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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

TODAY: President Scott was in town and took control of proceeding at 12.36pm.

Thanks Giving was presented by **Mike Blewitt** and the Toast to The Queen and Australia was proposed by **Geoff Pollack**.

President Scott introduced our guests, **Exchange Student, Romane** and, hopefully for the last time **Algy Semetas**.

No formal guest speaker today however **Romane** is to give us an overview of her recent trip to Outback Australia with the many exchange students currently residing in Australia.

Also **President Scott** is to tell us about the recent **District Conference** held in Taree.

REPORTS:

Brian Leiper reminded members regarding the **Joint Rotary Meeting** to be held at the Coffs Harbour Surf Club on 27 April. The meeting is being held to welcome the visiting **GSE Team from Hamburg, Germany**. The meeting commences at 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm. The cost is @25.00 per head as far as I know.

Brian also advised members of the date of the **launch of the 2016 Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge**. This event will be held on the 11 May at the C.ex.

Brian also reinforced the message of last week from the District regarding the need for all of our members to complete the **Working With Children Check**. Wendy Blaker, who is the District Chair for Child Protection & Risk Management for Youth, was our guest speaker.

For those who have not yet completed this exercise the website is:

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/working-with-children-check>

We need to get serious about this requirement. Over to you.

Ian McAllister, in the absence of Bob Carle, reminded members that there will be another **Social Evening on Friday, 22 April**. The venue will be Aanuka. Start time is 5.30.

Bob advises that it is a nice setting at Aanuka, they will probably give us a quiet area to ourselves and they have a Happy Hour from 4-30 to 6-00 pm. I have asked if they could extend it for us for another ½ hour. Don't know how we will go.

Anyone wanting to stay and have a meal, their menu is quite reasonable, it is a Resort. Entrée's vary from \$16 to \$25 with a good variety. Main \$32 to \$40, Desert all \$22.

Drink prices are reasonable as well, all Cocktails \$16, beers \$7-50 etc, so no too bad really, we were paying more than that at Elements.

Entry is via main front Foyer.

Again, please support this function, come along and enjoy the fellowship.

Speaking of Fellowship Ian, advised that the C.ex is again opening the Rendezvous Room for a special evening of fine food. He is organising a table or two for Friday, 6 May. If you are interested in coming along please advise Ian.

Don't forget to note that on Saturday, 21 May you will be involved with the **Wine & Food Expo** at PacBay. George Cecato will be advising us on this shortly.

Another event to note is the **Careers Expo** being organised by Bob Prater at the Coffs Race Course on **Thursday, 26 May**. As you are no doubt aware Ian McAllister has organised a helicopter to fly up from Jervis Bay to be part of this event. Bob will need our help on this day and will be advising us shortly of the numbers and roles he needs us to fulfil by our members.

Graham Lockett updated members regarding the **2016 Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge**. The routes have been determined and everything looks good for the Hill Climb to be held on Saturday, 13 August and the Challenge on Sunday, 14 August. Graham displayed the unique cycling Jersey which has been designed for this event. Again please note this date in your diaries as we will need all hands on deck to make this event successful.

Melissa Bell advised members of the **Camp Quality 'Comics on the Run'** to be held at the Sawtell RSL on Saturday, 28 May. See the flyer attached to this bulletin.

Bruce Robertson took the opportunity to remind members of the need to **LOOK AFTER YOURSELF** with regard to check ups for **prostate cancer**. He advised that this cancer kills more men than most other cancers and we all should be mindful of having regular visits to the doctor to have this checked out.

With the reports out of the way **President Scott** called on **Romane** to tell the members of her recent trip around the Australian Outback. This was the normal excursion which the Exchange Students undertake during their stay on the East Coast of Australia. The group of around 40, students and 'guides' travelled by bus which Romane acknowledged was fairly tiresome. They travelled as far north as Cairns and west to Uluru and then south to Innamincka (I think). Their trip ended at Taree where they attended the District Conference. She advised that by the time they arrived at the Conference they were very tired and had great difficulty staying awake during the Conference. Romane advised that the highlight of the trip was Airlie Beach, that is apart from Coffs Harbour.

Following Romane's presentation **President Scott** told us of the **District Conference**. He was clearly motivated following his attendance. He advised that the speakers were extremely interesting and entertaining. He is inspired to have the club commit more funds to the Rotary Foundation. He pointed out that the Foundation returns 50% of funds contributed to club in Australia for various club projects. He mentioned that several of the clubs in our District had been awarded a grant to assist them with particular projects. As yet our club has not applied for any Grants.

An easy way for our members to give to the foundation is to become a member of the Centarian Club. To join this group you only need to donate \$100 pa. He advised that the easiest way to do this is to have a direct debit on your bank account and donate a small amount each month. No doubt we will hear more on this.

Scott mentioned that a goal of his for his last several months in the chair is to initiate two projects, one international and one local community. This issue will be discussed at board level.

He mentioned also that so far our club has made donations to the community of \$13K and the board hoped to be in a position to donate another \$10K at the end of the year.

The board is also exploring the possibility of hosting an inbound exchange student in 2017. He mentioned that there are currently 6 inbound students looking for host clubs. This could be a joint project with DayBreak Club. There is also thought of having an outbound student next year also. More on this later.

NEXT MEETING: Next Monday, 25 April, is Anzac Day and we will not be meeting. However we do have the joint meeting on Wednesday, 27 April, for the GSE Team welcome.

The next meeting at the C.ex will be May 2nd.

SERGEANTS SESSION: Ian McAllister and Geoff Knight took to the floor and collected funds for the 'kitty'.

Pick the Joker was a problem as the deck of cards was not available. Unlucky for **Paul McKeon**. While he had the winning raffle ticket he was awarded a pen (which turned up in the mail today) which also incorporated a back scratcher. Bad luck Paul it could have been \$100 or so had the cards been available.

CLUB NOTICES

22 April – Fellowship Evening at Aaunka
6 May – Social Evening at C.ex by Ian McA
11 May – Coffs Cycle Challenge Launch at
C.ex
26 May – Careers Day at Coffs Race Course
13 – 14 August – Coffs Cycle Challenge
6 November – B.I.G. Charity Golf Day

DISTRICT NOTICES

26 – 29 April – GSE Team in Coffs Harbour
May – Bowel Scan month
22 May – District Assembly at Port Macquarie
27 – 29 May – MUNA at Kempsey



BIRTHDAYS

25 April – Jean Dowling
25 April – Lou Knight
20 May – Terry Maguire
26 May – Melissa Bell
30 May – Therese Murray-Prior



ANNIVERSARIES

1 May – John & Jenny Walker
10 May – Paul & Julianne McKeon