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Rotary Club of Woolgoolga

Annual Report 2020–2021

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Report from Club President, Julie Marshall

Well another year over - who would have thought it would go this quickly? It has been a very up and down year with some very challenging times. Natural disasters and recovery from the bushfires at the start of 2020, followed by floods and the change of community engagement with Covid-19. Rotary has looked at community needs and tried to address them. It is the nature of the beast that we need to change and adapt to survive.

We have continued in the organisation and the support for some successful programs in the area of youth:

The Science and Engineering Challenge, coordinated and supported by hands-on work, planning and financial support, to allow regional high schools to take part and benefit from skill enhancements and exposure to these educational areas.

The RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) program, providing life saving road safety awareness education to young people about to embark on their exposure to the roads and motor vehicle world out there.

In the area of youth leadership, we supported an attendee to the RYLA youth leadership training course. We also funded end of year acknowledgment awards in the five primary schools and the one high school, to recognise the diligence and achievement by these young community members.

The club had to find new focus this year with the completion of the club's running of the well-known Woolgoolga Rotary Auction. We were able to complete a sub-lease for the old Auction Shed to house a local business that supplies well priced second-hand household goods to the community.

Among highlights was success in obtaining two grants: (1) a Rotary District Grant for the establishment of a Sensory Garden at Mullaway Primary School; and (2) an NAB Foundation Community Grant for an Emergency Preparedness Project to allow the local SES to continue to operate in times of crisis, plus the production and distribution of 'Grab and Go packs' for those in high risk areas.

Additionally, we have also supported a local homeless support service. Internationally we supported flood recovery efforts in West Timor, as well as Rotary's worldwide work through The Rotary Foundation.

A joint project with the Woolgoolga Lions Club provided the community a chance to reengage and have a bit of fun in the Amateur Talent Quest. The sell-out show was a great fun night and was just what the community needed to bring us all back together after lock down was eased. The additional bonus was that we established good networking and raised \$3,313 for Childhood Cancer research.

I am truly grateful for the support of the Woolgoolga Rotary and friends of Rotary for your support and continued efforts this year and I am proud to hand over the reins to our incoming president for 2021/2022 Kim Thompson.

Julie Marshall, President 2020/2021

Outgoing / Incoming Office Bearers

Outgoing		Incoming	
BOARD		BOARD	
President	Julie Marshall	President	Kim Thompson
President-nominee	Kim Thompson	President-nominee	tba
Vice President	Pam Stone	Vice President	Julie Marshall
Immed. Past President	Pam Stone	Immed. Past President	Julie Marshall
Secretary	Patty Delaney	Secretary	Patty Delaney
Treasurer	Geoff Royal	Treasurer	Geoff Royal
Directors:		Directors:	
Fundraising & auction	Norm Michener	Public Relations	Pam Stone
Community Service	Pamela Fayle	Membership	Pam Stone
Youth	Mary Bryant	Club Service	
International Service	David Fayle	Youth	Mary Bryant
& Rotary Foundation		International Service	David Fayle
Club Service	Julie Woodwell	& Rotary Foundation	
Public Relations	Anne Mooney	(Portfolios to be decided)	
Director (part year)	Kim Thompson		Norm Michener
			Pamela Fayle
			Julie Woodwell
POSITIONS NOT ON BOARD:		POSITIONS NOT ON BOARD:	
Assistant Governor D9650 Cluster 1		Assistant Governor D9650 Cluster 1	
	Pam Stone		Pam Stone
Sergeant	shared	Sergeant	tba
Public Officer	David Fayle	Public Officer	David Fayle
Woopi Whisper Editor	Pamela Fayle	Woopi Whisper Editor	Norm Michener
		assisted by	Mary Bryant

MEMBERS

Peter Ainsworth
 Mary Bryant
 Leslie Casey (*retiring*)
 Patty Delaney
 David Edwards
 David Fayle

Dennes Fayle
 Pamela Fayle AM
 Rod Mackenzie
 Julie Marshall
 Dick Matthews
 Norm Michener

