

# 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***

**June 20, 2016**

**TODAY:** Back to a regular meeting following the Queen's Birthday public holiday last Monday.

**President Scott** was onboard and got things underway fairly promptly at 12.32 pm.

Attendance at our meetings is of concern. Again, only 15 members turned up. This is not too flash with a total membership of 30. More commitment is required.

The meeting commenced with **Geoff Pollack** reading Grace and **Bernard Dowling** proposing a Toast to the Queen and Australia.

**President Scott introduced our guests speaker, Celia Chapman from Attune.**

**Bernard Spry** proposed a toast to the **Rotary Club of Marina City, Singapore**. This club was chartered on 20 December 1984 and marked this occasion with a donation of \$2,000 to the Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association for its 'Adopt an Addict Scheme'. Other club fundraising projects are:

# Distribution of cash cards to the needy.

# The annual purchase of a vat of whisky and bottling and selling the bottles. This sounds like the type of project that commences in a very sensible fashion however gets way out of hand towards the end of the day. Maybe things are different in Singapore. Rotary in Singapore commenced in 1930 with the Rotary Club of Singapore.

In my last report I was remiss in not including the report from **Bernard Spry** on his work in the International portfolio. Bernard is working on **developing a 'sister club' relationship with the Rotary Club of Savusavu, Fiji**. Following Bernard's discussion with the president of the Savusavu club we may be able to assist that club with its work on improvements to the local hospital and purchase of a new sterilizer for the hospital.

The initial cost of the sterilizer is in the order of \$3.5 / \$3.7K (Fiji \$5K). Our board has approved 'In Principal' the allocation of these funds for this purpose. Bernard is also looking at perhaps arranging 'skype' contact with some of the Rotarians in Savusavu during one of our meetings. More on this project to come.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Brian Leiper** informed members of the very successful **Coffs Coast Career Directions Expo** held at the Coffs Race course last month. This event was organised by **Bob Prater of Youth Directions**. Brian advised that this was a rewarding day witnessing students taking a real interest in the career opportunities on display on the day.

Representatives from each of the local Rotary clubs helped out with various jobs. The club should continue to be involved in this project next year.

Brian provided an update on the **NYSF**. While we commenced with four applicants we now have only one, **Hugh Churchwell** from Jetty High. Hugh will attend our meeting on Monday next to introduce himself.

Last Friday Brian represented the club at the **Primary Schools Chess Competition** held, this year, at Bishop Druitt College. Our club has been involved with this project since its beginnings and has donated the medallions and presented these to the winners of each category. This, again, is a very rewarding experience for our members to see how keen the young students are in playing chess in this competition.

**Ian MacAllister** reminded members of our **Annual Changeover Dinner to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> July at Pasfields Restaurant Deck Bar**. The time is 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm and the cost is \$50.00 per head. Please give Ian a call to let him know that you are able to attend, unless you have already indicated this to him. Our District Governor Maurie and his wife Di will join us on the night.

**Treasurer, John Walker** reminded members that if they have any accounts to be paid by the club he would appreciate receiving them now so that they can be included in the 2015 / 2016 financial year.

**George Cecato** requested that members give consideration to joining him at the **C.ex Sleep Out to be held on 29 June next**. Please give George a call if you can join him in this worthwhile project to help the homeless people in the Coffs area. Last year the night raised \$40K.

**George** also reminded members that the **15th Sunny Business Awards** are on again. This is the Coffs Coast's leading, independent, prestigious small business awards program. If you know of any small businesses who would benefit from this program please encourage them to enter. Entries close on 28 June.

Don't forget that if you can please **support the sponsors of the Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge. The sponsors are as follows:**

National Australia Bank  
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The Advocate  
Isles Industrial Park  
Coffs Coast Travel  
HQB Chartered Accountants  
Amart Sports  
Beachside Radiology  
MBT Lawyers  
Spice Road Cycle Tours

I mentioned last week the state of health of **Ava**. **John Walker** pointed out that he did advise that while Ava was very sick and not reacting to the drug regime she was on her doctors have now changed her drug intake and her condition had improved markedly.

**Jay Clowes** is still working on updating the Member's section on the club's website. Mike Blewitt has updated his details and Jay will be emailing / phoning more members to get their details updated.

**President Scott** reminded members that our **Exchange Student, Nick Hagmayr** from Austria is due to arrive in Coffs in July. The first two host families have been determined however we are still looking for the final host family.

**Romane** is still with the Walkers. Her father is due to arrive shortly and will attend our meetings while he is here. Romane will leave with her father in mid July.

**President Scott** introduced our guest speaker, Celia Chapman from Attune. Attune Hearing is Australia's largest 100% independent hearing testing company. As well as hearing tests the Celia also supplies all types of hearing aids, they are not tied to any one company. She also tests for balance problems.

Celia provided great insight into hearing issues via a power point presentation. She displayed the parts of the hearing process, the outer ear, middle ear and the inner ear and explained the function of each.

The presentation was very informative and generated many questions for those present.

At the conclusion of the presentation **President Scott** called on **Mark Adoms** to give a vote of thanks and members responded accordingly.

**NEXT MEETING: 27 June at the usual venue.**

**SERGEANTS SESSION.** McA was in great form and made a point of subjecting just about everyone to a fine of some sort.

The raffle was held and won by Bernard Dowling.

**Bernard was presented with the very reducing pack of cards for Pick the Joker.**

**However the Joker appears to be hiding and remained in the pack.**

**The Pot now stands at \$150.00.**

#### **CLUB NOTICES**

13 – 14 August – Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge  
6 November – B.I.G. Charity Golf Day

#### **DISTRICT NOTICES**

10 – 14 June 2017 – RI  
Convention, Atlanta USA



#### **BIRTHDAYS**

15 July – Peter Lindsay  
18 July – John Donaldson  
21 July – Ben Thwaites



#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

7 July – Bernard & Jean Dowling  
14 July – Algy & Margaret Semetas.

