kits help members of the local community to detect bowel cancer. The improved test kits introduced last year were sold to 83 people via Rotary, and 35 more kits were sold by the **Woolgoolga Amcal Pharmacy** on our behalf. Early interception of disease makes this program well worth the effort.

The fifth **Volunteers and Carers Celebration BBQ**, run by Woolgoolga Rotary & Lions Clubs, was held on 2 December. Over 50 attended, many of whom are members of more than one voluntary group. A big pride of Lions ran the BBQ and Rotarian John Arkan's samosas were quickly snapped up. The event ended somewhat prematurely with a spectacular downpour.

The weekly **Community Cafe** run by the LifeHouse Church plays an important role in assisting increasing numbers of underprivileged in our community. This year the club donated \$280 for an industrial sized rice-cooker, and \$500 towards the Community Cafe and its Christmas Party. Several members and partners also helped staff the Christmas Party.

\$500 towards a new **Palliative Care Unit** at the **Woolgoolga Retirement Village** was a donation made possible via the Woolgoolga and Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce, from **Curryfest** profits, as a thank you for our club's volunteer work for this iconic festival.

Rotary made a major contribution to a very successful Curryfest in September, especially through club representative **Pamela Fayle's** key role as co-organiser; also the Rotary team volunteering on the main day at the gate & elsewhere; and the Marketing Report subsequently done by David Fayle. Pamela has also been instrumental in securing Destination NSW status as a Flagship Event for Curryfest, with a major grant for marketing beyond the local area for the next three Curryfests (totalling \$60,000) as well as other grants, sponsorships and participants.

The club donated \$500 to the **CanDo Foundation**. The Coffs Coast & Clarence CanDo Cancer Trust supports patients and families attending the North Coast Cancer Institute. Help is typically in the form of payments to creditors: household bills, phone, gas, electricity, insurance etc; sometimes vouchers for food or petrol, or 'quality of life' items may also be provided. Four members and a partner also participated in the CanDo Bowls Day.



Woolgoolga Art Gallery organises and hosts the annual **Lillipilli Art and Craft Exhibition**, to which the club allocated \$300. A contribution was also made towards materials for a **community art project**, to construct a large number of artificial flowers and displayed them en masse.

The latest reprint run of *Woolgoolga: the History of a Village* all but sold out during the year. This was a 2013 club project to commemorate the new Woolgoolga Heritage Walk, the 125th anniversary of Woolgoolga's gazettal as a village, & the club's own 25th anniversary. Orders are now being taken for a possible further print run. The project has so far netted over \$5,000 for the club.

The **Heritage Walk** is an enduring contribution to Woolgoolga; we maintained and updated the Woolgoolga Heritage Walk website. A further 5000 Heritage Walk brochures printed makes 17,000 in all.

An iPad was provided to **Travis Lark**, the Crash Survivor who courageously told his story three times over to RYDA attendees. The iPad is providing valued assistance in his ongoing therapy. (The club earlier provided 4 iPads to North Coast Brain Injury Rehabilitation Services for this purpose).

The club previously committed a pledge of \$20,000 towards youth-related facilities for the proposed **Multipurpose Centre** for Woolgoolga and the Northern Beaches.

Members participated in **ANZAC ceremonies** in Woolgoolga and elsewhere, and President Leslie Casey and Karen Sedgwick lovingly crafted a wreath from rosemary, traditionally associated with remembrance.

## Recognition of exceptional community service

Six members of the local community were recognised for their exceptional contributions to the community. The Rotary motto is *Service above self*, and our club is delighted that these contributions can be recognised.

**Captain Jeff Luke**, our Woolgoolga finalist, became the overall State winner of the **Rotary Emergency Service Community Award** for the **NSW Rural Fire Service [left]**. These awards acknowledge and celebrate outstanding community service performed by members of the six official NSW State Emergency Service Organisations, above and beyond the call of normal day to day duties. Jeff spoke at the club after being announced as a finalist.

Five people received **Pride in Work Awards** on 11 April. **Anne and Will Hushon**



[centre] have run the Corindi Beach Post Office for 14 years. In addition to the full range of post office services, they play an important role in disseminating information to locals and tourists, and have an attractive cafe on site. They are well recognized for their excellent interpersonal and communication skills by the Corindi community, and going above and beyond in service.

**Jude Walter** [right] has inspired and cajoled a generation of Woolgoolga seniors at Club 50 to keep fit and healthy, works as a personal and group trainer and is highly valued for her humor, enthusiasm and warm welcoming nature.

**Diane Holt** [inner front cover]. has been employed at the Woolgoolga Swim School in Beach Street for 15 years. She has taught countless number of children (able bodied and those with disabilities) from the age of 6 months to 13 years water safety and aquatic and survival skills. Also, as an active patrolling member of the Woolgoolga Surf Life Saving Club, Di has made an important contribution to public safety at Woolgoolga Main Beach.

Outstanding local health and fitness expert, business owner and personal trainer **Dana Eden** [inner front cover] was recognized for her positive influence on the ongoing healthy lifestyle, good eating habits, weight-loss and fitness of many local men and women of all ages. Her expert knowledge and flexible attitude make her sessions very enjoyable. Dana's internet presence enables her to support people who are unable to access her studio.

## Contributions outside our local region

The prolonged drought has hit North-Western NSW very hard. Our donation of \$500 to the **Rotary Club of Lightning Ridge** contributed towards **drought relief** for 50 families with a gift of cash to ease their financial plight after 3 years of severe drought. They need cash to pay the bills and put food on the table, having previously been assisted by D9650 clubs (including ours) with "hay drops", dog food, & "Pamper Packs", all most gratefully received.

The club donated \$200 for the **Seven Bridges Walk**, undertaken by Sunil and Sameer Jassal to raise money for **cancer research** through the NSW Cancer Council. **Red Cross** also received a donation of \$200.

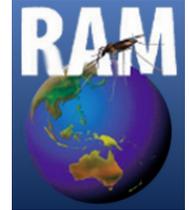
## Continuing support for Australian Rotary Health

Our \$1,200 donation to **Australian Rotary Health** included \$50 for every guest speaker. Australian Rotary Health's major focus is mental health. Cancer is an

additional focus. It also provides rural nursing and rural medical scholarships, as well as research grants & PhD scholarships. Donations from District 9650 to Australian Rotary Health were all directed to the District Governor's Partner (**De Stack**)'s project, the **Jack Wilson Kidney Research Project**, to fund a grant for a young scientist to undertake a 3-year Ph.D research project into improving the outcomes for children who have had kidney transplants.



