

## Half-year update of Annual Report from Directors, Nov 2016

The consolidated Annual Report from Directors was provided to members for the Changeover on Monday 27 June 2016. An update for the ensuing five months follows.

### Achievements in the past half-year

Among the highlights of a very productive past five months for Woolgoolga Rotary were

- ☆ another very strong fundraising effort, through a record helicopter golf ball drop and five auctions;
- ☆ running and/or funding programs that benefit local youth, including Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA), Getting Out There Day, Honeywell Engineering Summer School, RYAG Dairy, the Primary Schools' Great Debate, and Persistent Commitment to Education Awards;
- ☆ locally focussed donations including to Lifeline (North Coast), Woolgoolga Triathlon, the LifeHouse Community Cafe, and CanDo Foundation;
- ☆ continuing support for fundamental improvements in health via Australian Rotary Health;
- ☆ support for underprivileged in other parts of the world: assisting farmers and schools in remote parts of Indonesia; for safe water supply for Indian schools and in Vanuatu; for disaster relief efforts in Haiti and Equador; for Rotary's campaign combatting malaria, Rotarians Against Malaria; restoring eyesight in children in developing countries; and for an orphanage in Nepal and a girls' school in Kenya;
- ☆ major contribution to a very successful Curryfest.

### Recognition of club and personal achievement

- **Rotarian of the Year** for 2015-2016 was **Mary Bryant**, for exemplifying Service Above Self, particularly for her key role as Secretary from 2014 to 2016, and for her work in remote parts of southeast Indonesia with the NTT Small Grants project, a small grants system to assist farmers and rural schools in Indonesian islands including Flores, West Timor and Semau, all areas of extreme poverty. Mary visited the area on a project inspection and assessment tour there in May 2015. This is a Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) project.
- The **Red Rock Corindi Surf Life Saving Club** awarded the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga the **Sponsor of the Year**. Past President **Leslie Casey** accepted this award on behalf of the club. The money that Woolgoolga Rotary donated went towards a new Inflatable Rescue Boat, which displays two Rotary Badges on its stern.
- At Changeover, visiting then District Governor **Maurie Stack** congratulated **Dennes Fayle**, who had clocked up over 50 years of being a Rotarian.
- The **Woolgoolga and Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce** generously decided again to share some of the gate receipts from **Curryfest 2016** with the volunteer groups, without whose work Curryfest would be impossible to run. Part of Rotary's \$500 was used to help YEP outbounder **Kiahni Huthnance** (whose team worked very hard all day at Curryfest) with some Rotary-related costs.

### Providing opportunities and support for local youth ...

- Our eighth successful **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)** Day on 18 August was attended by a record total of 106 students, 103 from Woolgoolga High School and 3 from Southern Cross School Distance Education, joining our RYDA for the first time.
- Part-funded two local students to attend the **Honeywell Engineering Summer School** in Sydney on 11–16 December 2016: **Elliotte Hyder** and **Jesse Wills** have been accepted into

this prestigious and competitive program (\$1,000 of the \$1,500 total cost). HESS 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 are also taken behind the scenes of some major engineering companies & projects to see engineers at work. They continue a remarkable record achieved by Woolgoolga area students, as they will bring the total to 14 out of 700 from the whole of NSW in 7 years!

- Supported one student to go to **Rotary Youth in Agriculture (RYAG) Dairy** in Wingham in September (\$100 of \$200 cost): **Jamie Hill**. Jamie had also attended **RYAG Equine** late in the previous year, and came to a club meeting to tell us about the event and how it was influencing her thinking on a career. The same night, **Holly Lockwood**, assisted by the club 6 years ago to attend RYAG Equine, treated us to a wonderful overview of how this opportunity has helped shape her life and career aspirations.
- Support for the 2016 **Getting Out There Day** for Year 12 Woolgoolga High students was via help at the August auction, raising \$750 for the school. Getting Out There Day is to prepare Year 12 students for life after school. This year, the four sessions were Mental and Sexual Health, Life After School, Stay Safe, and Eating Well on a Budget. Three members attended.
- Provided \$100 towards the primary school **Great Debate**. **David Edwards** attended the debate, held at Mullaway Primary School on 8 November 2016, and presented the Perpetual Shield as well as individual medals.
- Supported **Persistent Commitment to Education Awards** at end-of year presentation ceremonies (or the equivalent) in six local schools (total of \$1,200). **Karen Sedgwick** attended the Year 12 Woolgoolga High presentation, presenting awards, and members will also attend some of the other ceremonies.
- In the Club Round of the **Public Speaking Contest**, **Sherydan Simson** was our sole competitor, but she was unable to participate in subsequent rounds. Sherydan's talk focused on aspects of the Rotary Four-Way Test as applied to doping by Olympic competitors.

