

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 17, 2016

TODAY: President Terry was back in a relaxed mode and so was the attendance to today's meeting, 12 members in for lunch in the Rainbow Room. Perhaps the others could not find us and went home.

The gong was sounded at 12.40 and things got underway.

Geoff Pollack read Thanksgiving and **Bruce Robertson** proposed the Toast to the Queen and Australia.

Our guests today were Stan Paull from the Rotary Club of Chelsea Victoria, Neil Parmenter from Coffs Harbour Rotary and our exchange student, Nick Hagmayr.

Bernard Spry proposed a toast to the Rotary club of Linz-Leonding. Nick' host Rotary club. The club was founded in 1996 and now has some 50 members. The club meets on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Monday each month at 12.30 pm and each 2nd Monday in the evenings when partners are invited. The official language is German

REPORTS:

Bob Carle advised that he working on the next **Fellowship Evening**, perhaps at the Coffs Harbour Golf Club. More on this to come.

Bob also thanked members for their kind thoughts following the passing of his father in Newcastle.

Ian McAllister reminded members that next week's guest speaker in **Paul Gilly** from Coffs Health Campus. As advised last week 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 equipment for the hospital.

Don't forget the 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.

Mike Blewitt advised that the organisation for the **B.I.G. Charity Golf Day** is on track.

As of 14th October 16 teams had entered. Mike advised that the field will fill up quickly so if you intend to enter a team get to and do it now. All of the jobs for our members have been allocated so even if you have not been nominated for a role and you are not playing come along and give some assistance. It is a great day.

Brian Leiper advised that the new exhibition at the **Bunker Cartoon Gallery** will be 'Horsepower' featuring cartoons on horse racing and motor racing.

The opening for this exhibition is to be held on Friday evening commencing at 6.30 pm. Drinks and nibbles will be available and the entry fee is only \$3.00 per head.

Please come along and support the Bunker and our volunteers who do most of the work for these functions. Even if you can only spend 15 minutes for a Friday drink, please come along.

President Terry reminded members regarding the **Inbound YEP Night** to be held on October 26th. The night is being 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.

President Terry requested that **Bernard Spry** formally introduced our **Exchange Student, Nick Hagmayr**.

Nick told us a little of his home in Austria. His presentation also was a practice run for his address to be part of the **Inbound YEP Night**.

Nick informed us that Austria has a population of 8.3 million people and they enjoy an annual increase of around 6%. Immigration accounts for around 50,000 people per year. The area of Austria is 83,798 square meters. The highest mountain in Austria is some 3,798 meters, about 2,000 meters higher than Kosciuszko.

Nick's home city is Linz. He describe Linz as an industrial city, mainly steel production. The population of Linz is around 200,000 and is situated on the river Donau.

Nick has a 20 year old brother who is currently at university. His father is a soccer player agent. I did not catch what Nick's mother does other than look after Nick.

Thanks Nick for an informative presentation.

President Terry then called on **Ian McAllister** to introduce **Ann-Marie Arthur**.

Ann-Marie is an employee of the C.ex. She is a single mum with four children, two girls and two boys. Ann-Marie and her family are great ambassadors for Rotary. Her eldest daughter Brittany is a former RYLA attendee and has benefited from a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. She studied in Malaysia and having learned Japanese in high school became friends with a lass from Japan. As a result of this she spent 5 years in Tokyo and only returned home when the Tsunami devastated the area north of Tokyo.

For the past 5 years Brittany has lived in Berlin, Germany.

Ann-Marie advised that Rotary has given her children fantastic opportunities that they would never have had normally. The family go out of their way to promote Rotary to everyone they meet.

It was good to hear from Ann-Marie in this context and made one proud that Rotary meant so much to this family and helped in such a positive way.

Ian thanked **Ann-Marie** for giving up her lunch break to tell us about her experiences with Rotary.

NEXT MEETING: To be held at the usual venue on 24 October.

SERGEANTS SESSION. There was time for Ian MacAllister and Ross Paul to do their double act. Most of us got stung and made up for last week when we ran out of time to hold this session. Well done Ian and Rosco.

The raffle was held and won by our visitor, Stan Paull. However Stan did not have any luck and the Joker remains in the 51 card pack.

The Pot is now back to \$10.00.

CLUB NOTICES

6 November – B.I.G. Charity Golf Day
30 October – Graffiti Day being organised by Rob Anderson, Coffs Rotary
17-20 November – World Rally Championship
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
26 February to 27 March 2017 – GSE Team from Germany coming.
24 – 26 March 2017 – District Conference, Laurieton
10 – 14 June 2017 – RI Convention, Atlanta, USA

BIRTHDAYS

24 October – Carmel Spry
26 October – Julianne McKeon
3 November – Jeannie Kingdom
Lockett
4 November – Brian Leiper
10 November – Sheryl Carle
14 November – Paul McKeon
16 November – Helen Blewitt
24 November – Madeleine Wardman
26 November – Sue Morgan (Paul)

ANNIVERSARIES

17 October – Craig & Bronwyn
McMahon
26 October – Graham & Carolyn

3 November – Brian & Judi Leiper
11 November – Des & Jeannie Kingdom
28 November – Peter & Kath Lindsay
29 November – Jay & Leigh-Erin Clowes