

# Coffs City Rotary



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

Club President – Ross Paul District Governor – Lorraine Coffey RI President – Paul Rassin

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 8, 2018

**TODAY: President Ross** got proceedings underway at around 12.40 and introduced our guests:

**Lorraine Coffey** – District Governor

**Dennis Chellingsworth** – Lorraine's partner

**Peter Paff** – Assistant Governor and Member of Sawtell Club.

Thanksgiving was presented by **Bruce Robertson** and the Toast to the Queen and Australia proposed by **Stan Paull**, I think.

### **REPORTS:**

No Director reports today due to time constraints.

However **President Ross** did advise that next Monday's meeting has been transferred to the evening to say 'Farewell' to **Stan and Sandy Paull** who are about to relocate back to Melbourne.

**The details are:**

**Place: Coffs C.ex – downstairs in the cafe area. Tables will be reserved.**

**Time: 6.30 to 7.00**

**Please make an effort to come along.**

### **President Ross introduced our District Governor.**

**Lorraine** commenced her presentation by showing us a video of our **RI President, Paul Rassin** speaking at the last RI Convention. He made the analogy that the oceans are our equalisers as no matter where the ocean is it is the same and treats all life equally.

**He called for action – BE THE INSPIRATION – follow the 4 way test.**

LEAP

L – Love and caring

E – Enthusiasm - Show empathy

A - Audacity – be audacious

P – Proof – show proof – lead by example.

**Lorraine** continued to invite us to encourage Rotaract. She pointed out that we only have one Rotaract club in Coffs and that we should endeavor to get another club off the ground. With the average age of our members in the District at 72 we need to encourage younger people into the movement. One of the ways to do this, she believes, is to have strong Rotaract Clubs in the District.

**Lorraine** also encourage our members to attend the **District Conference** which is to be held in Armidale on 8,9 and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019. She also recommended the Ri Convention to be held in Hamburg in 2019.

**Lorraine** then introduced her partner **Dennis** to inform us about his project for the year. Dennis's project is to raise funds for **Motor Neuron Disease**. He gave us some detail of people who had been struck down by this terrible disease to emphasised how insidious it is. He advised that there are currently 2,200 people in Australia with the disease with 2 people diagnosed each day and 2 people dieing every day.

He hopes to raise \$36K which will fund research at Macquarie University over a three year period. Part of his fund raising is to sell 3,000 tickets in a raffle at \$10 each. The prize will be a painting of any subject by well known artist, Barry McCann.

**Please put an extra \$10/20 in your wallet when you come to our next meeting and see President Ross to get your ticket and support this worthy cause.**

**Sergeants Fine Session: Ian McAllister and Jay Clowes** were both attending the meeting and entertained us for a few minutes. When we enjoy a good fine session we should all pay up for the privilege as was the case today. Well done Ian & Jay.

The chance to **Pick the Joker** was won by **Stan Paull**, I think, however our **Treasurer, John**, could not find the cards. I think our Secretary has taken them on holidays. The cards will be back for our next meeting.

### BIRTHDAYS

11 October – Leigh-Erin Clowes  
4 – Brian Leiper  
10 November – Sheryl Carle  
14 November – Paul McKeon

### ANNIVERSARIES

17 October – Craig & Bronwyn McMahon  
26 October – Graham & Carol Lockett  
3 November – Brian & Judi Leiper  
28 November – Peter & Kath Lindsay