### ... including planning another Science and Engineering Challenge

- The third **Science and Engineering Challenge** will be held on 4 April 2017, after the very successful events of 2015 and 2016. The planning team led by member Dennis Houghton includes Phil Dalton, Head Teacher Science at Woolgoolga High School, Lions Club member Michael Hope, Gordon Letts, and Rotary members Patty Delaney, Peter Lacy and Leslie Casey.

### Helping build our local community

- Via assistance for monthly auctions, five local groups were able to benefit from donations totalling \$3,750. All five provided excellent help on their day.
  - **Corindi Red Rock Rural Fire Service**
  - **Woolgoolga High School**
  - **St Francis Xavier Primary School**
  - **Sherwood Creek Rural Fire Service**
  - **Woolgoolga Red Cross Branch NSW**

The December auction helper group will be **Woolgoolga Regional Community Garden Association**.

- Donated to **Lifeline North Coast** the cost of training an additional telephone counsellor – \$500. Lifeline provides a vital first response to assist those at risk of suicide or harm.

- A contribution of \$150 was made towards materials for a **community art project (Woolgoolga Community Creations)** held in October, Australia's Mental Health Awareness Month, in which artificial flowers were constructed individually and displayed en masse.
- 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. A team from the club participated in the **CanDo Bowls Day** that raised over \$7,000.
- The **LifeHouse** Church's weekly **Community Cafe** plays an important role in assisting increasing numbers of underprivileged in our community. This year the club donated \$500 towards the Community Cafe and its Christmas Party.
- Assisted the **Woopi Tri Festival (triathlon)** with a donation of \$100, building on assistance in the previous year totalling \$1,000.
- Rotary made a major contribution to a very successful **Curryfest**, especially through club representative Pamela Fayle's key role as co-organiser and Chair; also the Rotary team volunteering on the main day at the gate and at the special Rotary booth; and the Marketing Report subsequently done by David Fayle.
- Continued to maintain and update the **Woolgoolga Heritage Walk website**. The site is often accessed: eg it had over 300 visits during October. 17,000 Heritage Walk brochures have been printed since the launch of the Heritage Walk in mid-2013.
- The club was represented at the grand opening of the **Palliative Care Facility** at the **Woolgoolga Retirement Village** on 30 September, toward which a \$500 donation had been made in the previous year.

### Fundraising: the fourth helicopter golf ball drop

- Our fourth successful helicopter golf ball drop raised a record, nearly \$4,800 net, for our **programs for our local young people (75%)**, and **Rotarians Against Malaria (25%)**. 1000 numbered golf balls were dropped from a Precision Helicopter over a target on the golf driving range at Safety Beach. Ticket-buyers for the closest 20 golf balls all won prizes. First prize was a \$500 voucher from Big Garden Furniture plus a \$500 voucher from BCC Cinemas; second prize scored a family pass to Dolphin Marine magic, a \$50 voucher from Greenhouse Tavern & two helicopter rides courtesy of Precision Helicopter; third prize was a \$200 pass to the Big Banana Fun Park plus \$50 Greenhouse Tavern. Contributing to the proceeds were the morning's golf **Ambrose** (~40 players) and a **raffle of a hamper of donated goods and services**.

### Other fundraising

- The five **Rotary auctions**, including the plant stall, raised a total (net of ads) of over \$17,500, higher than the equivalent totals (July to November) for any of the past ten years, and over \$1,500 more than the previous record, set last year.
- Over \$22,800 has already been raised this year through fundraising and donations, building on the exceptional work of the past three years.

