



COFFS CITY ROTARY

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(Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour City Inc.)



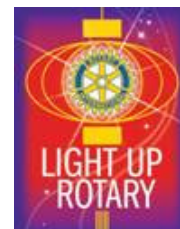
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COFFS CITY CHATROOM

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TODAY:



An important meeting given our guests today, however our attendance was a little disappointing.

President Geoff called the meeting to order at 12.35pm.

Thanks Giving was read by **Bob Carle** and the Toast to the Queen and the People of Australia was presented by **Scott Stacey**.

Our guests today were:

Lars & Nina Fredriksson, Lars is a Past Rotary International Director.
George Mills from the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise
Jake Buckley our RYLA applicant.

Reports:

Brian Leiper:

Thanked those members who attended the evening meeting on 2 March with the people from the Rotary Club of Williamtown on their Ride Around Australia Against Malaria. It was a great evening enjoyed by all. The presentation by Steve Carroll, the leader of the group, was very interesting. The board will consider a club donation to their cause from the proceeds of the night.

Reminded members regarding the Red Shield Appeal to be held on Sunday, 31 May. **Drivers are required** to phone the Church office on 6652 877 and speak to either Julia Metcher or Andrew on 0407 543126.

Reminded members of the upcoming 40th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Sawtell. They are organizing a special dinner to celebrate. The date is, Saturday, 16 May.

Reminded members of the upcoming Science & Engineering Challenge being organized by the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga. The Challenge is to be held on the 31st March and they are looking for helpers. Please contact Peter Lacy on 0414 916712 if you can help.

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: Jake Buckley.

Visiting Rotarians:

Lars & Nina Fredriksson, from Finland. George Mills – Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise.

Apologies:

Mark Adoms, Trevor Brentnall, George Cecato, John Donaldson, Peter Jackson, Des Kingdom, Bill Langler, Paul McKeon, Steve Metcher & Ross Paul

On leave: 3

AWOL: 0

Raffle Winner: Geoff Knight, No Joker.

Advised members that the **Bill Wood Award** is to be presented at the **Coffs Harbour Conservatorium** on **Thursday (12 March) at 5.00pm**. If you have 15 minutes to spare come along. The club will be represented by **President Geoff, Secretary, Brian Leiper** and **Bev Wood** is to attend to make the presentation.

Repeated the need for members to complete the '**Working with Children Check**'.

All information and the application regarding the **New Working with Children Check** can be found on our District Youth Web site at:

<http://www.rotaryyouthexchange9650.com.au/downloads/working-with-children-check.html>

This exercise only takes a few minutes and it is not hard. The questions they ask are about you and you should know the answers.

Treasurer John Walker reported that following a question regarding our donation to **ShelterBox** he had made inquiries as to where our donation ended up. The funds were used to purchase a new **ShelterBox** and that each **ShelterBox** is identified with a serial number. **ShelterBox** will report back to John to advise the him of the final destination of the **ShelterBox** we purchased. In view of the large number of boxes they require and handle it could take up to six months for us to get a report. Have a look and the article on the new website for the latest information on **ShelterBox** activities.

Past President Jay Clowes advised that he has added the photos from our dinner last Monday evening to the **new website**. Also he advised members to look at the 'Events' page for the latest information

Club Service 'Director' Ian McAllister advised that our **Vocational Visit** to the new **Coffs Harbour Court House** precinct we take place on 27 April. He is also trying to arrange the visit to **Mike Blewitt Coffs Coast** for the 23 March.

Bob Carle advised members that a 'sub-committee' has been formed to take care of **Rotary Avenues of Service**. Members involved included:

Ian McAllister – Club Service

Jay Clowes - Community

Bob Carle – Vocation

Brian Leiper – Youth

Peter Lindsay – International

Because you are not noted don't think that you have missed out. Each of these groups will require your support and you will be called upon to assist

Bob thanked those who have put their hand up to assist.

Following the reports from members **President Geoff** called on **Brian Leiper** to introduce **Jake Buckley** to our members. Jake is our applicant to **District 9650 RYLA** to be held at Yarrahapinni from March 21st to the 28th

Jake told us a little about himself, born in Coffs Harbour, still lives with his parents and following his schooling at John Paul College he is now employed by Mike Blewitt Coffs Harbour since 2012. He is currently the Spare Parts Interpreter. He is 20 years old and still single. Jake thanked the club for their sponsorship to RYLA and looks forward to returning to our club meeting to let us know how he enjoyed his experience.

The RYLA Dinner this year will be held on Wednesday 25th March at the Macksville Ex Services Club, 6 for 6:30. On top of the always inspiring presentations by Rylarians this year we have as guest speakers Sam and Jenny Bailey. If anyone needs a reminder of Sam's amazing achievements check out his webpage <http://www.sambailey.com.au/>.

The RYLA Dinner is hosted jointly by the Rotary Clubs of Nambucca Heads and Macksville. RSVP required - details on the invitation.

President Geoff then called on **George Mills** to introduce himself and tell us about his current mission. **George is the Deputy Chair of RAM (Rotary Against Malaria)** and is moving around the clubs in the district informing them about Rotary's fight against malaria. George mentioned that he will be making a more informative presentation at the District Conference at Inverell. George also took the opportunity to sell some RAM badges in support of the cause.

Following lunch **President Geoff** introduced **Past Rotary International Director Lars Fredriksson** to inform us a little about his home country, Finland.

Lars informed us that Finland has a land area of 390,920 square kilometers. Its neighbours are Russia, boarder distance 1,300 km, Norway, 736km and Sweden, 614km. It has 1,250km of coast line. Finland is a member of the EU. The language spoken is 90.7% Finish and 5.4% Swedish, 86% of the population has the internet, 60% a smartphone, 30% a tablet and the media is about 50/50 print/electronic.

Exports total 44.9m euro. The main exports are chemicals, forestry product, metal and metal products. Imports total 43,250m euro. Intermediate goods 33%, capital 23%, energy 17% (mainly from Russia)

The country is facing the following current difficulties:

A large social security sector

EU sanctions against Russia

The government provides free education up to and beyond university which includes free meals for students.

Health expenditure is below the OECD average. Many workplaces provide occupational health services.

Only 2% of the country's population are immigrants.

Following the interesting presentation **President Geoff** called on **Past President Jay Clowes** to offer a vote of thanks to Lars and Nina which was acknowledged in the usual way by those present.

NEXT MEETING – 16 March at the C.ex.

SERGEANTS SESSION

Ian McAllister, assisted by Bob Carle went to town and fined almost everybody.

Well done Ian and Bob.

Pick the Joker was won by Geoff Knight. However he failed to pick the Joker so the Jack Pot is now \$30.00.

The pack of cards is now down to 50.

CLUB NOTICES

May – Wine Enjoyment Event
31 May – Salvo's 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
31 March – The Science & Engineering
Challenge - Woolgoola
18 – 19 April – P.E.T.S.
16 May – Sawtell Club's 40th Anniversary
6 – 9 June – RI Convention – Sao Paulo,
Brazil



BIRTHDAYS

18 March – Bill Langler
18 March – Bob Carle
21 March – Carolyn Lockett
23 March – Kris Maguire
28 March – Graham Lockett

ANNIVERSARIES

29 March – Kylie & Matt Deans
2 April – Scott & Zawiah Stacey
12 April – Bruce & Sally Robertson