

Coffs City Rotary



ABN 92 963 118 216 District 9650

Secretary – Fiona Thwaites on 0459497070 - PO Box 570, Coffs Harbour 2450 NSW

Club President – Terry Maguire District Governor – Ian Jackson RI President – John F Germ

Meeting Place – Cex Coffs Harbour

Monday Lunchtime

12.30 - 1.45 pm

Apologies – FWO – 6650 7000 by 10.30 am Monday

COFFS CITY CHATROOM

August 29, 2016

TODAY: Our meeting today was special due to the fact that we had invited all of the sponsors and volunteer groups to join us for lunch and presentation of cheques to the volunteers. We had a good roll up of both groups.

President Terry called the group to attention at around 12 midday.

Terry advised those present of who our event sponsors were:

Gold Sponsor – NAB, making this their 6th consecutive year of support for our event.

NAB were represented by the local branch manager, Dave Wood.

Silver sponsors:

Mercedes-Benz Coffs Coast – returning sponsor – represented by Todd Blewitt

C.ex Group – returning sponsor – represented by Sarah Prior

Coffs City Council – returning sponsor

Isles Industrial Park – returning sponsor

SpiceRoads Cycle Tours – new sponsor, providing holiday packages as prizes
Willaid Health Care – new supporter, Hill Climb co-sponsor
HQB Accountants – new supporter, Hill Climb co-sponsor

Bronzer Sponsors:

Amart Sports – Family ride / 10 klm sponsor
Beachside Radiology
Coffs Coast Advocate
Coffs Coast Travel
MBT Lawyers
North Coast Holiday Parks

The volunteer groups were acknowledged and donations presented by some of the sponsors:

Bellingen Rotary - \$300.00
Bishop Druitt College, Winner of the School Challenge - \$250.00
Bonville / Sawtell Lions Club - \$600.00
Bonville Friends - \$600.00
Coffs Harbour Basketball - \$500.00
Coffs Pipers and Drummers - \$600.00
Rural Fire Service - \$1,000.00
St John's Ambulance - \$1,000.00
Sawtell Public School - \$1,000.00
Rotary Club of Sawtell - \$250.00
Urunga Lions - \$600.00

A total of \$6,700.00

A quick snapshot of the event reveals:

- 748 riders from 5 states – NSW, Queensland, Victoria, ACT and Sth Australia
- Riders came from 143 different postcodes
- 122 of these postcodes came from outside the Coffs local government area
- 120 volunteer from 11 different organisations
- Over 300 riders responded to our post event survey
- The event returned a positive result for our Rotary club. More detail on this later.

We received no-cost services from:

- Medical students from the NSW Rural Medical School based at the Coffs Hospital
- The C.ex crew
- Signage and toilets from Coates Hire and Kenard's Hire
- Vehicles from Mike Blewitt Ford and Geoff King Motors
- Use of the Geoff King Motors oval and facilities free of charge
- Support from many local traders to help create a festival atmosphere at the start/finish line.

On behalf of the club Terry thanked the sponsors and volunteers for their great effort in making the Cycle Challenge a success and invited them to be involved again next year.

President Terry than advised those present that we would hold a brief meeting for the club members present.

President Terry read the Thanksgiving and called on **Bernard Spry** to propose the toast.

Our guests for lunch included the ladies from Urunga Lions, a representative from Bellingen Rotary and several of the Bonville Friends.

Reports:

Brian Leiper thanked those members who attended the 20th Birthday Party for the Bunker Cartoon Gallery held on 24th August. Brian also gave special thanks to **Mark Adams** who again helped out on the bar at the recent Stomping Ivories show.

Mike Blewitt advised that the main beneficiary of the **2016 B.I.G. Charity Golf** day will be the **North Coast Cancer Service**.

The entry forms for the event will be available next week.

Bob Carle advised that the **Fellowship Evening** held at RibEye last Friday was a great success. Twelve people attended along with our Exchange Student, Nick.

Bob also mentioned that he took Nick to a Car Rally event on Sunday and showed him how quick his little sports car goes when he 'cleaned out the cobwebs' on the way to the event.

President Terry closed the meeting by thanking Judy Smith for organising the thank you lunch and her dedication to making the Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge such a success.

NEXT MEETING: To be held at the usual venue on 5 September at the usual time of 12.30 pm.

SERGEANTS SESSION. **Ian McAllister** was back in full flight and was assisted by **Ross Paul**. Our visitors were not spared and paid up.

The raffle was held and won by the returning Bruce Robertson. Unfortunately for Bruce even though there were only 21 cards in the pack he missed by one card.

The Pot now stands at \$195.00.

It could be your lucky day, if you turn up.

Tickets are now available for a movie night being organised by Sawtell Rotary. The movie is 'The Beatles – 8 Days a Week'. Get in touch with Alan Freedman on 0419 357864. See the brochure below.

CLUB NOTICES

6 November – B.I.G. Charity Golf Day

DISTRICT NOTICES

4 September – Coffs Harbour's Running Festival

10 – 14 June 2017 – RI Convention, Atlanta, USA

24 –26 March 2017 – District Conference, Laurieton

BIRTHDAYS

2 September – Ross Paul

2 September – Peter Jackson

6 September – Cherie Hawke

14 September – Eddie Chau

ANNIVERSARIES

No anniversaries for August as far as I am aware

19 September – Eddie & Misty Chau

25 September – Geoff & Mary Pollack

PHOTO GALLERY

CORAMBA HILL CLIMB - TENT ERECTION



SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS



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