



# 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:

Last weeks meeting for **President Scott** must have been too much. He was unable to attend to today's meeting and Past President Geoff took over. Things got underway at 12.35pm.

Thanks Giving was presented by one of our new members **Phil Webb**, back to the script, and the Toast was proposed by **Peter Lindsay**.

**Past President Geoff** introduced our guests **Craig McMahon**, a special welcome for one of our past members **Tom Murray-Prior** and our guest speaker **Rob Anderson** from Coffs Harbour Rotary.

### Reports:

**Secretary Bill Langler** advised that things had been handed over and all was well, at this stage.

**Treasurer John** reminded those who have not paid their annual subscriptions that they were due on 1<sup>st</sup> July and he would appreciate it if he could have all subs in by next Monday please. Refer to the invoice John sent you in June.

**Jay Clowes** advised members that the problems with the website have now been rectified and the site has been upgraded. All is now good again.

**Peter Lindsay** who is **Director of International** this year is seeking some members to join him in these activities. How about putting your hand up and giving it a go.

**Paul McKeon** reminded member that the Rotaries is an Awards night started by this club. This fact and the fact that the Bunker Cartoon Gallery Inc board, which comprises three members of this club, want this night to be a success.

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.

### Stats at a Glance

**Guests:** Tom Murray-Prior and Craig McMahon

**Visiting Rotarians:**  
Rob Anderson, Coffs Club

**Apologies:**  
Mike Blewitt, Eddie Chau, John Donaldson, Peter Jackson, Des Kingdom, Ian McAllister, Ross Paul, Bernard Spry, Scott Stacey & Fiona Thwaites,

**On leave:** 3

**Joker Draw:** Geoff Knight won the 'Pick the Joker'. No luck for Geoff. The Pot stands at \$90.00 for next week.

If you haven't done so already please get to and get your tickets and support the board of the Gallery. You can get your tickets at the Bunker, it is open every day, at the 'Sticky Tickets' website or phone Terry Maguire on 0411 023 582. Obviously for catering purposes we don't want a heap of people turning up to get their tickets at the door on the night. You might not get in. See the flyer attached to this bulletin.

**Brian Leiper** advised member that the **Jim Bloomfield Award** presentation is to take place at the Osprey Restaurant, Coffs Harbour Campus on Thursday, 23 July at 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Paul McKeon and myself will represent the club at this presentation. If you would like to come along please let me know.

**George Cecato** informed member of the up coming **Ships Festival**. This will be a major event for Coffs Harbour and has the full support of the Chamber.

**George** also advised members of the involvement of the Chamber in this years World Rally Championship which is to happen in September.

You will hear much more on both of these events in the near future.

**Past President Geoff** advised members that the club has received a certificate of appreciation from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service thanking the club for its recent donation.

He also advised that the club had purchased plaques noting the club's appreciation for PacBay, BYO Cellars for their valuable support of the Wine and Cheese and Beer Event and Mercedes-Benz Coffs Harbour for their support of the B.I.G Charity Golf Day. We will arrange for representatives from each these businesses come along to one of our meetings to enable the presentations to be made.

**Past President Geoff** then call on one of our newest members, **Phil Webb**, to introduce himself to the members and tell us a little about himself.

Phil advised that he originally came from Sydney with his wife, Sue, and four small children. He commenced work in 1968 in Sydney with the NSW Public Service. His field was finance and accounting. He then moved north and commenced a business in Grafton assisting people with their finances. He advised that after 5 years he realized that Grafton was a hard community in which to establish a business. He then worked for Geoff King Motors 2 years, moved into being a sales rep for Swan Insurance for a couple of years before returning to Geoff King Motors for another two years. He then commenced Smart-Choice Mortgage Brokers with another fellow. With the advent of the GFC Phil decided to move into financial planning. He completed the necessary study and put up his shingle at his home at 12 Bonalbo Close, Coffs Harbour. He details some of the benefits of working from home however he did not mention doing any house work. No doubt he wants to keep this a secret.

**Past President Geoff** then introduced our guest speaker, **Rob Anderson**. Rob is a member of the Coffs Harbour Rotary Club and a past District Governor and is now treasurer and a leader of RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). Rob told us about the current set up with RYLA and more particularly the recent camp at the Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre. This year's event comprised 28 attendees with around 50% from the Tamworth area. Our club's attendee was Jake Buckley, an employee of Mike Blewitt Ford. The 'camp runs from Saturday morning and concludes in the afternoon of the following Saturday. The program concentrates of goal setting planning, self image – what image do I portray. There are many outdoor activities which challenge participants such as abseiling, bush walking and flying through the air on a flying fox. The attendees are included in a roster to complete the domestic chores required to keep program running. The attendees come away from the week with greater self confidence, great

connection with others on the course and an improved outlook on life. The final dinner was held at the Macksville (I think) RSL and was well attended with Rotarians, past RYLA's and other, around 100 people in all.

Next years RYLA will be held from 2 April to 9 April 2016. The leaders are hoping to have around 45 young people attend. The program is suited to 18 to 25 year old people.

Members put several questions to Rob on the program.

**Past President Geoff** then called on **Bill Langler** to propose a vote of thanks to Rob which was acknowledged by members in the usual way.

**Ian McAllister** has organized our next guest speaker.

**20 July – Bill Robins – Bill is a (retired I think) barrister who specialized in Patents and trade marks. Ian mentioned that he currently lives on a yacht moored in the harbour. Could be interesting.**

**Don't forget this requirement – Working With Children.**

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

**NEXT MEETING** – 20 July, at the C.ex.

**SERGEANTS SESSION**

Graham Lockett stepped up and again carried on with his fine session which commenced at the Change-Over. Bernard Dowling assisted and was very busy collecting all the loose change on offer.

Well done Graham and Bernard.

**PICK THE JOKER:**

Jay was in attendance and had the pack of cards with him. Geoff Knight won the chance to Pick the Joker.

No luck for Geoff and the pot for next week will be \$90.00.

**CLUB NOTICES**

**18 July – The Rotary Cartoon Awards**  
**1 & 2 August – Coffs Coast Cycle**  
**Challenge**  
**15 November – B.I.G Golf Charity Day**  
**28 & 29 November – Nambucca River**  
**Festival**

**DISTRICT NOTICES**

**8 – 11 October – DayBreak's Rymarine**  
**9 October – Hat Day**



# BIRTHDAYS

**15 July – Peter Lindsay**  
**18 July – John Donaldson**  
**21 July – Ben Thwaites**  
**29 July – Anna Cecato**  
**29 July – John Walker**

# ANNIVERSARIES

**Nil until September**