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COFFS CITY ROTARY

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(Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour City Inc.)

CLUB PRESIDENT *Geoff Pollack*

DISTRICT GOVERNOR *Greg Moran*

RI PRESIDENT *Gary CK Huang*

COFFS CITY CHATROOM

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TODAY:

Today's meeting was one of great sadness following the passing of our esteemed member Trevor Brentnall. Trevor suffered a fatal heart attack at his home on Sunday morning.

President Geoff was on work duties and our **Past President Jay Clowes** called the meeting to order at 12.40pm.

Thanks Giving was presented by **Mark Adoms** and the Toast to the Queen and Australia by **Bill Langler**.

Past President Jay introduced our guests, Paul Macara, Phil Webb, James and Diana Christian and then called on **Steve Metcher** to say a few words about **Trevor** and called members to prayer.

Reports:

Secretary Brian Leiper reported that he had nothing to report. Likewise, **Treasurer John Walker** did the same.

George Cecato did have something to say and reported that in the lead up to the State Election our local member did advise that the State Government has already committed $200M to the Coffs Harbour bypass. They now need the Federal Government to commit the balance to commence the project. I note from this week's Advocate that Andrew Frazer is now suggesting that a 'truck bypass' to the far west of Coffs would be an option to consider.

George also spoke on the Chamber's desire to gain support of a port authority and 'working port' to be established in the Coffs Harbour, adjacent to the boat ramp. George advised that basically the land east of Jordan Esplanade is currently owned by the State Government and the council controls the land as Trustee. The council receives income from this arrangement, however to date, George has been unable to find out how much is involved.

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: Paul Macara, Phil Webb.
Visiting Rotarians: James & Diana Christian – Rotary Club Bellingen.
Apologies: Mark Adoms, Mike Blewitt, Bob Carle, Eddie Chau, John Donaldson, Des Kingdom, Ian McAllister, Paul McKeon, Terry Maguire, Ross Paul, Geoff Pollack, Scott Stacey & Fiona Thwaites.
On leave: 3
AWOL: 0
Joker Draw This Week was won by Peter Wardman

It is considered that the 'working port' could facilitate cruise ships, exporting locally grown crops and heavy manufactured goods, as done now by WE Smith. Peter Wardman added to what George had said and advised that he is also involved in promoting this proposal. George and Peter will keep us informed on developments.

Following lunch Past **President Jay** called on **Brian Leiper** to introduce our guests, **James and Diana Christian**. Both James and Diana are members of Bellingen Rotary and Diana is the current President. James is a Past President. Diana is also the current District Chairperson of the Youth Committee and is on the District Child Protection Committee. She will continue on in these roles in 2015 / 2016.

Diana advised that she has been on the District Youth Committee for 4 years and the Youth Exchange Committee since 1986. At this time there were no records available so the committee had to work from scratch. Diana was also the Assistant District Governor for 2012 / 2014.

Diana presented a comprehensive look at the District Youth portfolio via a power point presentation. I think most of us were surprised at the number of avenues in this Avenue of Service.

The Youth Exchange Programme (YEP) is for students aged 15 to 17 years 6 months old and the aim is to foster international goodwill. An ambassadorial role is also require both while the student is away and on their return home. Our club's previous involvement in YEP was in 2004. Peter Paff, from the Rotary Club of Sawtell, and his wife Sue will be on the YEP committee along with Michael Parry, Coffs Harbour Rotary, who is to be Treasurer. The rules have changed with regard to the club's involvement in YEP in that it is no longer a requirement of the club to accept a student in if they want to send a student out. This may suit our club initially and President Elect is exploring with Coffs Harbour Club the possibility of hosting their inbound student for a three month period.

Applications for YEP 2015 are due in May and the selection process is to be completed by 31/5. Students are advised of the success, or otherwise, shortly after. Preliminary country destinations are advised in June.

The successful students attend a rigorous briefing in July which includes many aspects including the behavior expected and risk taking.

There is also a Youth Exchange NZ Programme for one month. This is available for students 13 years 6 months to 16 years old. It is usually on a family to family basis and clubs only have to organize the exchange. Applications are open now with the families paying the costs.

MUNA – Model United Nations Assembly is exactly as it sounds when schools enter teams into the programme and represent different countries. This year MUNA is to be held in Inverell and 2016 is to be held in Kempsey.

Honeywell Engineering Summer School is held in December each year at the University of Sydney.

Public Speaking competition is also in the Youth Programme. This programme was commenced by Coffs City Rotary some years ago.

There were many other programs in the portfolio and we have requested Diana to let us have a copy of the presentation so we can become familiar with what is available.

Past President Jay then called on **Brian Leiper** to give a vote of thanks to Diana and James.

Don't forget this year's **Wine & Food Event to 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.

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.

 # Following this request last week we had another member complete the 'Working with Children Check'. There are still 15 members who need to complete this exercise.

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 only takes a few minutes and it is not hard. The questions they ask are about you so 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.

NEXT MEETING – 13 April at the C.ex.

SERGEANTS SESSION

While our usual sergeants were absent Geoff Knight took up the baton and fined everybody for something.

While I paid up I forget what it was for.

Well done Geoff.

PICK THE JOKER:
Peter Wardman won the chance however he did not pick the Joker.

The Jackpot now stands at $35.00.

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

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

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
20 May – Terry Maguire

ANNIVERSARIES

2 April – Scott & Zawiah Stacey
12 April – Bruce & Sally Robertson
17 April – Geoff & Lou Knight
21 April – Geoff & Mary Pollack
1 May – John & Jenny Walker
10 May – Paul & Julianne McxKeon

Bruce and Sally Robertson sent me this email some weeks ago.

Dear Friends

Sally and I have lost good friends to Bowl Cancer - maybe you have too.

It doesn't have to happen!

Please take the time to watch this clip. (It's only 45seconds - watch it twice!)

From The Jodi Lee Foundation:
On 29th August 2014, we created a symbolic statement in Martin place, in the heart of Sydney's busy CBD. We built the words 'bowel cancer' out of 5,000 bowel screening test kits.
Throughout the day the boxes were taken by passers-by. As each one was taken the words slowly disappeared.
The symbolic message this conveyed was simple - the more people who take a bowel screening test, the less we'll see of bowel cancer.

The link:
https://vimeo.com/105321480

"We all want to see less of Bowl Cancer." #takethetest

Love from us.

Bruce and SallyP.S. Kits available from Chemists and Rotary's national program each April / May.
http://www.jodileefoundation.org.au/

THE BOARD & MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SAWTELL

Cordially Invite

PRESIDENT GEOFF, MEMBERS & PARTNERS

TO AN EVENING OF NOSTALGIA TO CELEBRATE OUR

40th Birthday

ON SATURDAY MAY THE 16TH 2015

at

THE SAWTELL RSL CLUB ~ SAWTELL

PRINCESS ROOM

6.30PM FOR 7.00PM.

COST ~ $30

DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

DRESS ~ JACKET & TIE

RSVP WITH PAYMENT BY MONDAY MAY THE 11TH

ALAN FREEDMAN

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