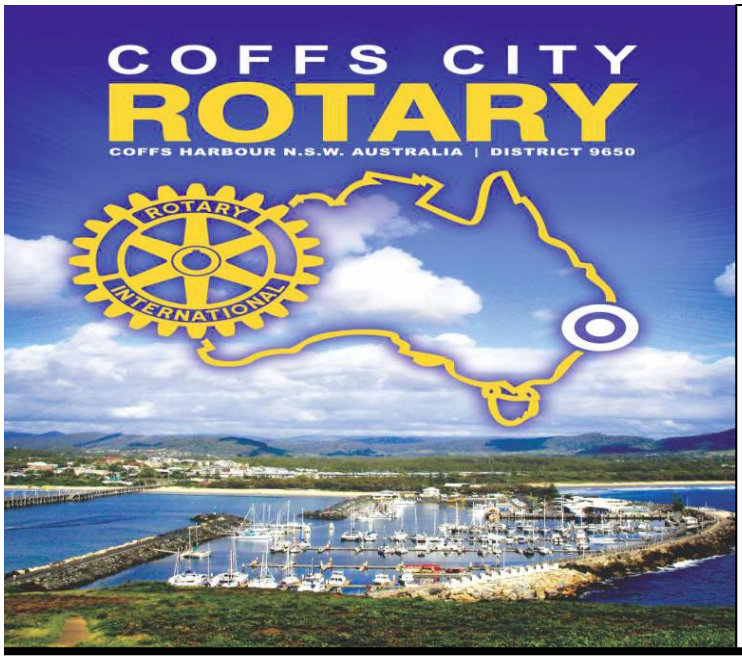

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RI President – Ian Riseley
District Governor – Bob Ryan

Club President – Bernard Spry
Club Secretary – Geoff Pollack

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Meeting Place – C.ex, Vernon Street, Coffs Harbour
Monday Lunchtime - 12.30 - 1.45 pm
Apologies to FWO Lawyers – Ph. 6650 7000 by 10.30am Monday

COFFS CITY CHATROOM – 23 April 2018

This week's meeting was chaired by Stan Paull. Stan called the meeting to order at 12.35pm. Thanksgiving was read by Jay Clowes and the Loyal Toast was given by Bob Carle.

Attendance numbers at weekly meetings has been low in recent weeks and is a concern to those members who attend regularly, and particularly when we have special guests. *All members are asked to make effort to attend and if you are unable to attend, please advise your apology in the normal manner by phoning FWO Lawyers, as outlined above, or advise another member.*

A SPECIAL REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

The Red Shield Appeal is on the weekend of 25-26 May and we have made a commitment to manning a table at Park Beach Plaza. Jay has created a spreadsheet with allotted times for members to complete. **You can access it by using this link**...**Google Sheet.**

Vacancies still exist for Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Please assist.

REPORTS

- Bob Carle advised exchange student Bianca had a great weekend on the Gold Coast recently with her Rotary Daybreak host family.
  Bob also advised that NYSF applicants, Angus Croak & Oscar Churchwell, have been accepted by the board and he received a thank you letter from their head teacher at JPC.

- Stan Paull advised that we now have most of the necessary parts to repair the service club sign on the highway and repair is underway. An update letter and invoice is to be sent to the other clubs. Matter is also to be raised at the upcoming Cluster Meeting. Bob Carle also advised he has been liaising with other service organisations in respect of adding their signage, and has received good feedback and thanks for our efforts.

- Jay Clowes provided an update on the wine & food event and advised that he is promoting the associated vendors on our Facebook page, with a different vendor promoted for each week leading up to the event.

- Peter Wardman advised the Jetty Foreshore community workshops are again happening on 11th & 12th May and invited members to attend. He will be attending and will then provide further feedback to members.

- Paul McKeon advised he and the Bunker board are trying to arrange a further meeting with council to pitch the Bunker redevelopment plans.

- Graham Lockett advised the official launch of the 2018 Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge will be held at 10.30am next Tuesday 18th May at C.Ex. Graham is asking for at least 10 members to attend to show the club's support of the organising committee. A further reminder will be given at next week's meeting.

- Mike Blewitt advised that the Charity Golf Day Invitation / Entry Form is currently being designed with this year's official recipients to be CANDO Cancer Trust, the Neo-Natal Support Unit at Coffs Health Campus and Waratah Respite Services.

- Brian Leiper voiced concern at the low membership attendance at our recent weekly meetings and felt a lack of an apology for non-attendance shows disrespect to other members and club guests. He urged all members to please make effort to attend or provide an apology in the agreed manner.
  Brian is seeking assistance, due to the closing down of Russell's Meats, for cold storage of sausages from next weekend until the Wine & Food event. If you have a spare freezer or freezer space, could you please contact Brian.