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## Rotary fighting disease – malaria

Combating disease is a major focus of Rotary globally. One of the most destructive in the regions to Australia's north is Malaria, a debilitating parasitic disease, with mosquitos playing a key role. The **Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)** program has raised more than \$1.6m to eliminate malaria since 2003, focusing on south East Asia and the South Pacific, in particular Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste. RAM works in conjunction with local Ministry of Health authorities and complements the work of other malaria organisations: Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria; the World Health Organization; and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Mosquito nets impregnated with long-lasting insecticide are one of the keys to beating malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases. RAM has distributed over 5 million nets to its target countries, along with environmental work and tools to reduce stagnant water and improve drainage, vital education and training, provision of scientists, diagnostics and facilities, chemicals and insecticides, and a coordinated, village-by-village approach. The program continues to be effective, with a reduction in incidence of 45% in PNG and 75% in Solomon Islands, while in Timor Leste the incidence has dropped spectacularly, from 220 in 1000 to less than 1 in 1000!

Two events raised money specifically for the Rotarians Against Malaria program: the **Swap Party** and the **helicopter golf ball drop** (described later) together raised \$1,980. The Swap Party on 30 April contributed \$930 of this. International Service Director and host **Karen Sedgwick** and team did a marvelous job in organising and publicising the event, bringing in a big crowd to enjoy browsing, finding bargains and interesting conversations over a sumptuous afternoon tea [*inner front cover*]. Karen also attended a major RAM conference in Brisbane during August.

## Rotary – channel for community contributions globally

The devastating **earthquake in Nepal** in April 2015 was the worst in 80 years. The local **Sikh Community** 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.

## International service

Our sustained fundraising success underpins our continuing attention to deserving causes in other parts of the world.

**Christmas in July** was a new initiative – an outstanding success that raised a net \$2,571 to assist in recovery following the devastating Nepal earthquake that occurred on Anzac Day. The music & delicious food was enjoyed by 94 guests plus helpers [inner front cover]. **Leeann Lloyd**, high in the Everest region when the earthquake hit, told her enthralling story. As with the Sikh community donation just mentioned, the funds were directed to **Mera School** and **Kharikhola Village** in the remote Everest Region of **Nepal**. Port Macquarie Sunrise Rotarians **Trish Affleck-Mooney** and **Kerry Wood** attended, and outlined their “Nepal Sunrise” work in this part of Nepal. Our club had also given \$2,000 in the previous Rotary year.



Our club, and District 9650 as a whole, have a longstanding involvement in improving health and education for the community of **Vanuatu's** volcano island, Tanna, through **Project Tafea**, another RAWCS project. Two Honorary Members of our club, **Robert and Edith White**, together with **Gareth Owen**, who as a member of our club had worked on project Tafea in Tanna in 2012, travelled to Tanna in May 2016 for the opening of the **Lenakel Ladies Skill Centre**, helping the recovery from the terrible cyclone of March 2015.

Cyclone Winston devastated parts of the Fiji islands in February 2016. The club responded with donations totalling \$1,000, of which the **Fijian Disaster Relief Project** (also RAWCS) received half. The remainder had not yet been allocated as this report went to press.

A \$1,000 donation went to the **NTT Small Grants project**, a small grants system to assist farmers and rural schools in remote parts of southeast **Indonesia** — the province of Nusa Tenggara Timur (NTT), which includes the islands of Flores, West Timor and Semau, all areas of extreme poverty. **Mary Bryant** had visited the area on a project inspection and assessment tour there in May 2015, and was impressed with the impact that modest funding has here. She spoke on this at Changeover 2015. Funded projects include RAWCS and other Australian Rotary small grants, and the scheme is now registered as a RAWCS project. This year the scheme provided 20 household cooperatives with cocoa seedlings along with training and advice on cocoa production; assisted 40 households to develop plots for the production of vegetables for consumption and sale; and provided materials that allowed cooperative groups to construct 20 water tanks (15,000 litres each) and 20 double toilet blocks. Some future grants will fit rural schools out with basic furniture and storage for textbooks, or provide basic training in librarianship to teachers.

The **plant stall** at the September auction raised \$420 for an orphanage in

Kathmandu, **Nepal**, the **Social Development Centre**. The SDC currently cares for 15 children/young adults, ages 5 through 18; care lasts until they are able to care for themselves, and some children will go onto the equivalent of TAFE or even tertiary education. About \$4,226 of support has previously gone to this orphanage directly through the club.

**Akili Girls Preparatory School**, Kisumu, **Kenya** strives to provide underprivileged girls with free, accessible, high-quality education that will help them overcome poverty. The club has donated \$200 to them.



To sum up, this year, we have been able to respond to disaster recovery in **Fiji, Nepal** and **Vanuatu**; help farmers and schools in poor, remote areas of **Indonesia**, and the young in **Nepal** and **Kenya**; and contribute to Rotary's fight against **malaria**.

Beyond these, our annual donations to **The Rotary Foundation** help support a truly amazing range of activities across the globe. The charitable arm of Rotary, TRF taps into a global network of Rotarians – including Woolgoolga Rotarians – who invest their time, money, and expertise into these projects. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, disease and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave lasting impact. TRF celebrates its 100th anniversary this coming year.

**PolioPlus**, the 30-year program now on the brink of eradicating polio-myelitis globally, is also under The Rotary Foundation umbrella. Club member Norm Michener participated in a Rotary delegation lobbying the Federal Government not to renege on its previous commitment of \$100 million towards the final eradication of global poliomyelitis. A key objective of the coming year's Rotary International President, **John Germ**, is to see polio eradicated during his term.

## The Youth Exchange Program

Two local students are living in Europe for 2016 under the **Youth Exchange Program (YEP)**. **Mitchell Huthnance** is in Denmark (Nyborg, Rotary District D1461, about an hour west of Copenhagen), while **Clarence Harré** is in Austria (West Vienna, D1910). A whirlwind of new experiences included (for both) the excitement of seeing snow for the first time, going to balls and music recitals in grand buildings and in formal attire, as well as discovering the culture of their host country. Both have attended intensive language courses, and have also travelled with their school or Rotary to other European countries in their first 5 months on exchange.



