



COFFS CITY ROTARY

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(Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour City Inc.)



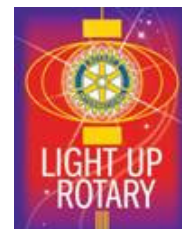
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COFFS CITY CHATROOM

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TODAY:



Lots of fellowship at the meeting today for some reason and there was not much talk about the weather, from what I heard.

President Geoff called the meeting to order at 12.40pm. The Sargent noticed and in his opinion the tardiness generated a fine.

Thanks Giving was read by **Mike Blewitt** and the Toast to the Queen and the People of Australia was presented by **Trevor Brentnall**.

Our guest today was:

Bob Prater, our guest speaker

Reports:

Brian Leiper provided members with details of recent correspondence:

Letter received from **The Salvos** reminding members that their annual appeal is to be held on Sunday, 31 May 2015. **Drivers are required** to phone the Church office on 6652 877 and speak to either Julia Metcher or Andrew on 0407 543126.

Members were reminded of the urgent need to complete the '**Working with Children Check**'. Those who have not yet attended to this were later fined. We intend to arrange for a computer to be at our meeting in the near future so that members can complete the first part of this process at our meeting. This may help in getting this important requirement completed by the due date.

Jake Buckley will be at our meeting on 9 March to give us a short presentation prior to him attending the RYLA seminar to be held 21 – 28 March.

Members were reminded that our next meeting, 2 March, had been transferred to an evening meeting with the people partaking in the '**Rotary Ride Around Australia Against Malaria**'.

Meeting Place

Cex Club – Coffs Harbour

Monday Lunchtime

12.30 p.m. – 1.45 p.m.

Apologies to FWO
6650 7000

by 10.30 a.m. Monday

Stats at a Glance

Guests: Bob Prater.

Visiting Rotarians:
Nil.

Apologies:

Mark Adoms, George Cecato, Eddie Chau, John Donaldson, Des Kingdom, Paul McKeon, Bruce Robertson, & Fiona Thwaites

On leave: 4

AWOL: 0

Raffle Winner: Bill Langler. He did not draw the Joker.

Members were also reminded about **The Science & Engineering Challenge** – being organized by the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga. Woolgoolga Rotary are seeking volunteers to assist with this event to be held 31 March at the Woolgoolga High School.

Scott Stacey will be the club's delegate at the Business Session to be held at the **District Conference** on Friday 14 March.

Reminded members of the request to support the board of the **Bunker Cartoon Gallery Inc** at the council meeting to be held on 26 February at 5.00pm (prior to the movie).

Advised members that the presentation of the **Bill Wood Award** at the Coffs Conservatorium is to be held on either this Friday or next Friday (6 March). The presentation will be made by **Bev Wood** and **President Geoff**.

Please let me know if you require any further information on any of this.

Treasurer John Walker advised, for the benefit of members present who did not make last week's meeting, that he distributed the **financials for the club, 1/7/14 to 31/1/15**. Any further questions please refer to John.

President Elect Scott Stacey advised members that a 'sub-committee' is to be formed to take care of **Rotary Avenues of Service**. This will be up and running within the next few weeks. Bob Carle has agreed to head up this committee and will be looking to members to step up and make this a successful adjunct to our club's activities.

Past President Jay spent some time taking photos of members present so he could add these to the new **Website**. He also requested that members who wanted to add a 'blurb' about their business to put a few words together and send it to him and he would add it to the 'Members Business' section of the website.

Jay also outlined a new '**Joker Draw**' to replace the weekly wine raffle. It was agreed to give this a 'trial' run to the end of June.

A Vocational Visit to the court house is being organized by Ian McAllister. Watch this space.

President Geoff reminded members of the following:

Visit by **Past Rotary International Director, Lars-Olof Fredriksson and his wife Nina**, from Finland on 9 March next.

His presentation will include:

- Finland at a glance
- Finnish Security Policy

Rotary updates

This will be a meeting to include your partners and a good roll up is requested. Mark the date in your diary now.

Advised Members that the club's **Change Over** date is to be 4 July 2015. Full details to be determined.

Discussions regarding the **Youth Exchange Programme**, as promised, took place. It was acknowledged that we can send someone out without an obligation to accept a student in.

President Elect Scott Stacey agreed to find out more information at the upcoming District Conference.

Also it was suggested that we may be able to arrange for **Di Christian**, who is the **District Youth Director**, to come along to one of our meetings and speak to the members about the programme.

I have attached a paper written by our recent NYSF student, Dougal McFarlane regarding his experience at the forum. Have a read, it is very impressive and demonstrates a very good reason why clubs should support this very worthwhile program.

Don't forget the Council Meeting on 26 February at 5.00pm.



Or the Movie Night has been organized by Sawtell Club.

**THE SECOND BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL;
SCREENING THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26TH. 2015:
BIRCH, CARROLL & COYLE – TIME 7.00.
ALL PROFITS FOR THE POLIO PLUS CAMPAIGN;**

Ian McAllister introduced our **Guest Speaker, Bob Prater**.

The main topic of Bob's presentation was the upcoming Careers Expo to be held on 21 May at the Showground in the Exhibition Hall. The day will attract students from Macksville to Grafton. The day is financed by some exhibitor paying for the sites at the expo. The schools do not pay to come along. Bob pointed out that in some areas the Expo is run by the local Rotary Club. In Coffs the Coffs Council supports the event with council employees helping with the set up and also providing some speakers. Other local industries are encouraged to have exhibits / booths.

Bob advised that the day is busy and very enjoyable with lots of students taking a real interest in what is on offer. Bob made a special request that our club get involved in helping his group on the day. He is also going to speak to the other local clubs to gain their support and help.

Geoff Knight gave a vote of thanks to Bob for coming along and informing us about the Expo.

NEXT MEETING – 2 March – is our evening meeting with the team from R-R-A-A-A.

SERGEANTS SESSION

In view of the fact that we had not had a Fine Session for some weeks Ian McAllister and Ross Paul attacked those present with a vengeance. I would not be surprised if it was not a record collection.

Well done Ian and Rosco.

For those who don't understand how the new raffle system works here is a summary:

The ticket winner splits the deck of cards (yes, we have purchased a pack of cards for the 'Joker Draw'). The deck is 52 cards plus one Joker. If the Joker is not turned up the card that is revealed is removed from the pack for the next weeks draw. The Jackpot increases by \$5 each week. If the ticket winner splits the deck and turns up the Joker he gets the loot, it commenced at \$20. Bill Langler had the winning ticket however did not turn up the Joker so the Jackpot is now \$25.

I hope you understand how it works and I hope I got it right.

CLUB NOTICES

26 February – BCGI Council meeting
26 February – Movie Night
2 March – Evening Meeting with
Members from
Williamtown Rotary
May – Wine Enjoyment Event.
31 May – Salvos Red Shield Appeal
20 June – Coffs Harbour Change Over
4 July – Our Club's Change Over
2 August - CCCChallenge

DISTRICT NOTICES

13 – 15 March – District Conference - Inverell
21 – 28 March - RYLA
18 – 19 April – P.E.T.S.
6 – 9 June – RI Convention – Sao Paulo,
Brazil



BIRTHDAYS

27 February – Des Kingdom
4 March – Mark Adoms
18 March – Bill Langler

ANNIVERSARIES

28 February – Peter & Madeleine Wardman
7 March – Mike & Helen Blewitt
29 March – Kylie & Matt Deans