Five Rotary auctions (net of ads)	\$17,502
Helicopter golf ball drop (including raffle)	\$4,779
Curryfest volunteering donation	\$500
AMCAL Curryfest raffle donation	\$64

- Two **Curryfest-related events** raised money for our club. **Amcal Pharmacy** donated their **Curryfest hamper** for Rotary to raffle (raising \$64). Secondly, as already mentioned, the Curryfest Committee and Woolgoolga and Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce, as a thank you for our club's volunteer work for Curryfest, donated \$500 to the club.

## International

Internationally during the half-year the club contributed to a diverse range of causes: disaster aid in Haiti and Ecuador, safer water in India and Vanuatu, assisting farmers and schools in Indonesia, underprivileged children in Nepal and Kenya, and combatting blindness and malaria.

- In October a deadly hurricane devastated **Haiti**, still feeling the long-term effects of the 2010 earthquake, subsequent cholera outbreaks, two cyclones, and two droughts. In coastal areas, 95% of shelters and harvests were destroyed, water supplies contaminated, and people still need food and money. The club's \$1,000 donation is through **Disaster Aid International (Aust)**, a Rotary-affiliated organisation, and goes towards family survival packs, home repair kits, Skyhydrant water purification systems, and Sawyer water filters.
- \$200 was donated to assist **Ecuadorians** with the ongoing recovery from a devastating earthquake in April, leaving 120,000 homeless. **Disaster Aid International** is focusing on providing new housing for the community of Three Crosses in Bahía de Caráquez, using wood and bamboo for constructing buildings that survive better by swaying when the earth moves. This housing is available in kit form from a supplier within Ecuador.
- To assist in providing **safe water supply for schools in India**, \$500 was donated towards utilising a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to install water purification units in 80 schools in Rotary District 3090 in India. This project (an initiative of Rotary Club of Tamworth) follows the successful installation of toilets for girls in these schools and 20 others. The project helps celebrate the one hundredth year of **The Rotary Foundation**.
- On **Tanna Island, Vanuatu**, a **bore water pump** that had been installed to provide clean water failed. The club donated \$900 (\$300 of which was raised by member Gareth Owen) towards the \$2,000 needed to fix this. Project Tafea is a **Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)** project.
- A further \$1,000 went to assisting farmers and schools in remote parts of **Indonesia** through the **NTT Small Grants project**. The scheme focuses on 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. Funded projects include RAWCS and other Australian Rotary small grants, and the scheme is registered as a RAWCS project. **Mary Bryant** visited the area on a project inspection and assessment tour in 2015.
- The plant stall at the September auction raised \$400 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 \$4,646 of support has previously gone to this orphanage directly through the club.
- **Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)** received \$1,200, raised via the helicopter golf ball drop. RAM is working to eliminate malaria in the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, and Timor Leste. The primary focus has been the distribution of insecticide-treated mosquito nets to vulnerable populations in these countries. RAM has raised more than \$1.6 million to eliminate malaria since 2003. RAM works in conjunction with the Ministry of Health authorities in each country and complements the work of other malaria organisations, most notably the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

- **Mullaway Public School children**, through a lot of hard work, have raised \$375 to restore the sight of children in developing countries, through the **Fred Hollows Foundation's** new initiative, "Spread the Light with the Gift of Sight". The club has matched \$1 for every dollar raised by the Mullaway students.
- **Akili Girls Preparatory School**, Kisumu, **Kenya** provides underprivileged girls with free, accessible, high-quality education. The club has provided a further \$200 support.

