

# Coffs City Rotary



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Secretary – Geoff Pollack - 0411269685 - PO Box 570, Coffs Harbour 2450 NSW

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*

February 13, 2017

**TODAY:** Another good roll up with 18 members attending today's meeting.

No guests today however **Ian McAllister** is about to deliver some interesting people to address the members at our future meetings. More on this down the page

**President Terry** got around to sounding the gong on time at 12.30.

**Thanksgiving** was presented by **Mark Adoms** and the **Toast to Rotary International, the Queen and Australia** proposed by **Melissa Bell** ( with some assistance from **Jay Clowes**, I believe).

**Bernard Spry** was present today however work got in the way of preparing an International toast.

I repeat the message about the changes to our 2017 constitution and Bylaws.

## **ROTARY CLUB OF COFFS HARBOUR CITY INCORPORATED**

**(trading as Coffs City Rotary)**

### **2017 Constitution and Bylaws Update**

**As a result of the 2016 RI Council on Legislation and Amendments to the laws of NSW our Club Constitution and Bylaws must be up dated.**

Here is the proposed Notice of Motion;

ROTARY CLUB OF COFFS HARBOUR CITY INCORPORATED

NOTICE OF MOTION

At the regular meeting of members fixed to commence at 12.15 pm for 12.30 pm on Monday 06 March 2017 the members will be requested to consider and if thought fit pass as a special resolution the following:

“ That the constitution and by-laws of the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour City Incorporated ( the Club ) in the form presented to the meeting and initialed by the Chairperson of the meeting be adopted as the constitution and by-laws of the Club to the exclusion of the Club’s existing constitution and by-laws “.

Terry Maguire,

President.

President Terry emailed to all members details of the proposed changes on 6 January.

A special thanks to Peter Wardman for his extensive work on this change.

*Guest Speaker to look forward to:*

*Bill Robbins. Bill is an expert in the law on patents. Bill spoke to us some time ago and I remember that it was one of the most interesting subjects, the discussion could have gone on for another hour or so.*

*Shelly Whittington. Shelly is the NSW & ACT Development Manager for Destiny Rescue. This group is involved in, amongst other things, child rescue.*

**REPORTS:**

**Bernard Spry** advised that his family are involved in a School Exchange where his 16 year old son has gone to Japan on a 6 months exchange and they now have a 'new' son, Sage, also aged 16 from Japan. Bernard's son is staying with Sage's family. Bernard will bring Sage along to one of our meetings in the next few weeks.

**Ian McAllister** is working on a social weekend for members, partners and guests. A visit **Brooklana Angus Cattle Stud owned by a former resident of Coffs, Roger Pryce**. At this stage MacA is thinking about a bus trip to the stud on the Saturday, a look around and explanation of what they are doing, a BBQ and then off to the HillTop motel at Dorrigo for the night. We are advised that the motel has been nicely refurbished.

There was a good show of hands as to who would be interested so don't forget to mention it to your partner and get them on side. More info on this to come. It could happen in April.

**Bob Carle** advised the **Nick, our exchange student** is now in the hands of **Coffs Harbour DayBreak Rotary** and has moved in with a non Rotarian family in Boambee.

**Bob** also sought the reaction of members to attending a **Vocational Visit to the Cancer Unit at the Health Campus**. Coffs Harbour DayBreak Rotary did this visit last week and Bob attended with Nick. Bob was most impressed and recommended the visit to members. The only catch is that we would need to attend at 6.30 - 7.00am and have breakfast in the Health Campus café afterwards. More to come on this next week.

We also agreed that our next **Fellowship Night** will be Coffs Harbour DayBreak Rotary's Trivia night at the Coffs Harbour golf club next Friday evening. Get on to President Terry quick smart if you want to go along.

**Peter Lindsay, International**, advised that he had been in contact with **Dr Alan Tankel**, who had been our guest speaker in November. Dr Alan is head on the Emergency Unit at the Health Campus and was seeking the club's support to assist with bringing nurses from the South Pacific to the Health Campus for training in emergency responses. Peter advised that Dr Alan has arranged for two nurses to come to Coffs from Tonga for 10 days or so in the second week of April. It is planned that they will be billeted with nurses working at the Health Campus. More to come on this in the next week or so.