**Anneliese Schörghuber**, from Graz in Austria (D1910), is expected to arrive here at the end of July. *Photos in the YEP section at the end.*

To assist with covering program-related costs, especially insurance, for the two YEP outbounders, the October **auction helpers** were Clarence Harré, Mitchell

Huthnance & a large team of friends. Clarence was a frequent and willing helper at the Rotary auction and other events, including Curryfest, and Mitchell assisted with the collection of donated furniture and goods for auctions. To further help Clarence raise sufficient funds, the club held a very successful **Coffee and Strudel Morning** at Woolgoolga Art Gallery on 28 November.



## Another strong fundraising effort



Funds raised totalled over \$41,500, including:

Fundraiser	Funds
Auction (monthly; net of ads)	\$32,318
Helicopter golf ball drop	\$4,239
Christmas in July	\$2,571
Swap party	\$930
Sales of <i>Woolgoolga: History of a Village</i>	\$393
Sales of curry packs	\$82
Curryfest volunteering donation	\$500
AMCAL Curryfest raffle donation	\$238
Jumping castle donation	\$28
Metal recycling	\$217

Rotary **auctions** raised over \$32,300 (net of ads), just pipping the excellent results of the past two years. This reflects the ongoing benefits of investment in the shed extensions and fence. The auctions included a plant stall, and there were some substantial sales via advertisement (Facebook and GumTree), including a kitchen and a pianola. Several donated items were regifted to other local community organisations to assist their operations.

Our third **helicopter golf ball drop** was again a success, raising well over \$4,000 net, split between our programs for our local young people (\$3,189), and **Rotarians Against Malaria** (\$1,050). 994 tickets were sold, each ticket having a corresponding golf ball. The golf balls were dropped very accurately from a Precision Helicopter over a target on the golf driving range at Safety Beach on 25 Oct. The closest 10 golf balls all won prizes [*Photos: inner front cover*]. First prize was a family weekend at Big4 Emerald Beach Holiday Park, plus two helicopter rides courtesy of Precision Helicopters, and a \$50 voucher for Coopers Surf Shop. The morning golf Ambrose contributed \$310, while \$403 came from a raffle of a hamper of donated goods and services.

**Curryfest-related events** raised money for our club: when Prime's Sunrise program visited Woolgoolga promoting Curryfest, the **Tabatinga Jumping Castle** donated the \$28 raised to us. On the main day of Curryfest, **Amcal Pharmacy** donated the proceeds from their raffle (\$238), tickets for which our club members assisted in selling on the day. Already mentioned was the \$500 donation from the **Woolgoolga and Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce**, from Curryfest profits, recognising the help Rotary provided.

## Strengthening the club

Bringing in new members to share in the fun, fellowship and service is vital to sustain an active and vibrant club. During the year we welcomed two new members, **Dennes Fayle** (July) and **Kim Thompson** (April) [*inner front cover*].

Dennes also celebrated 50 years as a Rotarian, almost all of it in Armidale Rotary. On reaching the milestone in December, he received a congratulatory letter from Rotary International President K. R. Ravindran, presented at the Christmas Party. Dennes was Armidale Club President in 1981-82, and received a Paul Harris Fellow award in 1978. Prior to that, he served in Apex for 20 years until the maximum age of 40, and is a Life Member of Apex. His son David and daughter-in-law Pamela Fayle are club members.



Kim, a registered nurse working at the Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation in Grafton, continues to make a strong contribution to the club, starting from well before she became a member.

We also have two new Honorary members, **Elizabeth Phipps** and **Edith White**, both valued, longstanding contributors to our club work. Edith travelled to Vanuatu in May on a RAWCS project, mentioned earlier.

## Communication and publicity

The **Facebook page** established the previous year by club president Leslie Casey has proved very successful and effective, and continues to boost the profile of the club: [www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofwoolgoalga](http://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofwoolgoalga). So far, 323 different Facebook users have “liked” the site, up from 116 just 18 months before. Uses included publicity for our events, projects and support given to the local community, as well as advertisements for selected auction stock.

The club bulletin for each non-auction meeting, the **Woopi Whisper**, has completed its 28th year. We maintained the **Club website**: [www.woolgoalgarotaryclub.org.au](http://www.woolgoalgarotaryclub.org.au), from which may be downloaded current and past issues of the Woopi Whisper. The website now has a live Facebook feed.

Donors to the monthly auction were often given a **flyer** that summarises how the funds raised are used, both locally and overseas.

There were 27 articles in the **Woolgoalga Advertiser** and 1 in the **Coffs Coast Advocate**, 17 with colour image(s). There was coverage of some of our press releases and Facebook items on the Coffs Coast Advocate website. In September, **Rotary Down Under** ran an article on the Fish Auction.

Radio coverage included an **ABC local FM** promotion for Christmas in July.

- 27 Jun 15 Christmas in July to help Nepal
- 4 Jly 15 New president for Rotary club (colour photos p1 & 4)
- 11 Jly 15 Plan hatched to help needy (Xmas in July, colour photo)
- 16 Jly 15 [ABC FM 92.3] Fiona Poole interview with John Arkan- incl. Christmas in July
- 25 Jly 15 Fundraiser pays off (Xmas in July, colour photo)
- 1 Aug 15 Local volunteer acknowledged (Rotary NSW Emergency Services Award, colour photos p1 & 2)
- 4 Aug 15 [Advocate website] Volunteer firié's community connection acknowledged
- 8 Aug 15 Photo of Victorians doing Heritage Walk, showing Squatters and Selectors panel
- 22 Aug 15 Woolgoolga lends a hand in Nepal (Sikh donations via Rotary; colour photo)
- 29 Aug 15 Curryfest pays off (mentioning Rotary receiving funds from Sunrise event)
- Sep 15 [Rotary Down Under] There's something fishy going on in Woolgoolga (Fish Auction, colour photo)
- 5 Sep 15 Year 11 students get lesson on road safety (RYDA)
- 3 Oct 15 Thank you ad to Woolgoolga Rotary from Curryfest/Chamber of Commerce
- 24 Oct 15 Chamber awards community groups (p1)/ Local volunteers rewarded (p5) [col. ph's]
- 24 Oct 15 Rotary golf balls take to the sky
- 7 Nov 15 Rotary Golf Ball Drop a success (colour photo)
- 21 Nov 15 Clarence is Austria-bound (YEP, advertising Coffee and Strudel morning)
- 28 Nov 15 Guten tag, Woolgoolga! Clarence is off to Austria (p1 col. photo)/ Student excited for life abroad p7
- 28 Nov 15 Lions cooking up an appreciation feast (colour photo; volunteers BBQ)
- 5 Dec 15 Big thanks (four colour photos of Volunteers and Carers BBQ on page 2)
- 5 Dec 15 Mullaway wins great debate (colour photo; awards by L Casey, & thanking Rotary)
- 13 Feb 16 King of the garden (page 1 mention of Rotary's donation)
- 20 Feb 16 Science challenge returns/ Volunteers needed to run event (page 1, colour photo)
- 20 Feb 16 Nominate a local dedicated worker
- 27 Feb 16 2016 Curryfest plans hotting up (mentions donation to Rotary)
- 5 Mar 16 Northern Beaches Multi-Purpose Centre: open letter to Coffs Council (pledge etc)
- 5 Mar 16 Harjinder Singh to offer local JP service (mentions his Rotary membership)
- 16 Apr 16 Rotary awards Woolgoolga's best workers (Pride in Work; 5 colour photos)
- 16 Apr 16 Woopi ranks fourth in Science and Engineering Challenge (colour photo)
- 25 May 16 [Advocate] STEM offers challenges & rewards (Rotary/S&E Challenge; 2 col.photos)
- 4 Jun 16 Nab a bargain & help the community (Rotary's monthly auction; 2 colour photos)

