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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 27, 2016

Last week I sent out an email advising that Romane and her father would be attending today's meeting and that this would be Romane's last meeting before she returns to France. I was only partially correct. Romane did come along however she and her father, who is a Rotarian, will be at our next meeting, 4 July, and this will be her last meeting with us as she is departing for France, with her father, on 10 July.

TODAY: We experienced another change. **President Elect Terry** had a trial run as soon to be **Past President Scott** was away.
Terry displayed his new power by ringing the gong at, perhaps a new starting time, of 12.41 pm.

The meeting commenced with **Peter Lindsay** reading Grace and **Paul McKeon** proposing a Toast to a most worried Queen, given the Brexit vote, and Australia.

President Elect Terry introduced our guests, Romane and Hugh Churchwell, our NYSF applicant.

We did not have a formal guest speaker and a **Bernard Spry** to propose a Toast to an International Rotary club.

REPORTS:

Brian Leiper again reminded members of the current exhibition at the Bunker, **The Grin Bin Exhibition**. Mr 'Grin Bin' is Mark Lynch and you will be familiar with his cartoons if you read the Advocate. Mark has a great sense of humour and I am sure that even Rotarians would get a laugh looking at his cartoons on display. The visit will also give you an opportunity to see the 'new look' Bunker Cartoon Gallery.

Ian MacAllister reminded members of our **Annual Changeover Dinner to be held on 1st July at Pasfields Restaurant Deck Bar**. The time is 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm and the cost is $50.00 per head. If you intend to come along and have not advised Ian you had better do so a.s.a.p. as numbers were required by last Tuesday 28 June.

Treasurer, John Walker advised members that he will be issuing invoices for this years subs, $220.00. Please pay up promptly as the club needs to pay fees to Rotary International and we need the money. Also it will avoid John tapping you on the shoulder to remind you that you haven't paid.

John also advised that thanks to **Peter Wardman** and **Ross Paul** he now has all of the club's annual reports. **With these reports he was able to up-date the total donations our club had made since Charter in 1986. The total is a very impressive $769K.**

George Cecato was absent however he is attending the **C.ex Sleep Out** to be held tonight, 29 June. If you are unable to join George can you please consider donating some funds to this very worthwhile cause.

It's easy to donate, simply click on the following link and follow the prompts to make a much needed contribution.

To donate for the Bridging The Gap Men's Resource Centre go to https://give.everydayhero.com/au/george-cecato-1

Peter Wardman advised members that the council had announced that it was considering relocation of the **Coffs Harbour Art Gallery** to a property in Gordon Street.

Peter advised that the initial concept of the **City Hill Project,** where the **Bunker Cartoon Gallery** and the **Coffs Harbour Bridge Club** are located, should be the location of the Coffs Harbour Art Gallery. He suggested that members should contact

the Council via the online survey available on the council website and express their views on this issue. With a little foresight City Hill could become a major attraction in this city for residents and visitors alike. It could become a 'hub' with cultural attractions, tourist retail, coffee shops and an hotel all in the 27 acres currently designated the 'City Hill Precinct'.

Mike Blewitt has been going though his 'shoe box'. Among other treasures he came up with details of the **Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour City Charter Night held on 23 August 1986**. I have attached this paperwork. Believe it or not we still have three current members who were Charter Members of our club.

It may be appropriate that we celebrate this occasion with a function of some sort. We will seek to have the board consider this.

Also in the 'shoe box' was some currency. Mike made a presentation to our Exchange student, Romane, of 50,000,000 Zimbabwean dollars. I hope Mike has not got a shoe box full of this currency.

President Elect Terry then called on **Brian Leiper** to introduce our **National Youth Science Forum candidate, Hugh Churchwell** to introduce himself and give us a little background on who Hugh is.

Hugh explained that he is an year 11 student at Jetty High. He lives with his parents, twin brother and two younger brothers in Boambee. His father, who works for Mike Blewitt Ford, is Canadian and Hugh and his family lived in Canada for 4 years from 2008 before moving to Coffs Harbour. Hugh's mother is a physio at the Coffs Harbour Hospital.

Since the age of 8 Hugh has had a passion and had made up his mind that he wanted a career in aerospace engineering. His plan is to complete a bachelor of mechanical engineering at university and then a Master of Aerospace Engineering. He is most interested in flight physics including load calculation and aerodynamics of an aircraft.

At school he is currently studying English Advanced, Mathematics 2 Unit, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and PDHPE. He is part of the schools basketball, rugby league, rugby 9's, cross country, swimming and athletics teams.

Outside of school he is a state middle distance runner, plays rugby with SCU Marlins and the Mid-north Coast Axemen. He is also a crew trainer at McDonalds Coffs Harbour North. He is a volunteer as a bush firefighter in the NSW Rural Fire Service at Solitary and Boambee Fire Brigades. He also plays the piano at a grade 6 level. He reached 8th place in the NSW State finals of the Australian Brain Bee Challenge (Neuroscience program).

Hugh thanked the club for the opportunity to be considered for the 2017 NYSF. Listening to Hugh's confident presentation and his many achievements to date you could not fail to be but greatly impressed with this young man.

Hugh answered a few questions from members and was thanked for attending our meeting and his presentation.

Hugh is a very worthy nominee by our club to the District Selection Committee 9650 to be held in Walcha on the weekend of the 30 & 31 July.

NEXT MEETING: 4 July at the usual venue and after the Changeover and the Federal Election. No doubt there will be some discussion of both events.

SERGEANTS SESSION. McA was again in great form and with the help of Mark Adoms made a point of extracting funds from all of those present. Those who have not been attending for a period should only bring folding money for the next fine session they attend.

The raffle was held and won by **Peter Wardman.**

Peter was presented with the reducing pack of cards for Pick the Joker. Despite the fact that there must only be about 20 cards left he managed to miss the important one.

The Joker is still hiding and remained in the pack.

The Pot now stands at $150.00.

CLUB NOTICES

1 July – Club Changeover
10 July – Romane Departs our shores
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.