Anne Mooney (*until May*)
 Geoff Royal
 Pam Stone
 Kim Thompson
 Julie Woodwell

16 total at end of June

HONORARY MEMBERS

John Arkan
 Terry Booth
 Ian Fitzgerald
 Dennis Houghton

Elizabeth Phipps
 Ila Rogers
 Selwyn Rogers

Karen Sedgwick
 Edith White
 Robert White

CHANGEVER AND END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

Monday 21 June 2021 at Seaview Tavern

6:00 pm	Pre-dinner mixer	
6:15 pm	Call to order	MC Pam Stone
	Acknowledgement to country	Julie Marshall
	Toast	MC Pam Stone
	Introduction of guests; apologies; welcome	Julie Marshall
	Object of Rotary	Patty Delaney
	Four-Way Test	Norm Michener
6:30 pm	DINNER SERVICE	
7:00 pm	Toast to Rotary International	David Fayle
	Response to the toast	PDG Rob Anderson
7:30 pm	Tea and coffee	
8:00 pm	Introduction of incoming President	Julie Marshall
	Induction of incoming President	Julie Marshall
	Induction of incoming Board	Kim Thompson
	Incoming President's address	Kim Thompson
8:30 pm	Closing remarks and National Anthem	MC Pam Stone



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2020–2021 REPORT BY PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS

2020–2021 was a year of significant achievement, despite continuing challenges on a number of fronts.

Major events run by the club were our sixth Science and Engineering Challenge, involving seven high schools from the broader area, and our thirteenth Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) day for local year 11 students. Both were very successful.

With Rotary grant funding and a lot of hard work by Friends and Rotarians, Mullaway Public School now has a new Sensory Garden, a wonderful addition to a neglected corner of the school grounds.

This Report details the support we have been able to give: to help the community cope with the results of disaster and pandemic; to provide opportunities for students to attend life-changing programs; and to fund important work internationally.

The COVID pandemic, which hit us for the last four months of the previous year, continued to disrupt nearly everything – but did not prevent the sensory garden, RYDA or the Science and Engineering Challenge.

The club's ability to raise funds has been greatly decreased since having to shut down the Rotary Auction; this year we only had the benefit of the final clearance sales in July. Nevertheless, an innovative arrangement to lease the auction shed has partially replenished the gaping hole in our budget.

The Boomerang Bags group raised funds for Lifeline. Three successful fundraising stalls added to the coffers, as did sales of zipped pouches.

Mental health has become even more of an issue with the assaults of flood, fire and pandemic. The club supported Lifeline North Coast and mental health research through Australian Rotary Health.

Homelessness is a rapidly increasing problem locally, exacerbated by mental health and economic problems caused by those assaults. Help was provided to key support group for the homeless, Pete's Place, in the forms of cash as well as new socks and underwear.

Timely medical help is essential, especially in times of disaster, so we also supported the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, and arranged for Rotary's Men's Health Education Rotary Van (MHERV) to come to Woolgoolga.



Julie Marshall



David Fayle



Mary Bryant



Pamela Fayle



Anne Mooney



Julie Woodwell

Two joint projects with the Lions Club of Woolgoolga were both very entertaining and productive. The sellout Amateur Talent Show was a great night, and helped fight Childhood Cancer. And the Barefoot Bowling day, revealing a range of skills rarely seen on the greens, also helped the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

Enhancing opportunities for local youth

After COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the 2020 **Science and Engineering Challenge**, it was doubly satisfying to be able to run our sixth Challenge on 27 April. Six other schools came to Woolgoolga High from far and wide: Evans Head (Evans River), Grafton (South Grafton High and Clarence Valley Anglican School), Coffs Harbour High, Toormina High, and Bishop Druitt College. Challenges included building a bionic hand, a hovercraft, a turbine and an earthquake proof tower using just rudimentary components. Woolgoolga's A team prevailed in the closest finish in the Science and Engineering Challenge history: 1142.67 points with South Grafton right on their heels at 1141.55! The Woolgoolga High School team will potentially progress to Newcastle for the State level of the Challenge later in 2021, depending on the scores at other Challenge venues. State MP Gurmesh Singh and Mayor Denise Knight attended.

All six Challenges have been resounding successes, in no small measure due the organising teams – this year headed by **Patty Delaney**, with **Leslie Casey** as Treasurer and **Anne Mooney** and Honorary Member **Dennis Houghton** on the team. The other members were Probus member **Gordon Letts**, science head teacher **Phil Dalton**, and **Graham Boulden**.

Major sponsors were **Pacific Complete**, **Engineers Australia**, **Clarence Consultants**, **Lions Clubs** from the district, and **Woolgoolga Rotary**. Their generous sponsorship has assured the financial future of the event for some years ahead. It also funded a small-scale trial within Woolgoolga High of kits to run a COVID-safe mini-Challenge in-house, last year. The **Office of the Chief Scientist** and the **Atlassian Group** are Project Partners.

The **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)** day on 18 March aimed to address all four aspects of the “safe systems” approach: safer people, safer roads (with behavioural change), and safer speeds; while aware drivers are also likely to maintain safer vehicles. Despite COVID, which compelled us to hold the event at **Woolgoolga High School**, and days of deluge which forced the Speed and



Norm Michener



Patty Delaney

2020–2021 BOARD



Geoff Royal



Kim Thompson

Stopping sessions, normally at a track near the school, inside into a classroom, and prevented a busload of students from **Dorrigo High School** from coming, an impressive 109 students participated. It was fortunate that Dorriggo did not attend, as by the following day huge and dangerous landslides had closed Waterfall Way for two weeks! Thank you to the **Rotary Club of Dorriggo** and **Rohan Chiswell** for their initiative.

Students were fortunate to hear from crash survivor **James Suttor** and his wife from Port Macquarie, and new Facilitators **Rod Courtney** from Maclean and **Jenny Felsch** from Grafton. The course design and materials come from RSE Limited, whose head, **John Elliott**, drove up from Sydney for the event, and transported the Suttors also. We are very grateful to them and to the other facilitators **Elise Bocking**, **Wayne Hardy**, **James Daniels** and **Mitch Coyne**, and **Senior Constable Bernadette Snow**. **David Fayle** again organised the event, teacher **Megan Hart** organised the classroom venues, morning tea, and the students, and Friends and Rotarians helped as Group Monitors.

RYLA is the **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**, designed to develop leadership skills in young people aged 19–27. RYLA is a transformational 7-day leadership program run under the auspices of Rotary. Each day consists of inspirational speakers and practical learning activities that equip participants with skills that can be life-changing, and provide a foundation that they may draw upon throughout their lives. Lifelong friendships can result too. District 9650's RYLA was run at Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre, between Tamworth & Gunnedah, in August 2020, and our club sponsored **Keelan Birch** to attend (\$895 of the cost). Keelan later spoke about the experience at a club meeting.

As this Report is nearing completion, the club has agreed to sponsor an applicant for the highly competitive **National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)**, to be held during the next Rotary year, in Sydney in January 2022. The NYSF aims to inspire young Australians to value science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) and its importance in our communities.

The club usually supports **end-of-year presentation ceremonies** (or the equivalent) in six local schools. Although these were not held in the usual way at the end of the 2020 school year, our Club still provided that support (total of \$1,200). At Woolgoolga High School this supports the **Persistent Commitment to Education** awards. At Mullaway Public School the winner of the **Rotary Diligence** award was **Oscar Sutherland**.

Sensory Garden at Mullaway Public School

With a lot of hard work from Friends and Rotarians, a **Sensory Garden** was established in the grounds of Mullaway Public School. The new garden provides a new area for students to explore; teachers can accompany their class students for sensory activities; school staff can use the garden at lunch time rather than sitting in the staff room; parents dropping off school children



Science & Engineering Challenge, *clockwise from top left*: Helter Skelter tower (+ centre); bridge & officials; bionic hand (Grasping at Straws); Turbine (2); bionic hand; Stringways



Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA): *(left)* crash survivor James Suttor tells his story; Snr Const Snow in fine form (Road Choices)



can allow their pre-school children to play in the garden; and (as it is an open school) the local community can access the garden on weekends.

The project was delayed and hampered by COVID-19, as well as having to move location because the original location risked flooding. Work commenced in December 2020 and was completed by May 2021. The official launch on 21 May 2021, involved school leaders (Year 6 students), the Assistant Principal, Friends of Rotary, Rotarians, and other volunteer helpers. Two kindergarten children assisted in the ribbon cutting and then the school leaders assisted volunteers to rotate 37 kindergarten children aged 5-6 years through a series of activities to raise their awareness of the 5 senses: touch, sight, sound, taste, and smell.



The idea for the garden came from Mullaway Parents and Citizens Club, who pitched the project to Woolgoolga Rotary in last year's "Pitch a Project", winning the day. The garden was funded mostly via a District 9650 Rotary Foundation Grant, applied for successfully by project leader **Patty Delaney**.

Greg Williams (Friend of Rotary) devoted countless hours of volunteer work to this project, including helping to make the outline of the garden; making a sculpture for the garden (King Neptune); building a garden arbour; using recycled timber to make a seat surround; making and installing



4 gabions and a herb garden; and installing a tap and automatic watering system. He was a key member of Project leader Patty Delaney's team which also included **Graeme Smith, Frank and Tina Bondolfi, Norm Michener, Mary Bryant, Kim Thompson, Dick Matthews, Echah Wright and Leslie Casey.**

The school donated mulch and the use of tools, and arranged a tractor to assist with moving soil. Landcare donated 40 plants, and other plants were also donated. With the assistance of other volunteers and school children from Years 2 and 3, we had a planting afternoon.

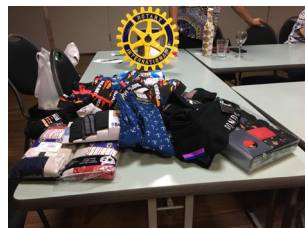


A local business, Big Garden Furniture, made a garden seat, a large block of recycled timber, provided at a reduced cost.

The annual **Coffs Harbour and District Eisteddfod** provides a great opportunity for performers across various genres – especially young students – to showcase their abilities as well as develop their networks and identify further opportunities. The prizewinner sponsored by our \$100 donation was **Mercedes Hohenlohe** (14 Years & Under Outstanding Musicianship category).

Building our local community

With the local area bursting at the seams with people escaping the big cities in the pandemic, skyrocketing housing prices, plummeting rental property availability, drug and alcohol addiction, and a very wet year so far, homelessness is affecting more and more people. **Pete's Place** in Coffs Harbour is a drop-in centre for people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. It provides a safe space for assistance, connection and support, offering shower and toilet facilities during business hours, breakfast provision, free community laundry, advocacy, advice and referrals, and specialist outreach services. As well as providing a donation of \$500, members and Friends contributed a lot of new **underwear and socks** (some shown in photo) having heard about the chronic need for these from the head of Pete's Place, **Anna Scott**, whose talk at a club meeting was an eye-opener. Jack Simmons Menswear contributed underwear to our donation.



Member **Julie Woodwell**, who is also a member of the **Grandparents and Kinship Carers Group**, told us about the organisation and what it does for a surprisingly large number of local families in this situation. It certainly opened our eyes to the challenges faced by these families and how difficult it is for grandparents to cope with the limited finances of their pensions, with often-traumatised children with many needs, and with all of the modern parenting requirements and responsibilities. The club made a small donation to the group to go towards their annual Christmas picnic, welcome respite for attendees.



SHINE for Kids®

We donated a desk from the auction shed to **SHINE for Kids**. Based at the new Clarence Correctional Centre, SHINE for Kids assists the children of prisoners. SHINE stands for five elements: support children, facilitate hope; inspire kids to reach their potential; nurture their growth; and empower them to succeed. SHINE for Kids has a firm belief in the power of early intervention and a focus on reducing negative effects of parental imprisonment on children and young people. Its founder at Clarence, **Sam Birch**, told us all about this important and admirable program at a meeting.



Rotary's Men's Health Education Rotary Van (MHERV) came to Woolgoolga on 9–10 April 2021. MHERV is a purpose-built caravan with two consulting rooms. The MHERV project offers a ten-minute, non-invasive group of tests: blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol ... the silent dangers. The health check is free and ideal for men who are either too busy or



apprehensive about visiting a doctor for a check-up. Registered Nurse **Rob Woolley** was on his fifth tour around rural NSW and saw his 8000th client whilst here (*photo*). MHERV has since 2017 toured through well over 100 centres in NSW, saving an estimated 100 lives, mostly men whose blood pressure was dangerously high.

Two of the 39 men tested were urged to seek medical attention immediately, and 22 others advised to consult their GP as soon as possible.

The **Lillipilli Art & Craft Competition**, to be run by **Woolgoolga Art Group** in September 2021, received a \$300 donation.

Fundraising for specific causes

Lions/Rotary Amateur Talent Show, for fighting Childhood Cancer

The **Lions Club of Woolgoolga**, assisted by our club, ran a hugely successful **Amateur Talent Show** at Woolgoolga C.ex Club on 17 April. The show was a sell-out, as those of us who thought they could buy tickets at the door found out! A great job by our Lions colleagues, and thank you to **Julie Marshall**, **Kim Thompson**, **Patty Delaney** and **Julie Woodwell** for their work, particularly on the raffle. All funds raised (\$3,313) went to the **Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation**.



All money raised donated to: Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation

Plants, Produce and Preserves Stalls, for Lifeline North Coast

Plants, Produce and Preserves Stalls were held on 2 and 31 October, the latter at Mullaway having a distinctly Halloween theme. Together these raised \$900 for **Lifeline North Coast**

to train Counsellors, supplementing the \$400 raised for this purpose by the Boomerangs Bags group, and donated through the club, as mentioned elsewhere.



Big thanks to all those who potted up plants, made jams/chutneys/pickles and helped out on the days. It was a great team effort and good to be out in the community again. Many locals dropped by at both Woolgoolga and Mullaway, pleased to see Rotary there, and the stalls looked great. Thanks also to **"Another Tasty Event"** for donating a community stall space at the Friday Farmer's Market, and to **Lisa Nicholls** for promoting the stalls on social media for us. Thanks also to **Echah Wright, Lynda Hagar, Graeme Smith, Thea Eves, Alan Bryant, Karen Sedgwick** and **Jann Boer** (Mullaway General Store; frisbees and bags of Halloween sweets) for their help and contributions.

Also for the area of mental health, as a result of our **Hat Day** event in October, a donation of \$100 went to **Australian Rotary**



Health for **mental health research**, to which was added a further \$350 that represented a \$50 donation on behalf of every guest speaker.

Christmas Stall, for Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

The **Christmas Stall** at Mullaway on 5 December raised almost \$700 of our \$800 donation to the **Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service**. The **Woolgoolga Shed** donated some children's furniture and toys that they had made, while members and Friends made sewn and knitted items, Christmas decorations, cards, tree ornaments and gifts; baked Christmas cakes, biscuits etc, magical Rotary reindeer food, Rotary Reindeer noses, White Christmas, and also obtained donated items from local business and others for a nice Christmas hamper raffle. Another great team effort from our club.



Barefoot Bowling, for Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Members and Friends enjoyed a hilarious morning of barefoot bowling, involving also our friends in the **Lions Club of Woolgoolga**, and the proceeds of the associated raffle (\$135) went to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. The spirit of cooperation was so strong that some bowlers helped out other teams by landing their bowls closest to another distant team's jack! Well done to **Julie Woodwell** for organising both the morning and the raffle.



Woolgoolga broadcast of "Homeland Story" for "End Trachoma Now"

In September, a special Woolgoolga online screening via zoom of the documentary "Homeland Story", \$10 to view, raised funds for "**End Trachoma Now**" and the **Dondji Aboriginal Community** in Arnhem Land. Thank you to **Patty Delaney** for organising this.

Auction shed clearance sales

As the auction drew to a close after 30 years, many items remained for sale by early July 2020. A very successful clearance sale managed to get rid of a lot of items from the Auction Shed. After the garage sale, local Opportunity Shops were invited to select any leftover items they wanted. Then the community was invited to come along on 18 July and select items left over, for a gold coin donation. Thanks to Woolgoolga Fresh Fruit & Veg shop on River Street for their donation of a large number of blueberry punnets to sell on the day. We received many farewell messages from regular customers, who miss the monthly auctions.

These **clearance sales** and the associated huge **cleanup** job involved a sustained team effort by many members and Friends. Adequately thanking all who helped is not really feasible, but **Peter Woodwell** and **Megan Hart** deserve particular mention. The sales raised \$4,508, and sale of the auction vehicle a further \$4,500. The trailers had been sold in June.



Norm Michener, Dick Matthews and **Patty Delaney** organised this huge task, as well as the arrangements to **lease the auction shed** commercially to **The Furniture Station**, involving the complex legal agreements involving **CWA**, with whom the club has always had a Deed of Licence to have the shed in place. President **Julie Marshall** assisted with finalising those three-way agreements. One year on, these arrangements are working very well.

Thanks also to **Brett Marshall** for handling an emergency gutter clean-out at the Rotary shed in a December deluge.

Zippered pouch sales

Member **Leslie Casey**, despite being sidelined for much of the year by risk of Covid, was able to raise over \$240 for the club from home, by making and selling **Zippered Pouches**. Thank you Leslie!

Funding secured for Emergency Preparedness Project, Corindi flood plain

Late in the Rotary year, we were successful in obtaining a \$9,163 **NAB Foundation Community Grant** for an **Emergency Preparedness Project** to be implemented in the coming year. Focused on the Corindi flood plain, which has been so badly affected by recent flooding, it will involve a major electrical upgrade at the Corindi-Woolgoolga SES headquarters to keep them functional during power outages, and “Grab and Go” bags for 40 households at risk of flood and bushfire in the area. Grateful thanks to the club’s grant whiz-kid **Pamela Fayle**, who developed the project with SES members **Dennis Houghton** (Rotary Honorary Member), **Paul Maher** and **James Daniels**.

West Woolgoolga Sports Complex/ Multipurpose Centre underway



The club has a longstanding pledge of \$20,000 towards youth-related aspects of the new **Multipurpose Centre** to be constructed at the new **West Woolgoolga Sports Complex**. With funding by all three levels of government, work has commenced, and members **Julie Woodwell** and **David Fayle** represented the club at the sod-turning on 3 November. At the

commencement of building works on 28 April, David, **Patty Delaney**, **Mary Bryant** and **Peter Ainsworth** flew the Rotary flag. Hearty congratulations to **Alastair Milroy** and his team for this achievement.

Boomerang Bags (a club project)

Boomerang Bags Woolgoolga continued to make a major contribution to reducing plastic pollution of our local environment. This year, it also made a major contribution to our efforts in the area of mental health. Operating as a club project, the team makes reusable, environmentally friendly carry bags to replace devastating plastic bags. Boomerang Bags Woolgoolga celebrated its 4-year anniversary in March. It was able to resume regular sewing workshops at the “Mud Brick”, and ran one stall in January (photo). Outlets include Eco Threads, Bluebottles, the Lifehouse Care Shop, Pete’s Place in Coffs Harbour, Banana Benders, and Sprout and Grow.

The team made two major donations to Lifeline North Coast via Rotary, totalling \$600.



Fundraising overview

Funds raised totalled over \$27,000, including:

FUNDRAISER	FUNDS
Auction clearance sales	\$ 4,508
Metal sales	\$ 20
Plant, produce and preserves stalls	\$ 867
Christmas stall	\$ 674
Zippered pouch sales (made & sold by Leslie Casey)	\$ 242
Barefoot bowling day for Westpac Rescue Helicopter	\$ 135
Hat Day for Westpac Rescue Helicopter	\$ 73
Boomerang Bags Group, donations	\$ 600
GRANTS	
Rotary District Grant for Mullaway Sensory Garden	\$ 4,600
NAB Foundation Grant for Emergency Preparedness Project	\$ 9,163
OTHER INCOME	
Lease of Auction Shed (net of costs)	\$ 6,587
TOTAL	\$ 27,469

International service

The **Rotary Foundation**, the charitable arm of Rotary, supports a truly amazing range of activities across the globe: tackling poverty, illiteracy, disease (especially polio and malaria) and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave lasting impact. TRF taps into a global network of Rotarians – including Woolgoolga Rotarians – who invest their time, money, and expertise into countless projects, both international and local - including the Sensory Garden at Mullaway School, part funded by TRF via the District Grant. Our donation to TRF's Annual Programs Fund of \$750 will help empower Rotarians to realise those solutions.



The club became a **member of RAM Global** (Rotarians Against Malaria Global), the recently formed global organisation that coordinates Rotary's fight against malaria in many parts of the world where the disease is endemic.



Other potential work in the fight against malaria was largely on hold, seriously impeded by COVID-19. Nevertheless, our club RAM Subcommittee members **Kim Thompson, Mary Bryant and David Fayle** participated in various Zoom meetings of RAM Global and RAM Australia, and David co-authored an article about eliminating malaria in Vanuatu on pg 47 of the August issue of Rotary Down Under magazine.