- Stan Paull advised of upcoming trivia nights for members consideration (see notices on page 5 for details):
  - Waratah Respite Services on 11th May,
  - Sawtell Rotary on 18th May.

Due to the lack of a fine sergeant, a fine session wasn't held. The door raffle was won by Terry Maguire and will line up at next week's meeting for the Joker draw.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1.40pm.

NEWS & EVENTS FROM OTHER CLUBS

Coffs Harbour

- The Tour-de-Rocks bicycle fund raiser starts this Thursday 26 April from Armidale, followed by 3 days of "leisure" riding along the back roads of the hinterland and finishing at South West Rocks. All funds raised will be distributed to local charities related to Cancer.

South Coffs

- The Club decided to again sponsor five local apprentices to travel to Sydney for the Worldskills Australia competition.

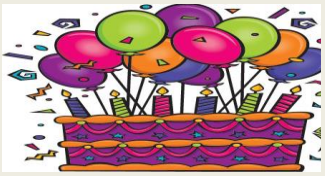
Coffs Daybreak

- An important announcement of a recent change to the new club Board. Incoming President will now be Marilyn Brien with Secretary Lucie Wekeem. Elaine Norman will become Vice President.

Woolgoolga

- The club decided to offer the young Mullaway, family who lost everything in a house fire on 12 April, whatever they need from donated auction goods, when they are in a position to use the items.

Happy Birthdays to:



April

George Cecato – 10th

May

Terry Maguire – 20th
Melissa Bell – 26th

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Anniversaries:

April

Bruce & Sally Robertson – 12th

May

John & Jenny Walker – 1st
Paul & Julianne McKeon – 10th

Acting Presidents Roster pending the induction of our new President

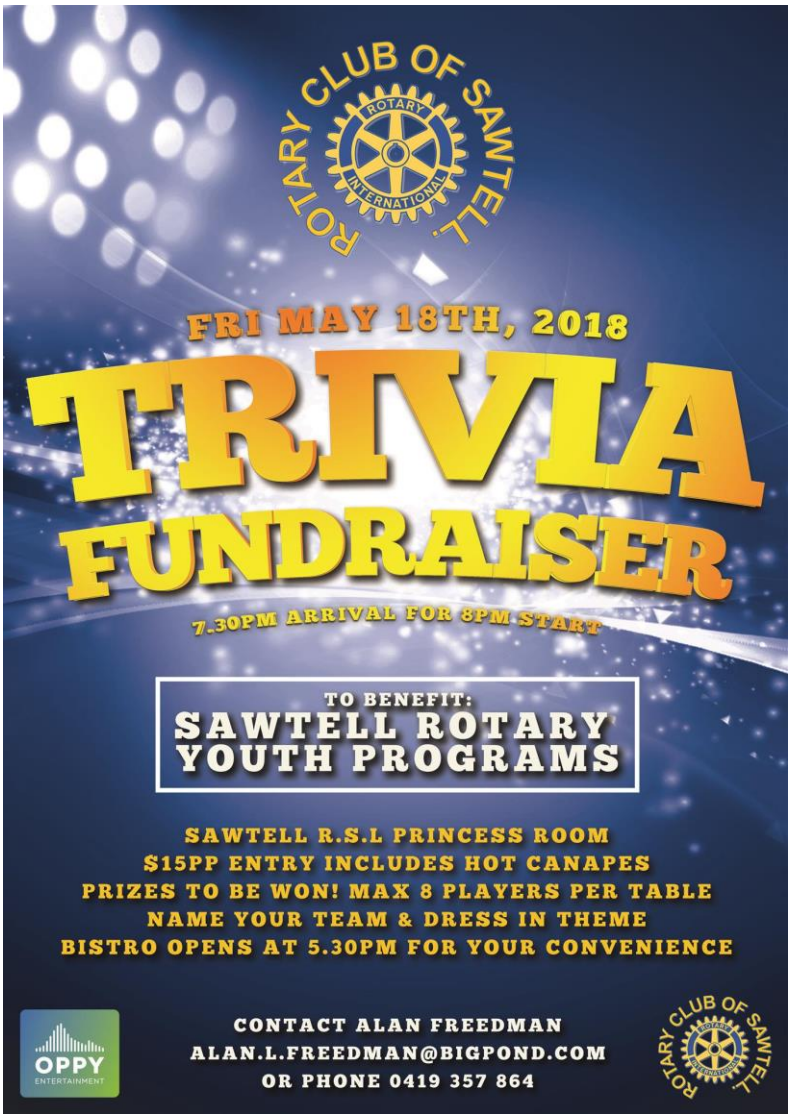
30th April - Ian McAllister
28th May - Paul McKeon
25th June - Graham Locket
7th May - Bernard Dowling
4th June – Jay Clowes
2nd July - Ross Paul
14th May- Mike Blewitt
11th June - Queen's Birthday
21st May - Bob Carle
18th June – Brian Leiper

The role of the acting president is to run the meeting on the allocated day. A meeting run sheet is provided for reference – see email attachment. Acting presidents may also be required to attend functions on behalf of Rotary if any such invitations are received.