### Building international ties through the Youth Exchange Program

- Two outgoing **Youth Exchange Program (YEP)** students are nearing the end of their year away: **Mitchell Huthnance** is in **Denmark** (Nyborg, Rotary District D1461, about an hour west of Copenhagen), while **Clarence Harré** is in **Austria** (West Vienna, D1910).
- Inbounder **Anneliese (Anne) Schörghuber**, from Graz in **Austria** (D1910) arrived on 30 July for her year here. Anne has assisted at auctions and Curryfest, and gave the club a wonderful presentation about her homeland at the meeting when District Governor Ian Jackson visited the club.
- **Kiahni Huthnance** successfully applied for the YEP program, and will go to **Finland** in 2017. Both Anne and Kiahni have attended orientation and briefing sessions, as well as the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre Commando Course at Bonville.
- Major program-related costs for YEP outbounders include insurance and the YEP blazer. Kiahni, whose team put in a sterling effort on Curryfest day, received part of the Curryfest donation to assist with these costs.
- Former member (and partner of current member) **Garry Kennedy** will run a **diving course** for the current YEP inbounders in January, reviving a very popular and highly appreciated program that the club ran for District 9650 YEP inbounders for quite a few years.

### Continuing support for Australian Rotary Health and other national causes

- The \$1,200 donation to **Australian Rotary Health** included a \$50 donation on behalf of 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. This money will go towards the District Governor's Partner (Barbara Jackson)'s Program for the year, to provide a PhD Scholarship for 3.5 years in cancer research in Australasia, through the "**District 9650 All Stars Research PhD Scholarship.**"
- A \$200 donation was provided to **Bear Cottage Hospice** (Children's Hospital Westmead) to assist with palliative care for children.

### New members

- In July, the club welcomed back two former members who have contributed much to our club: **Gareth Owen** and **Lyndee Hagar**. Despite the huge demands of his Woolgoolga business, Big Garden Furniture, Gareth has maintained his major involvement with the District Rotary project on the island of Tanna, Vanuatu, Project Tafea and has travelled there three times in total. He spoke about his most recent work there at the 2016 Changeover. During her absence from the club, Lyndee worked in Qatar, Western Australia and Northern Territory. After completing her Masters qualification in law, she focused on assisting disadvantaged, marginalised people in diverse legal matters in the field of social justice, including Arts Law, repatriation of loss/ stolen wages, and housing issues, and also worked with the Royal Commission Inquiry into institutional child sexual abuse. She also qualified as a Financial Counsellor (Community Development) and furthered her legal skills in Estate and Succession planning.

- Regrettably, **Terry Booth** resigned in November after 24 years of service to the club and the community. Past President (2000-2001) and frequently on the Board in various capacities, Terry was honoured as a Paul Harris Fellow in 2012. Recently he has been instrumental in critical improvements to the auction shed and compound, and renovation of the Rotary-built bus shelter opposite Big Garden Furniture. **George Smede** and **Allan Casey** had resigned at the end of last year. The club is indebted to all three for their contributions.

## Communication and publicity

We recognise the important role of communication and publicity in making the community (including our own members) aware of what we do.

- The **Facebook page** established during the previous year continued to be very effectively maintained by Leslie Casey and Patty Delaney: <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofwoolgoolga>. So far, 384 different Facebook users have “liked” the site, the number increasing almost 70% during the past 12 months.
- Maintained the **Club website** [www.woolgoolgarotaryclub.org.au](http://www.woolgoolgarotaryclub.org.au) The home page now has a **live feed from our Facebook site**, which has greatly improved the information flow and timeliness of the website.
- Continued to produce a high-quality bulletin for each non-auction meeting, the **Woopi Whisper**, current and past issues of which may be downloaded from the website.
- Two promotional **stalls** were set up to publicise Rotary’s work and attract potential new members: (A) at the **Community Gardens Open Day** in August, where Rotary had a prime sight near the front gate and attracted a lot of interest; and (B) at **Curryfest** in September. Both were well staffed by members.
- **Media coverage**
- 9 articles in **The Woolgoolga Advertiser**, 6 with colour images
- coverage of some of these items on the Coffs Coast **Advocate website**

