

Coffs City Rotary



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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

November 14, 2016

_TODAY: A good roll up today with seventeen members finding that our meeting had been transferred to the Rainbow Room. President Terry got proceedings underway at around 12.30 pm.

Thanksgiving was presented and the Toast to the Queen and Australia proposed, however in the excitement I did not record who did what. Not sure where my mind was..

No formal guest speaker today and the meeting was devoted to some reports and fellowship.

President Terry introduced our guests, Stan Paull, about time Stan was signed up.

Also visiting was Frank Faulkner from the Rotary Club of Furness, UK, part of District 1196, and his son, Roy Faulkner from Melbourne.

Bernard Spry was an apology so no International Toast today.

REPORTS:

Peter Wardman informed members of the passing of **James Bloomfield**. James was the son of the late **Dr Jim Bloomfield, a Past President of our club and Gloria Mayne**. James died from a brain tumor at the age of 47. He was the club's first outbound exchange student returning from Japan in 1989. Peter suggested to the club that we consider making a donation to the Epworth Medical Foundation towards the naming of a room in his memory, as requested in the funeral notice placed by the family.

Peter also called for members to support the **World Championship Rally** which commences this week. Peter advised that this event means a lot of 'capital' for our city, both in dollars spent and the huge exposure from the extensive television coverage which is view by millions world wide.

He advised that some tickets are very reasonably priced and there are plenty of venues, both in Coffs and in the surrounding area, to watch the action.

Mike Blewitt advised that he and **Eddie Chau** are to visit B.I.G. today to finalise our Charity Golf Day. They will present a Certificate of Appreciation and some flowers to Therese Mackey who was the main contact at B.I.G. and did most of the work to make the day successful. The final financial result should be around \$13.5K.

Mike thanked those members who helped out on the day, especially our almost newest member, **Stan Paull**, and those of us who played

On behalf of the members **President Terry** thanked Mike and Eddie for all the work they put into this great day for the club.

Ian McAllister was back from his R & R on the Gold Coast and reminded members about the **Club's Christmas party booked for the 12 December**. This will also include a celebration for our club's 30th anniversary which occurred earlier this year.

Bob Carle reminded members regarding the proposed **Fellowship Evening** to be held at the Coffs Harbour Golf Club on 25 November. Make plans now to get along. This means advising your partner that she has a date on that evening.

Bob also mentioned '**Movember**'. We have three members on the way, **Bob, Geoff Knight and Paul McKeon**. Can the rest of you afford to give these three a head start?

Don't forget that you can donate to this cause 'for men' of the web site.

Scott Stacey advised that our **Exchange Student, Nick**, is currently staying with his family and is to move over the Daybreak club shortly. He is to go to Wauchope for a Y.E. function on the weekend of 26 / 27 November and needs a lift down south. Scott is also seeking someone to take Nick to some sessions of the Rally. Free tickets are available to the person who put's their hand up. Please get in touch with Scott if you can help.

A reminder, again, regarding our meetings over the December / January period. Our last meeting for 2016 be held on the 19th December and our first meeting for 2017 on the 6 February.

Don't forget that **John Walker** is holding two raffle books relating to the fundraising being undertaken by the District Governor's wife as her '**Partners Project**'. If you have not already done so please see John and make a purchase and help with this worthy cause. **We do need to sell all of these tickets.**

Graham Lockett updated members on the current position with regard to the **Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge**. The 'committee' is hoping to speak to another potential event manager for the 2017 Challenge. A decision should be made on the person to fill this position by the end of November.

As Graham advised last week we need a few members to put their hand up to help with some roles with the 2017 Challenge.

At this stage **President Terry** called on **Ian McAllister** to introduce **Frank Faulkner** to tell us a little about his club and himself.

Frank has been a member of the Rotary Club of Furness for around four years. Prior to this he was always heavily involved in charity work. His club has 34 members, average attendance is around 26 and the average age of members is 75, this is helped by Frank who is a very fit looking 91. No females in his club which was confirmed by a vote of the members. This year is the first year partners have been invited to the club's Christmas party.

Frank was born in 1925 and was a teenager when the war broke out. He related some of his experiences as a 'junior' fire warden in London. He was to be evacuated to Australia early in the war period however his mother said he could not go so he stayed in London. He joined the navy when he turned 16.

Frank advised that he has always encouraged young people he met in the UK to 'go to Australia' where he has always considered the opportunities to be unlimited.

An interesting talk and Ian McAllister proposed a vote of thanks from the members.

NEXT MEETING: To be held at the usual venue on 21 November.

SERGEANTS SESSION. **Ian McAllister** returned to form and the baton was presented by Stan Paull to those who had fallen victim to the sergeant. Well done Ian and Stan.

The raffle was held and won by **Stan Paull**. However as the pack of cards was missing last week Bernard Dowling had first go at picking the Joker followed by Stan. No skill displayed by Bernard and Stan and the Joker remains in the pack.

The Pot is now \$25.00 - I think.

CLUB NOTICES

- 17-20 November – World Rally Championship
- 5 December – Club A.G.M.
- 12 December – Club Christmas Party, C.ex

District Notices

- 18 February – Public Speaking semi finals - Walcha
- 26 February to 27 March 2017 – GSE Team from Germany.
- 4 – 5 March – PETS - Armidale
- 16 – 19 March – Rymarine – Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak
- 24 – 26 March 2017 – District Conference, Laurieton
- 1 – 8 April – RYLA – Yarrhapinni
- 7 May – District Assembly - Kempsey
- 10 – 14 June 2017 – RI Convention, Atlanta, USA



BIRTHDAYS

- 14 November – Paul McKeon
- 16 November – Helen Blewitt
- 24 November – Madeleine Wardman
- 26 November – Sue Morgan (Paul)



ANNIVERSARIES

- 28 November – Peter & Kath Lindsay
- 29 November – Jay & Leigh-Erin Clowes