Please note and memorise your date. If you are unable to run the meeting on the day or attend functions on behalf of Rotary or wish to swap your day for another, you will be required to arrange for another Rotary Member to replace you.

Just for a Laugh

Two Irishmen go on a fishing trip. They rent all the equipment - the reels, the rods, the wading suits, the rowboat, the car, and even a cabin in the woods. They spend a fortune! The first day they go fishing, but they catch nothing. The same thing happens on the second day and on the third day. It goes on like this until finally, on the last day of their vacation, one of the men catches a fish. As they're driving home they're really depressed. One turns to the other and says, "Do you realise that one lousy fish cost us over a thousand pounds?" The other guy says, "Geez! It's a good thing we didn't catch any more!"


ROTARY CLUB OF SAWTELL
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
FRI MAY 18TH, 2018
TRIVIA FUNDRAISER
7.30PM ARRIVAL FOR 8PM START
TO BENEFIT:
SAWTELL ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS
SAWTELL R.S.L PRINCESS ROOM
$15PP ENTRY INCLUDES HOT CANAPES
PRIZES TO BE WON! MAX 8 PLAYERS PER TABLE
NAME YOUR TEAM & DRESS IN THEME
BISTRO OPENS AT 5.30PM FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE
OPPY ENTERTAINMENT
CONTACT ALAN FREEDMAN
ALAN.L.FREEDMAN@BIGPOND.COM
OR PHONE 0419 357 864
ROTARY CLUB OF SAWTELL

JOIN US!
Flexible Respite Options
WARATAH RESPITE SERVICES
TRIVIA night
FUNDRAISER
So get some friends and family together and come along for night of fun & friendly competition
WHEN: Friday 11 May 2018
Doors open at 6pm, start at 6.30pm
WHERE: Coffs Harbour Golf Club
Earl Street, Coffs Harbour
Cost: $80/team of 8 or $10/person
Meals and drinks can be purchased at the venue
For bookings or more information please contact either:
Colleen Hull on 6653 3822
Waratah Centre on 66483610
Or Email admin@waratahrespite.com.au

Macular Disease Foundation AUSTRALIA

Our focus is your vision

28 March 2018

Dear Rotary Club Members,

Macular Disease Foundation Australia is requesting the involvement of Rotary clubs across Australia in Macula Month 2018 (1 to 31 May).

The Foundation has enjoyed the support of Rotary Clubs since 2012 and together we have raised over $35,000 to help save Australia's sight. Thank you to all who have supported the Foundation's work through past awareness campaigns and other fundraising activities.

We need your support for Macula Month 2018 in several ways:

1. Raise awareness in the community throughout Macula Month

- ✓ **Distribute Foundation information in the community to raise awareness**
  Arrange a promotional stall during Macula Month (or at a time suitable to your club) in your local shopping centre, market or other community gathering, and distribute flyers and Amsler grids to the public. You may like to invite a local optometrist or politician to be involved.

- ✓ **Remind all Rotary members to have their eyes tested and macula checked, as well as adopting an eye-healthy diet.**
  Add a "How's your macula" agenda item to your May meeting to remind club members of the importance of having an eye test and macula check. You could invite a local optometrist to speak about macular degeneration and diabetic eye disease.

2. Hold a fundraising event to support the Foundation's national toll-free Helpline

- ✓ **Make the Foundation the charity of choice for an existing club event, or hold a new event to raise funds.** This could be a morning tea using our Macula Menu, a sausage sizzle, golf day, fun run/walk, or other club event. Money raised will support the Foundation's Helpline which provides thousands of Australians with information, guidance and support.

Samples of our information flyers, Amsler grid and poster are enclosed. Additional copies can be ordered from the Foundation to support your club's activity. Please complete the attached form and return to the Foundation to advise of your involvement (reply paid envelope supplied).

The Foundation will do all it can to assist you in making your club's event a success, including providing a media release template to gain local media coverage.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us achieve our goal of reducing the incidence and impact of macular disease in Australia. Please contact the Foundation on 1800 111 709 for further information on how your club can be involved.

Yours faithfully,

Leonie Walton
Director of Marketing & Fundraising

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