

Coffs City Rotary



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Meeting Place – Cex Coffs Harbour

Monday Lunchtime

12.30 - 1.45 pm

Apologies – FWO – 6650 7000 by 10.30 am Monday

COFFS CITY CHATROOM

March 20, 2017

TODAY: President Terry was back from his sojourn to other parts of the country and things got underway on time.

Thanksgiving was presented by Peter Lindsay and the **Toast to our wonderful Queen and Australia** proposed by Geoff Knight.

President Terry welcomed our guest speaker, Chantel Burns.

Bernard Spry was an apology so no International toast this week.

Guest Speakers to look forward to:

27th March – Our guest speaker will be Terry Tweed. Highly recommended by Ian McAllister however I am not sure on Terry's subject.

Please Note: It is important that all members make an effort for come along to meetings where we have a guest speaker. It is not much fun for the member who organises a guest speaker when only a handful of members turn up to the meeting.

REPORTS:

Secretary Geoff reminded members about the **combined meeting for Thursday, 30th March** when our guest will be the **Ambassador to Lebanon and Syria, Mr Glenn Miles**. As of Monday we had 10 members attending. It would be great if we had a few more. Phone Geoff and put your name down. He needs numbers asap.

Ian McAllister advised that he is working on attracting interesting guest speakers. Can you assist with ideas please. He has been in touch with Lieutenant General Barnabass to arrange a return visit in the near future.

Bob Carle advised members that he trying to arrange a movies night at the **Sawtell Cinema**. Included in the Sawtell Cinema complex is a small theatre which seats around 30/40 people and would be ideal for a fellowship function. More on this shortly.

It was agreed that we would join with **DayBreak Rotary** and purchase an Akubra hat for **Nick's** farewell present. The farewell function will be held at Boambee Bay Reserve on the 25 May. More on this later.

Brian Leiper again encouraged members to visit the Bunker and enjoy the '**Phantom**' **Exhibition**. President Terry showed a YouTube clip of the Bunker Manager, Margaret Cameron, introducing the Bunker and the exhibition. Included was 'The Phantom' who looked remarkably familiar, speaking about 'his' exhibition. A few sniggers were heard from the back of the room. The exhibition runs until 12th May.

Peter Lindsay advised members that the **International Committee** had a meeting on Friday last and Dr Alan Tankel came along. Peter advised that the committee is to organise a **BBQ for the two nurses from Tonga at Boambee Bay Reserve. The date is 23 April** (we will not have a meeting on the 24th and the 25th is Anzac Day).

The BBQ will be a good chance to meet the nurses and members of the hospital staff who are training the nurses. Numbers will be required so talk to your partners about this function now.

Peter Wardman advised that there was a good attendance at the recent **Chamber of Commerce** meeting. The topic of the **City Hill** received a good airing.

Peter asked that members take 5 minutes and phone the council and record their comment that the proposed relocation of the library and art gallery should be at City Hill and this site should be fully endorsed by the council as the future of culture and arts in the district.

Secretary Geoff advised that **London Hawke**, the daughter of Dom and Cherie, **has been accepted for RYLA** being on 1st to 8th April.

He also advised that applications are now open for the **2017/2018 NYSF**.

Don't forget this outing:

Vocational Visit to the Cancer Unit at the Health Campus. The catch is that we would need to attend at 6.30 - 7.00 am and have breakfast in the Health Campus café afterwards.

This is planned for the 3rd April. Please note the date for your early start.

President Terry introduce our guest speaker, **Chantel Burns from the Solitary Islands Marine Park Authority.**

Chantel explained that she is the education officer with the authority which is part of the Department of Primary Industries. Her role is mainly talking to primary schools and other groups like ours about the Marine Authority and the Marine Park. She advised that the area around the Coffs Coast is unique as it is where the northern and southern current converge. As a result of this occurrence we have a great variety of marine life at our doorstep. This is the reason for the Marine Science Center being located in Coffs Harbour.

The following is an extra from the website for the Marine Park Authority

[Goals and principles](#)

In 1998, guidelines for establishing the NRSMPA (National Representative System of Protected Areas) were developed by an inter-governmental Task Force on Marine Protected Areas and agreed to by all Australian governments. The Australian Government later developed a set of Goals and Principles to apply the guidelines in Commonwealth waters. These Goals and Principles provide a consistent framework for identifying new marine reserves in Commonwealth waters and emphasise the strong role of science in the process.

