

Coffs City Rotary



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Club President – Terry Maguire District Governor – Ian Jackson RI President – John F Germ

Meeting Place – Cex Coffs Harbour

Monday Lunchtime

12.30 - 1.45 pm

Apologies – FWO – 6650 7000 by 10.30 am Monday

COFFS CITY CHATROOM

July 11, 2016

_TODAY: President Terry has discarded his 'learner plates and promptly gonged the gong at 12.30 pm (or thereabouts).

The meeting commenced with **Bob Carle** reading Thanksgiving and **Mike Blewitt** proposing a Toast to the Queen, Australia and France.

President Terry introduced our guest speaker, **Ellis Nicholson, from the Rotary Club of Sawtell.**

Bernard Dowling proposed a Toast to an International Rotary club in Afghanistan. However I failed to get the full details of the club chosen and therefore I do not have any information.

REPORTS:

Treasurer John Walker reminded members that subs need to be paid promptly as he has bills to pay on behalf of the club. Do it now, online, while you remember.

John also advised members that he and **Past President Scott** attended Coffs Harbour airport to farewell **Romane** and her father as they left Coffs for France and home. John reported that a few tears were shed.

John also reported on a letter of thanks received from **Coffs Harbour Regional Conservatorium** in relation to the annual **Bill Wood Award**. While the presentation was made late last year we did not hand over our cheque, we attended to this last month. The Conservatorium has sent to us a letter of thanks and advising that the recipient this year was Liam Kalanj, a talented young drummer student. He was selected via an audition process at the end of last year and the Bill Wood Scholarship will allow for 60 minute lessons throughout 2016.

Ian McAllister advised members that following his request of a special meal last week for **Romane's** father our hosts at the club offered us a 'special' meal today. It was very enjoyable. Ian also advised that he and Bob Carle are working on another fellowship night, possibly to celebrate the club's 30th anniversary in August. More on this shortly.

If you have any ideas on how we can honour this occasion please speak to Ian.

Past President Scott advised members that our incoming **Exchange Student, Nick Hagmayr**, is due to arrive from Austria on **Sunday afternoon the 30th July**. It would be great if more than one or two of us turned up to welcome him. More on this at our next meeting on 25th July.

Paul McKeon encouraged members to attend to the **28th Rotary Cartoon Awards which is happening on Saturday next, the 16th July**. Paul called for a show of hands of those who would not be attending. **No one put their hand up**. Be there please.

Brian Leiper called for names of those able to assist with the **Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge to be held on 13th & 14th August**. Brian will be following up on this important event at our next meeting on 25th July.

Brian also mentioned that he is in the process of having our club banner redesigned. More on this shortly.

Jay Clowes advised members to have a look at the club's website and the 'seven questions with Scott Stacey. Will you be next?

Bernard Dowling reported that the 'Golden Golf Club' is still missing. If it is in your golf bag please return it. I am sure you can find another putter with which to sink that important putt.

Past President Scott reminded members that our inbound **Exchange Student, Nick Hagmayr** will be arriving in Coffs on Saturday, 30 July. We need to have some members at the airport on this day to welcome Nick. **Bernard & Carmel Spry** will be Nick's first host family until mid October. We are still looking for a second host family. If you have any ideas please speak to Scott..

President Terry called on Brian Leiper to introduced our **guest speaker, Ellis Nicholson**.

Ellis took us along on the adventure he and his wife had on a trek through the northern part of Australia, from Darwin to Cairns covering some very remote parts of the country.

They travelled in a large 4 wheeled truck with around 12 other travellers, a few from NSW and the bulk of them from Qld. Ellis's presentation was in the form of a power point and displayed some great photos of the landscape and some of the flora and fauna. A great presentation showing an insite into traveling across this great country.

President Terry called on **Geoff Knight** to propose a vote of thanks to Ellis for his talk.

NEXT MEETING: Don't forget. No meeting on the 18th July. We will meet again at the C.ex on the 25th July.

SERGEANTS SESSION. McA was again assisted today by **John Walker** in an effort to increase revenue, no doubt. McA had JW whizzing here and there collecting. Well done McA and John.

The raffle was held and won by **our President Terry**.

Despite thre reduced number of cards the Joker remains in the pack.

The Pot now stands at \$165.00.

Well worth turning up for.

CLUB NOTICES

30 July – Incoming Exchange Student
Nick Hagmayr arrives in Coffs

13 –14 August – Coffs Coast Cycle
Challenge

23 August – 30 Year Anniversary of our Club's
Charter

6 November – B.I.G. Charity Golf Day

DISTRICT NOTICES

26 – 28 August – YEP 2016
Inbounders Orientation

10 – 14 June 2017 – RI Convention
Atlanta, USA



BIRTHDAYS

15 July – Peter Lindsay

18 July – John Donaldson

21 July – Ben Thwaites



ANNIVERSARIES

14 July – Algy & Margaret Semetas