For improving communication and “corporate memory” within the club, we have started using **Basecamp** for storage of and access to key documents.

## An informing and entertaining club

Because the club is so active, with a rich and full program of events outside of ordinary **Monday meetings**, we had trialled having those meetings on two Mondays a month instead of all 4–5 Mondays. That arrangement has proved popular, reducing the time pressure on members, especially those having the tasks of ensuring guest speakers or producing the Woopi Whisper. That schedule will continue. Attendees also now purchase their own choice of meal, again a popular change in the way we operate.

The number of **guest speakers** is consequently considerably fewer than in former years, but the tradition of interesting talks on a wide variety of topics continued; including Alison Heagney's Magic Meatballs venture, Tini Sochon's

techniques to avoid pain, Dr John Drinkwater on the imminent crisis in Medicare funding for GP consultations, Sasha Andrews on the Palliative Care Unit now under construction, Dennes Fayle on a 1988 visit to North Korea, Dr John Kramer on his new building and the history of his Practice, Peter Ainsworth on assisting disabled children in Kenya, and Peter Gargano on cycling the Canning Stock Route. At the Seniors Centre, visiting District Governor Maurie Stack discussed how Ravi Ravindran, our international president, urges us to “Be a gift to the world” (with commitment, not just to your local community).

On the eve of the Science & Engineering Challenge, our meeting was held at Seaview Tavern, and was also a public event. Guest speaker Professor Emeritus **Alan Bell** spoke on the huge range of careers available now, and emerging in the future, in the agriculture industry: everything from high-tech stock management and food supply chains, through biosecurity and risk management, to environmental sustainability. Attendee teams had a lot of fun building & testing Berocca rockets. **Andrew Fraser**, local state member, attended.

There were two specially arranged tours during the year. The club visited the **Woolgoolga Amcal Pharmacy** to see **MADDI** (“Medicine and Drug Delivery Instrument”), an amazing high-tech robotic system that has automated the dispensing of prescription drugs. **MADDI** has improved almost every aspect of pharmacy operation.



The visit to **Coffs Harbour Regional Museum** revealed a gem, previously undiscovered by many of us. Quite a number of our party had worked with club members Norm Michener and David & Pam Fayle in the Woolgoolga Heritage Walk, so it was a reunion of sorts too. **Terrie Beckhouse** and her staff gave us an overview of the layout of the museum and the dynamic nature of its displays, as well as its chequered history in previous locations. One highlight was the model of George Hardacre’s “flying machine,” that was constructed by the late **Vince Brooker**, Rotarian (Coffs Harbour Daybreak).

Other fresh new ideas to keep meetings attractive and enjoyable were “**Who do you think you are?**” (where members selected an ancestor, provided first name, occupation and associated place(s), and the contest was to match ancestor to person; each member spoke briefly about their chosen ancestor); “**Best inventions ever**” (where everyone chose one invention to tell us about; examples ranged from the printing press, electricity, and plastic to cats’ eye reflectors, the Fluorescence-Activated Cell Sorter and the mining drill Airleg); and “**What you didn’t know about me!**” – full of surprises, and most of us struggled to match the “interesting, little known fact” with the member. Indeed the winning score was achieved by outgoing YEP student, Mitch Huthnance, who scored a box of chocolates!

The **Club Assembly** on 10 August focused mainly on possible future projects, to guide the board through the year. There was a consensus that matching the number of projects undertaken to club funds and people power is critical.

Increasing our support for **malaria eradication** was most generally raised as the project with highest priority. A number of new other projects were considered, including several that were beyond our current resources, or needed a longer development timeframe.

Saying *hasta luego* to the Bollywood dancing fun of the previous year, our **Christmas Party** went Mexican, but only as far as Emerald Beach – La Hacienda 101, where about 30 enjoyed delicious food and a Danish trivia contest. President Leslie thanked members for their exceptional efforts over the preceding five months, and best wishes for the season were exchanged. One highlight was the 50-year presentation to Den Fyale.

Six Rotary couples from the RVFR – **Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians** joined us for a March meeting. From four Queensland clubs, they were at a RVFR muster at Darlington Beach. Some guests and members took the opportunity to tell us about something unusual that happened to them while travelling, and there were some fascinating stories.



From auction donations, books were sent to Coffs Harbour South Rotary for their **Bookfest**, and books and magazines to **Ranfurly Book Aid**, to go to disadvantaged Pacific Island communities.



## Recognition of club members' achievement

**Paul Harris Fellow Awards** were presented to two members, both Past-presidents of the club: **Patty Delaney [left]** and **Karen Sedgwick [right]**. Both have made huge and sustained contributions to the club's activities and success throughout their memberships.



Two **Rotarian of the Year** awards were made for 2014-2015, to then-incoming President **Leslie Casey [left]**, especially for developing the Facebook site, and excellent work as the Treasurer (also achieving the 2015 Commonwealth Bank Treasurers Award Certificate of Appreciation); and to **Terry Booth [right]**, particularly for all his work towards improving the auction shed.