## We aim to be an active, attractive & fulfilling club ...

- We continued with our revamped meeting schedule:
  - first Saturday of the month: Rotary auction in lieu of first Monday meeting
  - second Monday of the month: meeting
  - third Monday of the month: only a Board meeting
  - fourth Monday of the month: meeting, usually partners night
  - fifth Monday of a month: social event, outing, vocational visit or meeting
- Our program of interesting **speakers** included 2 District Governors and one partner, 9 other external guest speakers, our outbound YEP student Anne, and one Public Speaking contestant. Visiting **District Governor Ian Jackson** focused on this year’s theme, “Rotary Serving Humanity”, and emphasized the importance of fun and fellowship in making ones service contribution. Ian’s partner **Barbara Jackson** spoke about her partner’s project, already mentioned. **Mark Hanrahan** from the Rotary Club of Capalaba, QLD, told us about a RAWCS project that is building a Medical Aid Centre in the Solomon Islands. Dr **Terry Burns** gave us a fascinating insight into the central role of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in today’s world, and how its importance is rapidly increasing, with major implications for future career paths. **EJ Merrick** from the Woolgoolga Regional Community Garden outlined progress and plans, and thanked Rotary for last year’s major donation. **Lady Teviot** told us about her journey of over 43 years in family history and probate research. **Gareth Owen** and Honorary Member **Rob White** spoke at Changeover

about the opening of the **Lenakel Ladies Skill Centre** on Tanna, **Vanuatu**, which they attended together with Honorary Member Edith White.

- Among guest speakers were participants in programs whose attendance was part-funded by the club. Two attendees to **Rotary Youth in Agriculture (RYAG) Equine** in Tamworth, six years apart, told us how this program had fundamentally shaped their thinking about careers: **Holly Lockwood** (2010) and **Jamie Hill** (June 2016). **Max Murray** and **Jason Reinecker** attended the **MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)** in Kempsey in May, representing Cuba. They reported on MUNA, and emphasised how worthwhile the program was, requesting Rotary to continue its support in future years, perhaps with younger students.
- The **Kegel Bowling night** at Moonee was a night of fun and hilarity, with three Kegel games complemented by great food, wine and company.
- President **Norm Michener and Helen** hosted a **Melbourne Cup Eve function** at their home. Partygoers sported race-day attire, the ponies were let out for a rare race outing, sweeps were run, and everyone enjoyed the banquet.
- A **barbeque** to welcome recently arrived Austrian Youth Exchange Program student **Anne** was held in September. With gourmet food and a good turnout, it was a great day.
- The **Club Assembly** on 14 November covered a wide range of pertinent issues, including presidential succession till 2019; the desirability of Membership and PR each having a dedicated director; pros & cons of capping membership dues; re-introducing the 3-minute member talk at each meeting, focusing on 'positive' topics (supported); possible 'Associate type' membership for some WHS student leaders; Auction pickup logistics, including a need for potential helpers; and a request for member input into the club's International strategy.

### ... that is part of the wider Rotary family ...

- Our contributions to India (project of District 9650 and The Rotary Foundation), Indonesia and Vanuatu (Rotary Australia World Community Service - RAWCS), Haiti and Ecuador (Disaster Aid International, affiliated with Rotary), Australian Rotary Health and Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) have already been mentioned.
- Members attended the **Changeovers** of two other Rotary Clubs in the Cluster: **Leslie Casey** to **Dorrigo**, and Mary Bryant to **Coffs Harbour South**.
- **Gareth Owen** participated in work for Rotary District RAWCS.
- Collected and donated **books** to Coffs Harbour South Rotary for their Bookfest.

### ... underpinned by 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 its inexorably increase, partly as a result of increasing awareness of Rotary's contribution to the community and the attendant goodwill.
- Auction-related **improvements** included bookcases and shelves, tool storage board, and further rationalisation of storage configuration inside and outside the shed, to reduce workload. A small **survey** of where the September auction attendees lived revealed that half came from Woolgoolga, 25% came from north of Woolgoolga up to Red Rock, only 7% were from the southern parts of Coffs Harbour, and most of the rest lived along the Northern Beaches south of Woolgoolga.

## Conclusion

Woolgoolga Rotary's achievements over the past five months augur well for the next seven months of this Rotary year, and beyond. Rotary's 2016–2017 theme is particularly apt for our

club: “Rotary serving humanity”. This small club has a strong track record of overachievement in service to the local and international community, for the past 28 years since its charter.

### *Donations 2016-2017 so far*

#### *Helping build our local community*

Via assistance for Rotary’s monthly auctions, 5 local groups were able to benefit from donations totalling \$3,750.