Consistent with the Goals and Principles, the Australian Government's objective in developing the regional networks of marine reserves has been to achieve a significant conservation outcome while seeking to minimise adverse impacts on users of the

marine environment. The general approach was to design new marine reserves that, where possible, avoided areas highly valued by industry groups and recreational users.

What are Commonwealth marine reserves?

Commonwealth marine reserves are areas established under Australian environment law to help us conserve the spectacular marine life in our oceans. They allow ecologically sustainable use of our marine resources and provide special places for people to enjoy and appreciate the fantastic diversity of our marine habitats.

Marine reserves are sometimes known as marine protected areas or marine parks.

Parks Australia manages our Commonwealth marine reserves. The reserves and the zones within them are one of the tools we use to protect our oceans. Others include working with local communities and industries to continually improve how our oceans are managed.

Commonwealth marine reserves are situated in Commonwealth waters. These waters generally extend from three nautical miles off the coast to the outer limit of Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone (200 nautical miles). Marine reserves closer in-shore are the responsibility of the states or the Northern Territory.

Why do we need marine reserves?

Marine reserves help protect and maintain our unique biodiversity including endangered or threatened species – such as whales and marine turtles and their habitats.

Marine reserves provide for sustainable use, to keep our oceans healthy.

They are important places for families to enjoy boating and diving and in some areas, recreational fishing.

While not designed as a fisheries management tool, marine reserves can enhance fisheries by ensuring places such as breeding grounds are protected.

They also provide opportunities for research and a focal point for education about marine ecosystems.

The creation and effective management of marine reserves is widely regarded, both nationally and internationally, as one of the most effective ways to maintain the long-term health and productivity of our oceans.

Our marine ecosystems

Commonwealth marine reserves represent examples of all the different marine ecosystems and habitats found in the oceans around Australia. They protect important

habitats like coral reefs, undersea canyons and seamounts, and the diversity of marine life they support.

How are marine reserves managed?

Once a Commonwealth marine reserve is proclaimed, Parks Australia has to develop a management plan for the reserve. Management plans can also be developed that cover more than one reserve.

Management plans have a maximum life of 10 years and set out how the reserves are to be managed including what activities are allowed and which zones of the reserve they are allowed in.

In March 2013 management plans were approved for the South-west, North-west, North and Temperate East reserve networks and the Coral Sea marine reserve. These management plans have now been set aside and new plans will be developed, based on recommendations from the [independent Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review](#)

This means there are no changes 'on the water' for users of the new marine reserves until new management plans come into effect.

For the 25 reserves, including the South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network, which predated the extension of the Commonwealth marine reserve network, there are also no changes - users can continue to operate under their previous approval or permit. No additional administrative requirements apply.

The Director of National Parks has commenced the process of developing new management plans. This process involves two opportunities for you to have your say on how Commonwealth marine reserves are managed.

Stan Paull was called on to propose a vote of thanks to Chantel for her presentation.

Sergeants Fine Session: Ian McAllister and **Geoff Knight** took charge extracted a full dollars for the kitty.

The chance to **Pick the Joker** was won by **Mark Adoms**. Mark did not have lady luck with him so the pot continues to build.

Mike Blewitt Picked The Joker a couple of weeks ago however he had to leave early so he will have a go when he returns. Mike will have a chance at \$50.00 and the following pick will be \$75.00 if Mike is unsuccessful.

CLUB NOTICES

May (or thereabouts) The Wine Enjoyment day
6 August – Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge.
November – The B.I.G. Charity Golf Day.

District Notices

26 February to 27 March 2017 – GSE Team from Germany in Australia.
16 – 19 March – Friendship Exchange Group from the USA in Coffs
24 – 26 March 2017 – District Conference, Laurieton
1 – 8 April – RYLA – Yarrahapinni
29 - 30 April – District Assembly – Kempsey - **This date has changed**
10 – 14 June 2017 – RI Convention, Atlanta, USA

BIRTHDAYS

21 March – Carolyn Lockett
23 March – Kris Maguire
28 March – Graham Lockett
3 April – Jenny Lawrence
10 April – George Cecato

ANNIVERSARIES

29 March – Kylie & Matt Deans
2 April – Scott & Zawiah Stacey
12 April – Bruce & Sally Robertson
17 April – Geoff & Lou Knight