## The contributions of volunteers, both members and friends

Essential to our fundraising is the **ongoing work** in collecting donated goods to auction, organising them, and disposing of rubbish. The volume of donated goods continues to inexorably increase, partly as a result of increasing awareness of Rotary's contribution to the community and the attendant goodwill. Several working bees and a lot of work by individuals throughout year went into restoring some order to the verandahs and shed, swamped by donated goods and a clearance rate that is insufficient to cope.

Auction-related improvements included a new professional sign and two pole-lights mounted on the wall of the RSL Club overlooking the auction car parking area; new bookcases in the shed for the book section; aisles painted on the verandah deck to keep clear for access; a new banner to replace one stolen from the front yard of the CWA; safety signs and fire hydrant updates; “branding” of Rotary-owned trailers, tools, bins etc; shadow-board for facilitating finding of tools; a new street sign across the road from the CWA, pointing to the auction shed; a large overflow storage area donated by member John Arkan; storm tarpaulins; & further rationalisation of storage configuration inside and outside the shed, to reduce workload.

The next two Sections thank many of these volunteers. The list is as complete as possible, but inevitably misses some people and contributions. Apologies go to those omitted.

## Thank you to members and partners

During the year, members and partners made countless contributions, often requiring extraordinary commitment, and frequently going unnoticed. Service and fundraising activities, organising social events, administration and communication in many cases require members and partners to place “service above self.” Much of this dedicated effort goes to **helping at auctions** (nearly every member), the S&E Challenge, RYDA and other events, and **selling golf ball drop raffle tickets**. The key role played by **Directors** is, as always, deeply valued, and their work is not spelled out here. Among members warranting a special thank you are (apologies go to those omitted):

Patty Delaney: conceiving of and organizing Christmas in July; organising and running Bowelscan; Science and Engineering Challenge organising committee; occupational health and safety work, especially re auction; club Facebook page; assisting with the Austrian morning tea, the Swap Party & helicopter golf ball drop

Dick Matthews: organising and running monthly auctions; auction pick-ups; managing auction shed; assistance with RYDA, Science and Engineering Challenge & helicopter golf ball drop

Peter Lacy: organising the second Science and Engineering Challenge; assistance with RYDA; inspiring excellent participation in other programs, especially from WHS

Glenda Kennedy: co-organising and running helicopter golf ball drop; assisting with RYDA, the Swap Party & the Austrian morning tea

Karen Sedgwick: organising and hosting Swap Party; co-organising and running helicopter golf ball drop; Coffs Bookfest; assisting with RYDA, the Austrian morning tea and Christmas in July; auction pick-ups

Leslie Casey: Science and Engineering Challenge organising committee; work on the club Facebook page; Community Cafe Christmas Party

Echah Wright: sourcing sponsorship for golf ball drop; transporting student to and from Tamworth for RYAG Equine; assistance with Science and Engineering Challenge and Christmas in July

David Fayle: organising and running RYDA; compiling Annual Report & Woopi

Whispers; designing banners for auction and Bowelscan; auction pickups etc; assistance with S & E Challenge, Christmas in July & helicopter golf ball drop

Norm Michener: organising and helping run the Volunteers BBQ; auction pick-ups; auction shed maintenance & improvements; assistance with helicopter golf ball drop

John Arkan: auctioneering (monthly auctions); catering Volunteer's BBQ; donating storage space for excess auction items

Pamela Fayle: key member of Curryfest organising committee; helping organise innovative club events; organising and baking for the Austrian morning tea; assistance with Science and Engineering Challenge, RYDA & helicopter golf ball drop

Dennis Houghton: auction pickups and shed maintenance & protection; assistance with RYDA, Science and Engineering Challenge & helicopter golf ball drop

Terry Booth: initiating and organising Pride in Work; ongoing auction-related work, including arranging signage; ongoing monitoring of the Rotary bus shelter and surrounds; Community Cafe Christmas Party (with Marlies)

Mary Bryant: assistance with RYDA and Science and Engineering Challenge; relief Woopi Whisper compiler

Kim Thompson: auction shed maintenance and provider of first aid

Trish Baker: running the golf ball drop hamper raffle and obtaining prizes

Thea Eves: assistance with helicopter golf ball drop fundraising and RYDA

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David Edwards: assistance with RYDA

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George Smede: organising Rotary help at Community Cafe Christmas Party (with Sue)

All of our Board members

### **Partners and Honorary members:**

Marie Matthews: helping organise and maintain the auction shed; auction assistance

Graeme Smith: building bookshelves at auction shed; also installation of safety signage and other maintenance work; assistance at auctions and Christmas in July

Ila Rogers, Sel Rogers, Elizabeth Phipps, Edith White, Graeme Smith, Col Cafferky, Wayne Crivellone and Allan Bryant: assistance at auctions

Pre-auction pickups: Allan Bryant

Ila Rogers, Marie Matthews, Sally Lacy: assistance with RYDA

Sally Lacy, Graeme Smith: assistance with Science and Engineering Challenge

Col Cafferky: assistance with helicopter golf ball drop

Rob and Edith White: work for RAWCS, including in Vanuatu; metal recycling

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Christmas in July contributors, including Lynda Craig, stalwart of Meals on Wheels, who played a key role in the kitchen; those who made food, including a lavish spread of desserts; those who organised sponsorship prizes; Karen Reid and Bev Moody for donating music; Trish Affleck-Mooney and Kerry Wood (Port Macquarie Sunrise Rotary) who came north for the event; Woolgoolga Community Village Hall & Meals on Wheels (donated venue+kitchen), Cee Cees, Coles Moonee, Woolworths, Post Office, Woolgoolga Newsagency and CWA Woolgoolga.

Meena Tiwana (AMCAL Pharmacy) and Terrie Beckhouse (Museum): visit hosts.

Tom Pieper, Footprint Electrical, Moonee Beach donated time +materials for ongoing maintenance of Rotary Bus Shelter; & for lighting/electrical work incl. materials spotlighting the new Auction sign & carpark area at the RSL Club building.

The Advertiser, for excellent media coverage.

CWA Woolgoolga.

Lions Club of Woolgoolga, partners in running the Science & Engineering Challenge, & the celebration barbeque for Volunteers; help with disposal of auction rubbish.

