

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

October 10, 2016

_TODAY: President Terry was in a state of excitement today as it was the official visit to our club by the District Governor, Ian Jackson and his with, Barbara. It was very pleasing to see that members responded to President Terry's request for a good attendance after some weeks of very low numbers at our meeting. We had 19 members present and one guest, other than the DG and his wife. This was an attendance of 76% counting our 'active' members.

Some good fellowship was being had up until around 12.40pm when President Terry sounded the gong.

Proceedings commenced with **Scott Stacey** reading Thanksgiving and **Ross Paul** proposing a Toast to the Queen and Australia.

As mentioned, our guests today were the DG, Ian Jackson and his wife Barbara and Stan Paul from the Rotary Club of Chelsea Victoria.

Bernard Spry proposed a toast to the Rotary club of Costa del Sol (Sun Coast) - South Vesuvius, Pompei, Napoli. The club was commenced in 2007 by members from other clubs in the area. The current President is Massimo Autieri and the Secretary is Angelandrea Casale. Their membership totals 28 with 6 honorary member, very similar numbers to our club. The club has raised funds for the eradication of polio and have just completed the first stage of their project 'For The Rotary Heart' by installing two defibrillators to the Superintendency of Pompeii

REPORTS:

Ian McAllister advised that our guest speaker next week will be a C.ex employee, Ann Marie. Ann Marie's daughter lives in Germany and is heavily involved with ROMAC.

Our guest speaker for the following week will be Paul Gilly, from the Health Campus.

Paul will inform us about the 'Moisture Meter' which is to be purchased for the Health Campus from the proceeds of our B.I.G. Charity Golf Day. The 'Moisture Meter' is used in the treatment of some cancers and will form a vital part of the tools for the hospital.

Ian also advised that our club Christmas Party is to be held on Monday, 12 December, in the evening, at the C.ex. There will not be a meeting on that day. Please mark this date in your diary now.

Peter Lindsay advised that the **International Group** were looking at the possibility of assisting with training of overseas nurses at the hospital. I guess this is mainly for Papua New Guinea and Pacific Islands.

Paul McKeon advised the their was a change at the **Bunker Cartoon Gallery** following the AGM. Paul is now the Chair of the Bunker and Brian Leiper is the Vice Chair.

President Terry congratulated **George Cecato** on his election to the Coffs City Council.

Terry also passed on the club's sympathies following the passing of George's mother in Argentina.

George thanked the members accordingly. He also advised the this years **World Rally Championship** is very important. It needs the full support of all the citizens of Coffs as this event will be judged in relation to Coffs gaining the Rally for 2018. This event brings in many people to the Coffs region and much needed funds. Also, due to the world wide television coverage it gives the region great exposure.

George also mentioned that the Chamber is working hard on the delivery of the **Allied Health Training facility** to be built at the Coffs SCU Campus. The Federal Government has committed \$12M however further funds are required. George advised that a smaller facility is now planned with construction to be such that expansion to the original concept plan will be able to be accommodated relatively cheaply in the future.

Mike Blewitt informed members regarding the **B.I.G. Charity Gold Day** to be held on 6 November. The **'Trevor Brentnall Memorial Trophy'** was on display, see below. Mike advised that this perpetual trophy will now be presented to the winning team rather than the winning Rotary team. Mike requested that members get their team entries in and encourage any businesses they deal with to become a sponsor. Note that a team entry is \$440.00 and a Bronze Sponsor is only \$500.00. For an extra \$60.00 you may be able to get businesses involved which may generate another team entry. *Hop to it.*

Treasurer John advised that the club's accounts go to the Auditor this week and should be finalized within the next couple of weeks.

Geoff Knight requested that members get involved with **'Movember'**. Think of the time you will save if you don't shave your top lip for a month.

Bernard Spry advised that our **Exchange Student** is doing fine. Bernard and his family travelled to Melbourne and took Nick along. They went to the AFL Final which must have been a great experience, a game with no rules. No doubt he was baffled. They presented him with a Swan's Jersey. Pity they didn't win.

