



COFFS CITY ROTARY

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(Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour City Inc.)



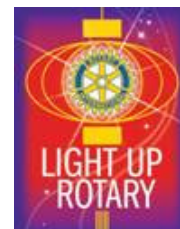
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COFFS CITY CHATROOM

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TODAY:



Our first **Vocational Visit** for some time. A select group assembled at the **Isuzu Showroom at Mike Blewitt Coffs Coast.**

President Geoff called the meeting to order at 12.40pm.

Our group was joined by Todd Blewitt and four or five of his sales team. Todd provided sandwiches and drinks for those attending.

In view of the venue there were no Reports.

Todd provided us with a rundown of the world economic position, over several years, affecting the motor industry and some interesting statistics revealed in relation to world economies and the motor industry in general. He also showed us some amusing videos on selling.

Todd when on to provide us with information about his business:

- # Mike Blewitt Ford has been in business 38 years.
- # There are 52 team members in the Mike Blewitt work force.
- # The dealership comprises manufacturers, Ford, Mercedes, Isuzu, Kia and Great Wall.
- # Up to 300 cars are held in stock at any one time.
- # They have had great success with Isuzu Ute sales exceeding 150% of their target.
- # Generally the sales team generate 110% of their sales targets.
- # They complete 40 workshop repairs each month.
- # They employed the first female motor mechanic apprentice in the Coffs area this year.
- # The number of cars sold in 2014 was 1,750.
- # The number of cars sold in the 38 years, proximately 50,000.
- # Active customer base numbers 12,500
- # There are 3,900 'Face Book Likes'.

Meeting Place

Cex Club – Coffs Harbour

Monday Lunchtime

12.30 p.m. – 1.45 p.m.

**Apologies to FWO
6650 7000**

by 10.30 a.m. Monday

Stats at a Glance

Guests: Jake Buckley.

Visiting Rotarians:

Lars & Nina Fredriksson, from Finland. George Mills – Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise.

Apologies:

Mark Adoms, Trevor Brentnall, George Cecato, John Donaldson, Peter Jackson, Des Kingdom, Bill Langler, Paul McKeon, Steve Metcher & Ross Paul

On leave: 3

AWOL: 0

No Joker Draw This Week

Todd advised that they are in the process of obtaining council approval to move the repair and delivery service processing business to a property they own in the Iles Drive area. This will reduce the current congestion in Tolhurst Place.

Following Todd's presentation **President Geoff** called on **Ian McAllister** to give a vote of thanks which was acknowledged by those present.

Some other important issues for your attention:

Following **John Walker** and **Scott Stacey** attending the **District Conference** in Inverell Scott prepared a paper on his thought on the conference which I have attached at the end of this bulletin.

George Cecato has confirmed that this year's **Wine & Food Event will be held on Saturday, 23 May, at Pacific Bay, 2.30pm to 6.00pm.** As usual this function requires the commitment of all available members to help on the day. Please mark the date in your diary now.

On Thursday, 12 March, **President Geoff** and **Brian Leiper** accompanied **Bev Wood** to the Coffs Conservatorium to present the **Annual Bill Wood Bursary** to a student of the Con. The recipient this year was Kate Jones, a very talented vocalist. Kate and her mother were very appreciative of the assistance provided by the award and thanked the club for its generosity. Unfortunately the Advocate could not make it however some photos are attached of the presentation.

A reminder regarding the Red Shield Appeal to be held on Sunday, 31 May. **Drivers are required** to phone the Church office on 6652 877 and speak to either Julia Metcher or Andrew on 0407 543126.

Don't forget the upcoming 40th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Sawtell. They are organizing a special dinner to celebrate. The date is, Saturday, 16 May. It would be great if our club can put a table together for this important mile stone.

Don't forget the upcoming Science & Engineering Challenge being organized by the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga. The Challenge is to be held on the 31st March and they are looking for helpers. Please contact Peter Lacy on 0414 916712 if you can help.

Despite repeated requests I have not had any more members advise me that they have completed the 'Working with Children Check'.

All information and the application regarding the **New Working with Children Check** can be found on our District Youth Web site at:

<http://www.rotaryyouthexchange9650.com.au/downloads/working-with-children-check.html>

This exercise only takes a few minutes and it is not hard. The questions they ask are about you and you should know the answers.

Don't forget the proposed **Vocational Visit** to the new **Coffs Harbour Court House** precinct to take place on 27 April.

Bob Carle's 'sub-committee' is to meet on Friday 27 March. Those attending are:

Jay Clowes - Community

Bob Carle – Vocation

Brian Leiper – Youth

Peter Lindsay – International

We are meeting in the foyer of the C.ex (Vernon Street) at 11.30am. **Ian McAllister, Club Service**, is unable to make it as he is in Sydney for a couple of weeks.

The club's RYLA attendee is current at this forum. We will hear from Jake about his experience at one of our future meetings.

The board of the **Bunker Cartoon Gallery Inc** has commenced preparation for the **27th Rotary Cartoon Award**.

The entry form has been sent out and is on the web site.

The Rotaries Award Presentation night is to be held on 18 July at the Bunker. **The MC is to be Jean Kittson, the well know comedian.** This will be a great night and should not be missed. Put the date in your diary now.

Jean Kittson is an Australian performer, writer and comedian in theatre and [print](#), on radio and television. She made her comedy debut at Melbourne's comedy venue Le Joke in a series of solo performances, and then in the stage version of [Let The Blood Run Free](#).^[1]

Jean Kittson is one of Australia's best known and most popular comedians, amusing audiences in theatre, film, print, on radio and television.

She came to national attention on [The Big Gig](#). This was followed by *Let the Blood Run Free*, *Kittson Fahey*, the *Great Debate* series as well as *Good News Week*, [The Glasshouse](#) and [The Einstein Factor](#). She is also well known for her lively comedy debates for the ABC, Channel 9 and Channel Ten and was a regular guest on Channel 7's the Morning Show, Channel 9's KAK Show and *20 to One*. She has also been a judge on *Strictly Speaking* and a guest on [Talkin' 'Bout Your Generation](#).

Jean Kittson is a regular guest on TGIF, ABC radio 702, Sydney and has been a regular columnist with New Weekly, Sunday Telegraph, the SMH Sydney Magazine, Inspire Magazine, and the Readers Digest Health Smart magazine.

She is the author of *Tongue Lashing*, published by Penguin.

NEXT MEETING – 30 March at the C.ex.

SERGEANTS SESSION

We did not hold a sergeant's session this week. Hold your funds for next week.

Pick the Joker was not held. The Jackpot stands at \$30.00.

CLUB NOTICES

23 May – Wine Enjoyment Event
31 May – Salvo's Red Shield Appeal
20 June – Coffs Harbour Change Over
4 July – Our Club's Change Over
2 August - CCCChallenge

DISTRICT NOTICES

21 – 28 March - RYLA
31 March – The Science & Engineering
Challenge - Woolgoolga
18 – 19 April
18 – 19 April – P.E.T.S.
5 May – District Assembly – Port Macquarie
16 May – Sawtell Club's 40th Anniversary
16-17 May MUNA – Inverell
6 – 9 June – RI Convention – Sao Paulo,
Brazil
27 June District Change Over
8 – 11 October – DayBreak's Rymarine
9 October – Hat Day



BIRTHDAYS

28 March – Graham Lockett
10 April – George Cecato
15 April – Geoff Knight
23 April, 1564 – Bill Shakespear
24 April – Madeleine Wardman
25 April – Jean Dowling
25 April – Lou Knight

ANNIVERSARIES

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

PHOTO GALLERY

The Bill Wood Annual Scholarship Award Presentation