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RSE Ltd	Billy Kean (Kean2Drive)	Ryan's Bus Service
Ian Cook	Mark Beard (Mark Beard Automotive)	Woolgoolga Shed
Megan Hart	Senior Constable Mark Whittaker	Lyndee Hagar
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Woolgoolga Seniors Centre		Woolgoolga Community Village Hall
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All other family members and Friends of Rotary who helped throughout the year at auctions, RYDA, Bowelscan, Curryfest, S&E Challenge and other events.

All our guest speakers.

## 28 YEARS OF SERVICE IN 2016

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga held its Charter dinner on 21 June 1988 at the Woolgoolga Bowling Club. A provisional club had been started earlier that year, under the guidance of the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour. Charter President was Ian Hickey, and two of those charter members remained members 28 years later, in mid-2016: active member Rod Mackenzie and honorary member Ian Fitzgerald. An overview of 28 years of service follows.



## Woolgoolga facilities for senior citizens

**Woolgoolga Seniors Centre** resulted from a project initiated, run and completed by the Club in 5 years (1999-2004) with project management, labour and a direct contribution of over \$100,000 to the \$420,000 Centre. The Seniors Centre has served the community now for 12 years.



Seniors Centre under construction c2003; at official opening, 3 May 2004: Luke Hartsuyker MP, Dick Matthews, District 9650 Governor John Burkey & Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson; p22: complete (2009)

(Above) old auction shed; (right) dinner auctions; (below) Retirement Village: turning the first sod



Separately, over \$95,000 went to help build the Woolgoolga Retirement Hostel (now **Woolgoolga Retirement Village**), mainly in 1988-1992.

## Other contributions to local community and to youth

Monthly **auctions** of donated goods since 4 Nov 1989 have raised approximately \$630,000. Apart from raising funds, the auction provides an important resource for local needy and those setting up households, as well as recycling goods. Other volunteer organisations assist with the auctions and receive a share of the proceeds. The action happens at the auction shed, which replaced the earlier shed [photo], destroyed by fire.

Annual **dinner auctions** (1989-2002) raised over \$250,000 and were a highlight for both the club and the local community [photos]. Annual **fish auctions** have often added significantly [right]. Many other ways of raising funds have been used. Recent examples include three **helicopter golf ball drops** [p15], a bush dance for the Heritage Walk, an Africa night, Christmas in July, raffles, swap parties, souvenir curry powder packs, and the Yeates reprint [see later].



Using these funds, the Club's projects have included major contributions toward construction of **Yeates Hall** at Woolgoolga Public School, a **toddlers' leisure pool** (photo) at Woolgoolga Swimming Pool, the **netball courts**, High St. **sporting fields**, **basketball court** and **clubhouse**, **skateboard facility**, **shade sail** at the Out of School Hours Centre (in partnership with Lions), and the former **St Vincent de Paul Residence**.





Examples of other local projects include a **bus shelter** for long-distance coaches (*photo after refurbishment 2012*); 62 local projects in 2000 under the “**Work for the Dole**” Program; equipment and outdoor covered table at **Woolgoolga Art Gallery**; and a **sensory garden** at Rainbow Cottage Preschool.

The club’s 25th anniversary in 2013 was a notable year, in which we achieved the **Heritage Walk** (a community project), Woolgoolga’s **125th Anniversary Parade**, and the Fourth Edition of Yeates’ **Woolgoolga: the History of a Village**.

### WOOLGOOLGA HERITAGE WALK

**Legend**

- Interpretive Panels
- Heritage Walk
- Footpath
- ★ Solitary Island Coastal Walk
- A - Art Gallery
- Centennial Oval
- L - Library
- P - Police Station
- S - Primary School
- B - Historic Buoys
- W - Water Tower/Arterial
- V - Visitor Information Centre
- T - Restored Tramway Section

Total of walk is approximately 2.2 km (takes 40 min (one return) or 80 minutes)

### INTERPRETIVE PANELS

1. Gun Harak Sikh Temple
2. Gumbaynggirr Heritage Square and Entrance
3. Woolgoolga Started Here Sea View Hotel, Hall and Theatre
4. First Sikh Temple
5. Changing Roomhouse
6. Early Education
7. Early Timber History
8. Further Timber History
9. RSL War Sub-Branch A Village is Born
10. Original Police Station Remnants of Local Industry
11. The Unity Backbone of the Village From Tanks to Motor
12. Maritime History

### THE JETTY BACKBONE OF THE VILLAGE

The 1900s Jetty Commercial Site built in 1898, replaced the existing jetty at Woolgoolga. It publicised the town and was the first building and shop after the jetty. It was built and designed by the community.

### WOOLGOOLGA THE HISTORY OF A VILLAGE

Woolgoolga

NIEL YEATES

SPECIAL EDITION 2013 TO COMMEMORATE 125th ANNIVERSARY OF WOOLGOOLGA OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE WOOLGOOLGA HERITAGE WALK AND 125th ANNIVERSARY OF ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA

Support to many local organisations, estimated at about \$834,000 total, has included **six Rural Fire Service Brigades**; **Corindi Woolgoolga SES**; **Marine Rescue Organisation**; **Surf Lifesaving**, **Scout and Guide Groups**; schools and school P&Cs, **Community Garden**, sporting groups, preschools, **Rock Eisteddfod**, **Woolgoolga Youth Initiative**, **Hope for the Children**, **Woolgoolga Dance Studio**, **Youth-in-Search**, **Northern Beaches Care**, **All Nations/LifeHouse Community Cafe**, and until 2004 the former **Red Cross Blood Bank**. The photo shows YEP inbounder Peter Hjelmqvist (1992-93) giving blood.



**Bowelscan**, a screening program for bowel cancer that saves lives, has remained an important priority since undertaking it 25 years ago. We support **Australian Rotary Health** via a \$50 donation for each guest speaker.



**Pride in Work** (formerly **Pride of Workmanship**) Awards have been made since 1992. The club also established the **Woolgoolga Ladies’ Probus Club**, and founded an **Interact Club** at **Woolgoolga High School** (1988-2003).

In more recent times, the club’s focus has shifted further toward local youth. A high-priority annual commitment since 2009 is the **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)** day for Year 11 students (*photos 2011, 2010*).



The club also initiated **Getting Out There Day** for Year 12 students in 1998, and continues to help fund this. Small **scholarships** were developed to assist students to attend a course or program that will enhance their opportunity to achieve and contribute to their community, especially in leadership or management. The **Science and Engineering Challenge** started in 2015.