On October 26th there is a 'Inbound YEP Night' organised by Coffs Rotary. Some of the District YEP's will give a presentation, including Nick. The night will be held at the Coffs Surf Club and the cost is \$25.00 per head. If you intend to go along phone and let them know.

Bernard advised that Nick is to move to the Stacey household shortly.

President Terry formally introduced our **District Governor, Ian Jackson and his wife Barbara.**

Ian advised that we are the 37th club visit, out of 56, a man of stamina.

Ian advised that the primary thing to get out of Rotary is to have fun. He reminded us of the RI President's theme for the year - Doing Good in the World.

Ian detailed what he thought were issues for Rotary:

Challenges

Membership – we need to sell 'the product'

Plan – we need to work at keeping new members, get them involved from week one.

Opportunity

Satellite clubs

'E' clubs

Rotaract and Interact clubs

Review our club's operation

Ian advised that 'Rotary is much more flexible these days. An example of this is that the minimum is now for at least two meeting per month.

He also conveyed an update on the **Rotary Foundation**. The centenary of the Foundation occurs in April 2017.

He mentioned that the '**End Polio Now**' program is almost complete. There were 17 cases last year, in India and Pakistan and the world may be clear by the end of the year.

However the program will continue on for another three years to ensure that eradication is complete.

Ian also raised the '**Centurian Program**'. This is something that we can all get involved in. The deal is that a member gives to the Foundation \$100.00 per year, a cup of coffee per day. Not much and if all Rotarians took up the challenge there would be much more in funds to help those in need.

Ian finished up re stating his overall ambition for the year – Have Fun and Fellowship.

Ian introduced his wife to inform us of her ' Partners Project.

Barbara has organised some raffles to raise funds for Australian Rotary Health Research which will assist with All Stars Research and provide funds for PhD Project Research.

John Walker has a book of raffle ticket which we need to sell by February 2017. Lets see if we can purchase all of the tickets in the short term.

Ian finished up with reminding us of the **District Conference** to be held in Laurieton on 24 – 26 March 2017.

Some background on our DG.

A member of Laurieton Rotary since 1998, and formerly Apex and Pennant Hills RC, Ian was the Team Leader for a Group Study Exchange team to Chile in 2006 and District

Chair of Group Study Exchange in 2007– 2008. In 2014–2015, Ian served as the Assistant Governor of Cluster 3 whilst also District Governor Nominee.

Ian has been married to Barbara for over 40 years. They raised 3 children and have 6 grandchildren. For the past 19 years, Ian and Barbara have lived on a property at Lorne, inland from Laurieton, and have raised beef cattle and alpacas in partnership with their son.

Ian's career in the NSW Police Force was mainly in the area of Criminal Investigation. Also serving in the Army Reserve, he ultimately left the Police Force to further his military career, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He studied Accountancy, and qualified as a Licensed Real Estate Agent, Stock & Station Agent and Business Agent along the way.

NEXT MEETING: To be held at the usual venue on 17 October.

SERGEANTS SESSION. Due to time constraints the sergeants Session was held over until next week.

The raffle was held and won by our new councilor, **George Cecato.**

Guess what he Picked the Joker and won \$10.00.

The Pot is now back to \$5.00.

CLUB NOTICES

6 November – B.I.G. Charity Golf Day

5 December – Club A.G.M.

12 December – Club Christmas Party, C.ex

District Notices

26 October – Inbound YEP Night, Coffs Rotary, Coffs Surf Club

24 – 26 March 2017 – District Conference, Laurieton

10 – 14 June 2017 – RI Convention, Atlanta, USA

BIRTHDAYS

11 October – Leigh-Erin Clowes

24 October – Carmel Spry

26 October – Julianne McKeon

ANNIVERSARIES

10 October – Terry & Kris Maguire

17 October – Craig & Bronwyn
McMahon

26 October – Graham & Carolyn Lockett

PHOTO GALLERY



Mike Blewitt and George Cecato