**Paul McKeon** reminded members about upcoming exhibition at the Bunker, **'The Phantom' on the 10<sup>th</sup> March**. He emphasised that the board of the Bunker was looking for a very strong showing from the club members, their partners and friends at this event. It is planned that the event will be more of a party with some very notable Australian artist and celebrities attending. Tickets will go on sale shortly at \$30.00 per head or \$100.00 for a party of 4. Good food (better than finger food) will be available and well as the odd drink. The club meeting the Monday before will be transferred to this date.

**Please speak to your partner and friends now and mark this date in your calendar.**

As we are aware the **GSE Team** from Germany will be in Coffs from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. A dinner will be held for the team on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at the Coffs Harbour Golf club. Members and their partners are invited and our meeting of the 27 February has been transferred to this date.

**Secretary Geoff** has requested names by next Monday.

Also a **Friendship Exchange Group from USA** will be here 16<sup>th</sup> to 19 March.

**RYLA is happening on 1 April. Bob Carle** is looking for likely applicants. Can anyone help?

**President Terry** is seeking ideas as to who we should include as the major beneficiary of the **2017 B.I.G. Charity Golf Day**. Have a think and advise Terry accordingly.

At our last meeting, 6 February, **President Terry** read out an email from our **2015 / 2016 NYSF** attendee, **Remy Bordignon**. For those who were not in attendance I have attached a copy.

While we did not have a guest speaker **President Terry** called on our newest member, **Stan Paull, to give us a 'three miniter'** and tell us a little about himself.

Stan advised that he has swelled the number of New Zealanders in our membership. Stan was born in 1957 in a small town on the North Island (the name escaped me). A population of 140 people and he reckons he was related to 70 of them. He had a brother and two sisters. His family were in the dairy farm business up until he was 7 years old. In that time he had never worn shoes. During the 7 years his family moved to the Bay of Islands in the north of the North Island. He had a fantastic life living in this area, boating and fishing and mentioned that he had 'sat in a boat' with Zane Grey, the famous American novelist. Initially he was sent to a boarding school however this did not suit and the family moved to Whangarei so he could attend a 'normal' high school. On leaving school he joined a Ford Dealership and qualified as a diesel mechanic. He must have loved oils as he spent 30 years working for Castrol. He was State Manager for Victoria and South Australia and then Trade Manager and lived in Sydney at this time. He then moved to the companies international team and spent his last years with the group travelling the world on behalf of Castrol. He and his wife had a fabulous time seeing the sights of the world while he worked in this position. Stan was prompted to retire when his brother pass away in 2014. Stan and his wife decided to move to the Coffs area where they owned and investment property. He did mention that there was a problem with this as their two adult children still lived at home. Their kids quickly found

out what life was all about when Stan and his wife moved and sold their home in Melbourne.

Even though Stan has lived in Australia for many years he is still an All Black supporter. Have you heard this before??? Stan is also a St Kilda supporter.

Stan, thanks for your presentation and I hope I got most of it correct.

**Sergeants Fine Session: Ian McAllister** ably assisted by **Geoff Knight** did another fine job extracting money from those members who had caught his attention.

The chance to **Pick the Joker** was won by **Mark Adoms** and again the Joker remains in the pack. The pot now stands at \$50.00

## **CLUB NOTICES**

17 February - Fellowship and Trivia Night with DayBreak Rotary

2 March – Dinner at the Golf Club with the GSE Team from Germany

10 March – The Phantom Party at the Bunker Cartoon Gallery

May (or thereabouts) The Wine Enjoyment day

August – Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge.

November – the B.I.G. Charity Golf Day.

## **District Notices**

18 February – Public Speaking semi finals - Walcha

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

2 March – GSE Team Dinner at Coffs Golf Club

4 – 5 March – PETS - Armidale

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

16 – 19 March – Friendship Exchange Group from the USA in Coffs

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**

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

17 February – Zawiah Stacey  
20 February – Athene Brentnall  
27 February – Des Kingdom

24 February – George & Anna Cecato  
28 February – Peter & Madeleine Wardman