Lifeline North Coast	\$500
Lifehouse Church Community Cafe	\$500
CanDo Cancer Trust (supports local cancer patients & families)	\$500
Woolgoolga Tri Festival (Triathlon)	\$100
Woolgoolga Community Creations	\$150

#### *Opportunities and support for local youth*

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness day	\$1,466
Honeywell Engineering Summer School (assisting 2 attendees)	\$1,000
Rotary Youth in Agriculture (RYAG) Dairy (assisting 1 attendee)	\$100
Primary school Great Debate (Mullaway Public School)	\$100
Woolgoolga High School (end-of-year presentations)	\$200
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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 (in addition to auction help donation)	\$200

#### *Supporting Australian causes*

Australian Rotary Health (incl. \$50 per guest speaker at club meetings)	\$1,200
Bear Cottage Hospice (Children’s Hospital Westmead) palliative care	\$200

#### *and International causes*

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM; from Golf Ball Drop)	\$1,200
India: safe water for schools (D9650 Rotary Foundation Centenary Project)	\$500
Indonesian farmers & schools (through NTT Small Grants project)	\$1,000
Haiti earthquake appeal (through Disaster Aid International)	\$1,000
Ecuador earthquake appeal (through Disaster Aid International)	\$200
Vanuatu, water pump repair (through RAWCS)	\$900
Fred Hollows Foundation (Spread the Light with the Gift of Sight)	\$375
Social Development Centre Orphanage, Kathmandu, Nepal (from plant stall)	\$400
Akili Girls Preparatory School, Kisumu, Kenya	\$200
Youth Exchange Program costs	\$1,635

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Subtotal	\$14,426
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Donations to auction helper groups	\$3,750
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<b>TOTAL (including cost of running youth programs)</b>	<b>\$18,176</b>
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- Pledge for proposed Multipurpose Centre for Woolgoolga & Northern Beaches \$20,000

## A partial thank you list

Grateful thanks to **Woolgoolga C.ex** and the **C.ex Group**, which provided a grant of \$2,240 to fund our meeting venue, as well as the venues for RYDA. C.ex also provided a further grant of to cover the venue cost for Woolgoolga High School's Getting out There Day.

### - **Groups of members**

- All the members who have helped at any of the five auctions.
- All those who sourced sponsors and donors, sold tickets and/or helped with the Helicopter Golf Ball Drop.
- All those who helped with RYDA.
- All those who helped with Curryfest.

### - **Individual members**

Board members are thanked for their devoted work:

- Norm Michener, President;
- Patty Delaney, Secretary; and YEP; Facebook
- Glenda Kennedy, Treasurer
- Karen Sedgwick, Director New Generations
- Dick Matthews, Director Auctions
- Echah Wright, Director Club Service
- Leslie Casey, Director Vocational Service, Immediate Past-President, and Vice President; Facebook
- Mary Bryant, Director Community Service; relief Secretary
- Pamela Fayle, Director Membership; Director Public Relations
- David Fayle, Director International Service; Whisper; website; Half-yearly & Annual Reports
- Pamela Fayle, Curryfest co-organiser (Rotary representative on committee).
- Karen Sedgwick for organising the Helicopter Golf Ball Drop.
- Golf ball drop sponsors and donors team: Karen Sedgwick, Echah Wright, Thea Eves, Patty Delaney, Leslie Casey, Dennis Houghton and Mary Bryant.
- David Fayle for running RYDA.
- Dennis Houghton, Patty Delaney and Peter Lacy for further work on the Science and Engineering Challenge.
- Peter Lacy for inspiring participation in other STEM programs.
- Dick Matthews, Norm Michener, Dennis Houghton, Terry Booth, David Fayle, Geoff Royal, Echah Wright and Honorary Member Sel Rogers for doing the bulk of the pre-auction day pickups.
- Dick Matthews, for additional auction-related work.
- Terry Booth for work re the bus shelter and auction shed.
- John Arkan, for a great job again auctioneering.
- Norm Michener and Dennis Houghton for work at auction shed.
- Karen Sedgwick, Patty Delaney, Glenda Kennedy, Lyndee Hagar for inter-auction work at the shed.
- Trish Baker for running the golf ball drop hamper raffle and obtaining prizes.
- RYDA: David Fayle, Mary Bryant, Echah Wright, Karen Sedgwick, Patty Delaney, Rod Mackenzie, Terry Booth, Peter Lacy; refreshments Lyndee Hagar, Glenda Kennedy, Pamela Fayle, and all who provided plates; assistance & addresses Leslie Casey and Pam Fayle.
- Rotary stall at Community Garden: Leslie Casey, Patty Delaney, Lyndee Hagar, Echah Wright, Glenda Kennedy, Thea Eves and Karen Sedgwick.