Other youth and leadership programs included RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment), Model United Nations Assembly (club hosted MUNA in 2010 & 2011), National Youth Science Forum, Honeywell Engineering Summer School, public speaking competition, Rotary Youth in Agriculture, The Science Experience, and Rymarine. Persistent Commitment to Education Awards for local schools started in 1989.



MUNA 2010: delegates listen to Ambassador to the U.N. Gary Quinlan's opening address, Woolgoolga High School

## International service

This summary has so far focused on the club's contribution to the Woolgoolga area, but equally strong is the club's international track record, including **Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)** activities in **Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands & Vanuatu.**



Fourth Avenue In Motion (FAIM) work in Bulolo, Papua New Guinea, 1991; local helpers learn on the job, Project Tafea, Tanna, Vanuatu, 2005; Gareth Owen, 2012, and his custom storm shutters, Tanna

Members on **Rotary Friendship Exchange** have visited Poland, France, USA, Scotland, Denmark and South Africa, and overseas groups have visited Woolgoolga.

**Disaster relief** (including **ShelterBoxes** and an **Aquabox**), **disease prevention** (including **PolioPlus**, Rotary's flagship campaign, malaria and Ebola), **fighting poverty**, and **orphanages** (**Nepal & Ethiopia**) are other examples of international causes supported. For over a decade, we provided stationery resources to Vanuatu children via "**Kits for Kids.**"

Very active in the **Rotary Youth Exchange Program (YEP)**, the club has

hosted 23 inbound students from 15 countries, while 26 local outbound students have so far gone to 14 countries across the world. The club for some years offered a **scuba diving course** annually to District YEP students.

## Youth Exchange Program Inbounders

Year	Student, Sponsor Club, District, Country
1989-90	Keiichi <b>Tamanoi</b> , Sapporo North, D251, Japan
1990-91	Gesine <b>Teusen</b> , Aurich, D185, Germany
1991-92	Kelly <b>Mathes</b> , Ontonagon/White Springs, D622, Michigan, USA
1992-93	Peter <b>Hjelmqvist</b> , Ljungby-Kungshogen, D2400, Sweden
1994	Fernando Brandao Coelho <b>Vieira</b> , Santos Dumont, D4580, Brazil
1995-96	Reiko <b>Asami</b> , Sagamihara Naka, D2780, Japan
1998	Ramiro Ignacio <b>Gonzalez Casco</b> , Gonnet, Gonnet-La Plata, D4910, Argentina
1999-00	Stefany <b>Roser</b> , Wissembourg, D1680, France
2000-01	Beatrix (Betty) <b>Munz Lagunes</b> , Huatusco, D4190, Mexico
2001-02	Constanze (Connie) <b>Sauer</b> , Ulm, D1930, Germany
2002-03	Jacob <b>Thane</b> , Dianalund-Stenlille-Holberg, D1480, Denmark
2003-04	Kristina <b>Kiener</b> , Uster, D2000, Switzerland
2004-05	Trevor <b>Bills</b> , Vermillion, D5370, Canada
2004-05	Julia <b>Michaux</b> , Namur-Confluent, D2170, Belgium
2005-06	Sinan <b>Turunz</b> , Altunizade, D2420, Turkey
2006-07	Cassandra (Cassie) Ines <b>Alvarez Cazarin</b> , Boca Del Rio, Coasta De Oro, D4190, Mexico
2007-08	Johanna (Hanni) <b>Hafellner</b> , Leoben, D1910, Austria
2008-09	Minami <b>Kadowaki</b> , Sapporo Kita (North), D 2510, Japan
2009-10	Laura <b>Hohrein</b> , Mainz 50 Nord, D 1860, Germany
2010-11	Stina Katharina <b>Palm</b> , Ljungskile, D2360, Sweden
2011-12	Elisabeth <b>de Halleux</b> , Tournai, D1620, Belgium
2012-13	Silvia <b>Rodriguez Muruzabal</b> , Pamplona, D2202, Spain
2014-15	Yuta <b>Tsuchiya</b> , Yuni, Hokkaido, D2510 Japan
2016-17	(expected) Anneliese <b>Schörghuber</b> , Graz-Umgebung Nord, D1910, Austria





Cassie



Johanna



Minami



Laura



Stina



Elisabeth



Silvia



Yuta



Anneliese

(right)  
Aust-NZ  
short-term  
exchange



Kate & Meg



Kate Bleasdale (NZ D9940) &  
our Meg Booth 1998

Rian Ferguson (NZ  
D9920) & our Bianca  
McNeill 2015

## Youth Exchange Program Outbounders

Year	Student, Host Club, District, Country
1990	Danielle <b>Canakis</b> , Coimbatore, D320, India
1991	Damon <b>Shorter</b> , Achim, D1850, Germany
1992	Jarrold <b>Blewitt</b> , Skagen, D1440, Denmark
1993	Kate <b>Booth</b> , Namur, D2170, Belgium
1994	Nicole (Nikki) <b>Canham</b> , Chitose, D2510, Japan
1995	Kirstine <b>Lumb</b> , Los Hornos, D4910, Argentina
1998	Melina <b>Tsembis</b> , Bayrampasa, D2420, Turkey
1999	Alison <b>Unwin</b> , Conselhiero Lafaiete, D4580, MG, Brazil
2000	Gavan <b>Mackenzie</b> , Antony-Hutte, D1870, Germany
2000	Libby <b>Tsembis</b> , Nakhon Si Thommarat, D3350, Thailand
2000	Joanna <b>Smede</b> , Selestat+Selestat Centre, D1680, France
2002	Lauren <b>Beverly-Jones</b> , Alem Paraiba, D4580, Brazil
2003	Jacqui <b>Lumb</b> , Zurich-Dietikon, D2000, Switzerland
2003	Laura <b>Unwin</b> , Stockholm-Bromma, D2350, Stockholm, Sweden
2004	Sian <b>Duryea</b> , Namur Confluent, D2170, Belgium
2005	Sara <b>Maniatis</b> , Bruxelles Altitude, D2170, Belgium
2006	Riley <b>Dayhew</b> , Boca del Rio, Coasta de Oro, D4190, Mexico
2009	Jessica Janet <b>Portsmouth</b> , Bad Oeynhausen-Minden, D1900, Germany
2009	Ryan Charles <b>Williams</b> , Orizaba Siglo XXI, D4190, Mexico
2010	Brianna Jade <b>Keys</b> , Ålesund, D2280, Norway
2010	Thomas James <b>Podbury</b> , Alingsås, D2360, Sweden
2011	Jaimie Mitchell <b>Hunt</b> , De Sao Cactano Do Sul - Olimpico, D4420, São Paulo, Brazil
2012	Paul <b>Harrison</b> , Concepcion, D4835, Argentina
2012	Rachel <b>Hall</b> , Fåborg, D1460, Denmark
2016	Clarence <b>Harré</b> , Vienna West, D1910, Austria
2016	Mitchell <b>Huthnance</b> , Nyborg, D1460, Denmark



