

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

November 28, 2016

TODAY: Thank you to all members for making an effort to come along today. Seventeen members attended to listen to a very informative talk by our guest speaker, Dr Alan Tankel.

President Terry got things underway by sounding the gong at around 12.35 pm.

Thanksgiving was presented by **Peter Lindsay** and the Toast to the Queen and Australia proposed by **John Walker**.

President Terry introduced our guest speaker, as above Dr Alan Tankel, Lou Knight and for the last time, Stan Paull.

Bernard Spry proposed a toast to the **Rotary Club of Dublin Central**. This club is part of District 1160. The club was commenced in 2001 with 25 members, mainly young professionals. The club now has 40 members, both men and women. They meet weekly on Wednesday evenings in Central Dublin. The club's main community activities are listed as:

- Helping those in need of assistance in local, national and international communities
- Meet as friends, to network, have fun and give back
- Get Involved with a number of projects in the Dublin Area
- Organise projects to assist Irish charities as well as participating in projects with Rotary Clubs across Ireland and the UK to achieve larger service projects, these are usually international projects all over the world.

President Terry called **Stan Paull** to the front of the assembled members and inducted him into the club, a transfer from the Chelsea, Victoria club. Welcome Stan.

Stan gave a short talk and informed members what he hoped to get from his involvement in our club.

REPORTS:

Don't forget that our AGM will be held on **19th December**.

Ian McAllister reminded members about the **Club's Christmas party booked for the 12 December, 7.00 for a 7.30 start**. The cost is \$50.00 per head This will also include a celebration for our club's 30th anniversary which occurred earlier this year. Invitations will go out to past members this week.

Bob Carle reported that the **Fellowship Evening** held at the Coffs Harbour Golf Club last Friday was well attended with 16 people making the effort and having a great time. Well done Bob and thank you to those who attended..

Bob Carle also reminded members about 'Movember'. Even though Movember officially ends on 30 November you can still donate as follows:

<https://au.movember.com/donate>

In the search box type:

Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour City

Chose:

Donate Team

Do it now while you remember.

Brian Leiper had his salesman hat on and was offering Bunker Cartoon calendars for sale. Seven were sold and the rest of you will have an opportunity to purchase one or more next week. Bring some extras cash.

A reminder, again, regarding our meetings over the December / January period. Our last meeting for 2016 be held on the 19th December and our first meeting for 2017 on the 6 February.

President Terry then called on **Bob Carle** to formally introduce our guest speaker, **Dr Alan Tankel**.

Alan is the director of emergency medicine at the Coffs Harbour Hospital. However he is also very involved in assisting the people of third world countries, including Tonga, PNG, Solomons, Vanuatu, East Timor, Myanmar and Sri Lanka, arranging to send doctors to these regions to train existing health aid people in emergency life support techniques.

The program was commenced in Tamworth some years ago. Alan went on to say that he was keen to have health aid people from these countries travel to Coffs hospital for further training. He acknowledges that the learning experience was in some cases both ways.

Alan sought our club's consideration to providing financial assistance to bring a nurse from Tonga to Coffs Harbour to participate in this further training. He had completed a rough budget and estimated that the cost of a 5 day stay would be no more than \$2,500. I think it was Stan Paull who suggested that this type of program could be enhanced by involving the local Rotary club. Alan considered this to be a good idea.

Alan's presentation was very interesting, not only on the above topic but about the medical industry in general.

President Terry then called on **Peter Lindsay** to propose a vote of thanks to Alan for his presentation.

NEXT MEETING: To be held at the usual venue on 5 December.

SERGEANTS SESSION. **Ian McAllister** with the assistance of **Geoff Knight** conducted the fines sessions. More money in the bank. Well done Ian and Geoff.

The raffle was held and won by **Peter Wardman**. No sight of hand this week and the Joke is still in the pack, I think. John W has not revealed it as yet.

The Pot is now \$40.00

CLUB NOTICES

19 December – Club A.G.M.

12 December – Club Christmas Party, C.ex

District Notices

9 January – Joint meeting organised by Sawtell Rotary at Boambee Reserve

18 February – Public Speaking semi finals - Walcha

26 February to 27 March 2017 – GSE Team from Germany.

4 – 5 March – PETS - Armidale

16 – 19 March – Rymarine – Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak

24 – 26 March 2017 – District Conference, Laurieton

1 – 8 April – RYLA – Yarrahapinni

7 May – District Assembly - Kempsey

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



BIRTHDAYS

16 December – Sandra McAllister

23 December – Dom Hawke

29 December – Scott Stacey



ANNIVERSARIES

18 December – Dom and Cherie Hawke