

Rotary auction – a win–win–win for the community

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga serves the community of the northern beaches of Coffs Harbour and supports National and International projects. Our monthly Auction is our biggest fundraiser, raising over \$630,000 since 1989 with a monthly average of \$3,000. The Auction provides an important opportunity to buy affordable furniture and household items for locals who are disadvantaged, for those establishing a household or leaving home for the first time and for recycling goods so that they will not be sent to landfill.

Whilst we have two trailers, we do not have a dedicated vehicle to pick up our donations of furniture, household items and bric-a-brac. Pick-ups vary from 3–10 times per week. Rotary Members who are either pensioners or self-funded retirees have been using their own vehicles but are not in a position to continue doing so. Recently we have borrowed a farm vehicle from a local business, but the vehicle is no longer available.

Other local volunteer organisations assist with the Auction and receive a share of the Auction proceeds. These organisations include:

- ☆ Red Rock-Corindi Surf Life Saving Club
- ☆ Northern Beaches Care
- ☆ Woolgoolga High School
- ☆ Woolgoolga Public School P&C
- ☆ St Francis Xavier Primary School
- ☆ Woolgoolga Athletics Club
- ☆ Corindi Red Rock Rural Fire Service
- ☆ Sherwood Creek Rural Fire Service
- ☆ Woolgoolga Rural Fire Service
- ☆ Woolgoolga Scout Group
- ☆ Bishop Druitt College Cambodian building project
- ☆ Corindi Woolgoolga SES
- ☆ Corindi Pony Club
- ☆ Woolgoolga Regional Community Garden

Auction proceeds also help us to support more than 12 programs for local youth (eg driver safety, science & engineering, agricultural careers), disadvantaged youth in India, Nepal, Kenya & Vanuatu; provide flood, drought & bushfire relief donations in Australia; and disaster relief overseas; donate to CanDo Cancer Foundation, Red Cross & Lifeline; fund medical research & medical aid for children; support Curryfest, Woolgoolga Art Gallery, LifeHouse Community Cafe, & local schools.

For more information about the Auction, our other fundraising activities and the projects we support, please visit <http://woolgoolgarotaryclub.org.au/about-us>. You can Like us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofwoolgoolga>