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Cow Shed Takes a Dip

The Margaret River Rotary Club (Rotary) has come to the rescue of CowParade cow, Cow Shed, following an unexpected midnight jaunt on Saturday night, 11th April.

Gnarabup residents awoke Sunday morning to find Cow Shed hanging out on the Gnarabup Beach pontoon. Thankfully for Cow Shed this was the day Rotary had organised to pull the pontoon out for the winter season and she was quickly returned to dry land.

Cow Shed has been spending the last month at Margarets Beach Resort along with Guernicow at nearby Gnarabar. She has now been safely returned home, with nary a scar to show for her adventures.

CowParade event organisers, the Augusta Margaret River Tourism Association (AMRTA), were relieved that Rotary were on hand early and could protect the creative artwork.

Event Coordinator, Sharon Batley, has praised the efforts of Rotary.

“It is a testament to the local community spirit and its support for CowParade, that Rotary were on hand and readily assisted in the rescue operation” Ms Batley said.

Rotary work within the Margaret River community promoting positive change, leadership and developing relationships.

Rotary club projects promote literacy, provide disaster relief, support Rotary's global effort to eradicate polio, and address other critical community and world issues.

Rotary representative, Bill Ivory, was first on the scene, and admits he was surprised by what he saw.

“We had headed down at 6.30am to remove the pontoon and blow me down there was a cow on it. We started humouring ourselves with the thought that the cow had broken free.”

It is presumed that the cow was actually floated out to the pontoon and some planning had gone into the operation as a plank of wood had been secured to the cow's feet to stabilise it.

Cow Shed will go to auction with the other cows at the Charity Auction on the 10th July. More information and tickets are available at the Margaret River Visitor Centre on 9780 5911 or visit www.margaretriver.com

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