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- Public Speaking Contest Judge: Thea Eves.
- Honorary members Ila Rogers, Sel Rogers and Rob White for auction work.

#### - **Others**

- Public Speaking Contest Judges: Joelle Bridger and Col Cafferky.
- Assisting at the auctions were partners: Marie Matthews, Allan Casey, and Graeme Smith.
- Assisting at auctions was Chris Edwards.
- Those helping with pre-auction pickups included Brian Keeble, Kulbir Sidhu ("KB"), and Peter Backman, who also provided vehicles, and Robert Crotty.
- Sarah Barker for maintaining the Heritage Walk website.
- Tim Sutherland, 681 Webdesign and 681 Consulting, for adding Facebook feed to website.
- All of our hard-working and essential auction helper teams.

#### - **Golf Ball Drop**

The Woolgoolga Returned Services Golf Club, Safety Beach, and professional Terry Perfrement are thanked for their assistance and support of the event. Don Penson is thanked for use of the Driving Range.

Sponsors and prize donators: Precision Helicopters; Big Garden Furniture; BCC Cinemas, Coffs Harbour; Dolphin Marine Magic; The Big Banana; Coffs Health Club, Moonee; The Amble Inn; Moonee Tavern; Greenhouse Tavern, Coffs Harbour; Surf Street Cafe, Emerald Beach; Woodseys Wheels, Woolgoolga; Emerald Beach Pizza and Pasta; Post Office, Corindi Beach; Corindi Beach General Store; La Hacienda, Emerald Beach; Massage Chi, Park Beach Plaza; NRMA Office Woolgoolga; Coles, Moonee; Big W Central, Coffs Harbour; Jax Tyres, Coffs Harbour; Health Club of Woolgoolga RSL Club; Woolgoolga RSL Club; Liquorland, Moonee; Teachers Mutual Bank; C.ex Group.

#### - **RYDA**

Woolgoolga High has again demonstrated their commitment to the safety of students and the broader school community. Special thanks to Megan Hart for her efforts organizing the school end of things (assisted by Elizabeth Hart - Year 11 student, and Julie- Anne Chivers), and also to the eight teachers attending. Also to Southern Cross School Distance Education teacher Melissa Watson for her initiative, and her sustained efforts to attract a larger number of students. Mike Blewitt and Coffs Coast Isuzu Ute once again provided the Speed & Stopping vehicle, a D-Max. Thank you also to Tim Sutherland, 681 Webdesign and 681 Consulting, for IT/audiovisual setup and pack-up. We are indebted to our Facilitators: Senior Constable Bernadette Snow of the NSW Police; Jason Newcombe; Danielle Canakis; driver Greg Johanson, of Coffs Harbour Auto Electrical; Stopping Distances Facilitator Sue Ridden from Aware Driver Training; Phil Hannaford, from Hannafords Driving Academy; and courageous crash survivor Les Burrell, together with Carol Fear from North Coast Brain Injury Rehabilitation Services. Woolgoolga C.ex (Bowling) Club (General Manager Greg Engel), Woolgoolga Seniors' Centre and Woolgoolga Community Village Hall are thanked for donating the venues and assisting with logistics. Thank you also to Scotty Waite of North Coast Heavy Tow, who provided the smashed car. Coastalworks provided the road speed signs. Major sponsors were BOC, Toyota Australia and Bosch, whose generosity makes RYDA possible; Road Safety Education Limited designed this program and provide materials and assistance.

#### - **Bus shelter**

Tom Pieper donates his time +materials for the ongoing maintenance of the Rotary Bus Shelter.