Dannielle



Damon



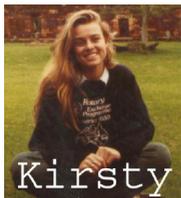
Jarrold



Kate



Nikki



Kirsty



Melina



Alison



Gavan



Libby



Joanna



Lauren



Jacqui



Laura



Sian



Sara



Riley



Jessica



Ryan



Brianna



Tom



Jaimie



Rachel



Paul



Clarence



Mitchell

### PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS

1988-90 Ian Hickey	1997-98 Geoff Rogers	2006-07 Ian Fitzgerald
1989-90 Errol O'Brien	1998-99 John Ottaway	2007-08 Charles Phipps
1990-91 Leo Goodfellow	1999-00 Selwyn Rogers	2008-09 Peter Lacy
1991-92 David Shorter	2000-01 Terry Booth	2009-10 Geoff Royal
1992-93 David Featherstone	2001-02 Rod Mackenzie	2010-11 David Fayle
1993-94 Paul Canakis	2002-03 Keith Minhinnett	2011-12 Norm Michener
1994-95 Bill Seyner	2003-04 Dick Matthews	2012-13 Pamela Fayle
1995-96 Des Saunders	2004-05 Brian Armstrong	2013-14 Karen Sedgwick
1996-97 Errol O'Brien	2005-06 John Martin	2014-15 Patty Delaney

### PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

1978 Dennes Fayle (Armidale)	2002 Ian Hayes	2010 Rob White (sapphire D9650)
1989 Charles Phipps (Rose Bay)	2004 Keith Messer	2011 Frank Dean
1993 John Kramer	2005 Val O'Brien	2011 Pamela Fayle
1994 Errol O'Brien	2005 Sel Rogers	2012 Rod Mackenzie
1996 Bill Seyner	2006 Ila Rogers	2012 Terry Booth
1996 Dennis Houghton (Balgowlah)	2007 Dick Matthews	2012 David Fayle
1997 Ian Fitzgerald	2007 Rob White (District 9650)	2013 Don Clinch
1998 Stan Alder	2008 Brian Armstrong	2013 Norm Michener
1998 Paul Canakis	2009 Keith Minhinnett	2014 Marie Matthews
1999 John Ottaway	2009 Elizabeth Phipps	2014 Peter Lacy
2000 David Shorter	2010 Geoff Royal	2015 Karen Sedgwick
2000 Leo Goodfellow	2010 Dick Matthews (sapphire)	2015 Patty Delaney
2001 Des Saunders	2010 Sel Rogers (sapphire)	

## Donations 2015-2016

### Helping build our local community

Via assistance for Rotary's monthly auctions, 9 local groups were able to benefit from donations totalling \$7,250 (see p8).

Woolgoolga Regional Community Garden (in addition to auction help donation)	\$2,000
Red Rock-Corindi Surf Life Saving Club (for inflatable boat, within auct. donation)	(\$250)
Woolgoolga Triathlon (in addition to auction help donation)	\$250
Lifeshouse Church Community Cafe	\$780
Palliative Care Unit (Woolgoolga Retirement Village; from Curryfest donation)	\$500
CanDo Cancer Trust (supports local cancer patients & families)	\$500
iPad for crash survivor Travis Lark	\$499
Woolgoolga Art Gallery for the Lillipilli Art Competition/Exhibition	\$300
Heritage Walk pamphlets	\$220

### Opportunities and support for local youth

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness day	\$1,166
Science and Engineering Challenge	\$500
Science and Engineering Challenge (for winner to attend Zone Challenge)	\$400
Getting Out There Day (for Year 12)	\$800
National Youth Science Forum (NYSF; assisting 1 attendee)	\$2,000
Honeywell Engineering Summer School (assisting 2 attendees)	\$1,000
Rotary Youth in Agriculture (RYAG) Equine (assisting 1 attendee)	\$140
The Conoco Phillips Science Experience (assisting 1 attendee)	\$70
Club Scholarships (3 recipients)	\$800
Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) teams (1 team of 2 students)	\$230
Primary school Great Debate (Mullaway Public School)	\$100
Woolgoolga High School (end-of-year presentations)	\$200
Woolgoolga Public School (end-of-year presentations)	\$200
Mullaway Public School (end-of-year presentations)	\$200
Corindi Public School (end-of-year presentations)	\$200
Sandy Beach Public School (end-of-year presentations)	\$200
St Francis Xavier Primary School	\$200

### Supporting Australian causes

Australian Rotary Health (incl. \$50 per guest speaker at club meetings)	\$1,200
Rotary Club of Lightning Ridge for drought relief	\$500
Woolgoolga Red Cross	\$200
Seven Bridges Walk, for Cancer Council	\$200

### and International causes

Nepal earthquake appeal (through RAWCS; from Christmas in July) <i>[for additional community donation of \$5,000 via our club, see below]</i>	\$2,571
Fiji Cyclone Recovery (half through RAWCS)	\$1,000
Indonesia (through NTT Small Grants project)	\$1,000
Rotary's worldwide work through The Rotary Foundation	\$1,410
Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM; from Swap Party & Golf Ball Drop)	\$1,980
Social Development Centre Orphanage, Kathmandu, Nepal (from plant stall)	\$420
Akili Girls Preparatory School, Kisumu, Kenya	\$200

Subtotal	\$24,136
Donations to auction helper groups	\$7,250
<b>TOTAL (including cost of running youth programs)</b>	<b>\$31,386</b>

Pledge for proposed Multipurpose Centre for Woolgoolga & Northern Beaches	\$20,000
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### Additional Donation via our club to Rotary Australia - Nepal Earthquake Disaster Recovery

From Sikh community for Nepal earthquake appeal	\$5,000
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Be a gift to the world

2015-2016 theme



ROTARY  
SERVING  
HUMANITY

2016-2017 theme

### **The Four-Way Test**

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### **The Object of Rotary**

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

**The Rotary Motto: *Service above self***