The COVID pandemic continues to disrupt virtually every aspect of international service projects. In **West Timor**, the battle against malaria was thrown into much greater chaos in April by devastating **flooding** from Cyclone Seroja. In the Indonesian province of Nusa Tenggara Timur (NTT) that includes West Timor, over 60,000 houses were damaged, affecting nearly half a million people. To assist in an effective response to the flood disaster, our donation of \$500 went to the **Nusa Tenggara Association flood appeal**. Coupled with donations from the Rotary Clubs of Lane Cove and West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook, it allowed a prompt order for more than 10,000 books and several sets of much needed furniture for the two most affected schools in West Timor. The NTA Association team has identified four more affected schools to help.



NTA is assessing the damage caused by the Cyclone in Sumlili
left: Kupang Barat High School, completely destroyed; right, shared library in Sumlili

The COVID pandemic is not the only major problem for Myanmar either, which is undergoing a period of violent upheaval following the deposition in February 2021 of the democratically elected government. A group started by **Htun Htun Oo**, a Registered Nurse in Coffs Harbour, is attempting to find a way to set up **emergency medical networks** at the **Myanmar-India** and **Myanmar-Bangladesh borders** to provide emergency medical services to those who are injured by conflict. Though well aware of the extremely difficult challenges this group faces, our club decided to assist them to hold a fundraising event with a \$300 donation.

Within the club

Best wishes to Board Member **Anne Mooney**, who has relocated to Orange and transferred to the Orange Daybreak Rotary Club.

A social highlight was a well-attended **Christmas party** at the Aloy Dee Thai Restaurant, Woolgoolga. Thanks go to **Julie Woodwell** for organising it.

RYDA program designer RSE Ltd provided a **Road Safety Education Plaque** for **the RYDA team** for 13 years of RYDA. President Julie presented the award to organiser **David Fayle**. As well as Woolgoolga High School and all the Facilitators, many club members and Friends have participated over the years. The Road Safety Education Plaque celebrates 20 years of RYDA and is given to our club “in recognition of an outstanding commitment to youth road safety education by making RYDA available to all local high school students”.

Assistant Governor **Pam Stone** has attended club meetings of a number of clubs in our Rotary Cluster, as well as Cluster meetings, and has been working to



get momentum into an “ambassador program” involving members of each club attending meetings of other clubs in the Cluster. President-elect **Kim Thompson** attended the **PETS** (president-elect training session) for incoming Presidents. Our contingent at the Rotary **District Conference** (Secretary **Patty Delaney**, Kim Thompson and Pam Stone) thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were inspired. The Club will be represented at the **District Changeover** by Pam Stone.

President **Julie Marshall** attended a **Woolgoolga Lions Club** meeting, fostering ideas for cooperative projects, from which came the successful and enjoyable Barefoot Bowling and Amateur Talent Day events. Patty Delaney attended the **Lions Club Changeover** in June. **Norm Michener** represented Rotary as a judge on the **Lions Youth of the Year** competition, and also attended a meeting of the Coffs Harbour Rotary Club.

District Governor Debbie Loveday visited in September, helping inspire us during those difficult times. Fantastic to hear the welcome and acknowledgement of country from our President in Gumbangyirr language, followed by everyone being taught to sing “Head Shoulders Knees and Toes” in Gumbangyirr! A key message from the DG was the much greater flexibility for Rotary Clubs to choose which of their traditions to keep and which things to change, to suit their community and the unusual times in which we live.



It augurs well for Rotary to survive and develop. The DG's focus is on Rotary's relevance to our communities driving interest in membership instead of just seeking new members.

The club bulletin for each non-auction meeting, the **Woopi Whisper**, has completed its 33rd year; grateful thanks once again to **Pamela Fayle**. The **Club website**, woolgoolgarotaryclub.org.au, holds past & current issues of the Woopi Whisper. We continue to maintain the **Woolgoolga Heritage Walk website**.

Valete

Ian Hickey, Charter President of our Club, passed away at age 82 on 12 January 2021. He made an important contribution to the Club's early years, including early Rotary Auctions, the Rotary Belles performing at Dinner Auctions, and a Young Achievers Program at Woolgoolga High School, where Ian was founding Principal, where students set up a company, developed and sold products and then wound it up.



Charter member **David Shorter** passed away in May 2021. President in 1991-92, David's huge contribution was recognised by a Paul Harris Fellow award in 2000. Dinner auctions and the monthly Auctions were among many club activities in which he was a stalwart.



PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS

1988-89	Ian Hickey	1999-00	Selwyn Rogers	2010-11	David Fayle
1989-90	Errol O'Brien	2000-01	Terry Booth	2011-12	Norm Michener
1990-91	Leo Goodfellow	2001-02	Rod Mackenzie	2012-13	Pamela Fayle
1991-92	David Shorter	2002-03	Keith Minhinnett	2013-14	Karen Sedgwick
1992-93	David Featherstone	2003-04	Dick Matthews	2014-15	Patty Delaney
1993-94	Paul Canakis	2004-05	Brian Armstrong	2015-16	Leslie Casey
1994-95	Bill Seyner	2005-06	John Martin	2016-17	Norm Michener
1995-96	Des Saunders	2006-07	Ian Fitzgerald	2017-18	Pamela Fayle
1996-97	Errol O'Brien	2007-08	Charles Phipps	2018-19	Geoff Royal
1997-98	Geoff Rogers	2008-09	Peter Lacy	2019-20	Pam Stone
1998-99	John Ottaway	2009-10	Geoff Royal		

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

1978	Dennes Fayle (Armidale)	2009	Keith Minhinnett
1989	Charles Phipps (Rose Bay)	2009	Elizabeth Phipps
1993	John Kramer	2010	Geoff Royal
1994	Errol O'Brien	2010	Dick Matthews (sapphire)
1996	Bill Seyner	2010	Sel Rogers (sapphire)
1996	Dennis Houghton (Balgowlah)	2010	Rob White (sapphire D9650)
1997	Ian Fitzgerald	2011	Frank Dean
1998	Stan Alder	2011	Pamela Fayle
1998	Paul Canakis	2012	Rod Mackenzie
1999	John Ottaway	2012	Terry Booth
2000	David Shorter	2012	David Fayle
2000	Leo Goodfellow	2013	Don Clinch
2001	Des Saunders	2013	Norm Michener
2002	Ian Hayes	2014	Marie Matthews
2004	Keith Messer	2014	Peter Lacy
2005	Val O'Brien	2015	Karen Sedgwick
2005	Sel Rogers	2015	Patty Delaney
2006	Ila Rogers	2017	David Fayle (sapphire)
2007	Dick Matthews	2018	Dennis Houghton (sapphire)
2007	Rob White (D9650)	2018	Phil Dalton
2008	Brian Armstrong	2019	Megan Hart

Donations 2020-2021

Helping build our local community

Mullaway Public School Sensory Garden (Rotary contribution, part grant-funded)	\$4,700
Lifeline North Coast	\$1,300
Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service	\$800
Pete's Place	\$500
Grandparent and Kinship Group	\$200
Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod prizes	\$100
Heritage walk pamphlet printing	\$242
Lillipilli Art & Craft Competition (Sep 2021; Woolgoolga Art Group)	\$300

Opportunities and support for local youth

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) – one attendee	\$895
Rotary Youth Driver Awareness day*	\$779
Science and Engineering Challenge \$500 (Jan 2020 for 2021 event)	–
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 (partly towards mental health research)	\$450
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and International causes

Rotary's worldwide work through The Rotary Foundation	\$750
Flood recovery in West Timor, Indonesia (via Nusa Tenggara Association flood appeal)	\$500
RAM Global membership (Rotarians Against Malaria Global)	\$155
Myanmar Appeal: Htun Htun Oo Fundraiser	\$300

TOTAL (including cost of running youth programs)	\$13,171
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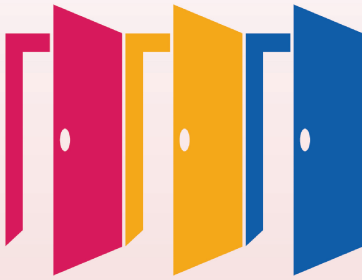
Contribution towards

Combined Lions and Rotary donation to Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation	\$3,313
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Pledge

Pledge for planned Multipurpose Centre for Woolgoolga & Northern Beaches at Wiigulga Sports Complex	\$20,000
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* \$587 of the RYDA donation was covered by using the balance of our club account at RSE Ltd



Rotary Opens Opportunities

2020-2021 theme



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

2021-2022 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*