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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

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## COFFS CITY CHATROOM – 30 April 2018

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This week's meeting was chaired by President Elect Ross Paul. Ross called the meeting to order at 12.30pm. Thanksgiving by Bernard Dowling and the Loyal Toast was given by Peter Wardman.

### 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.**

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### REPORTS

- Bob Carle advised that the Uniting Church Soup Kitchen is holding a dinner at the Soup Kitchen on Monday May 28 to raise funds for a new oven. Cost is \$20 per head. BYO drinks, time 6pm. Phil Crofts will be the guest speaker and the volunteers will be preparing a nice meal. Matter was discussed between a few of our members and *it was agreed to transfer our lunchtime meeting to this event with partners also invited. Please note your diary accordingly.*

Bob also advised Coffs Harbour Rotary's exchange student Anita Bobovska is to give a presentation to our club – date to be advised.

- Stan Paull advised our current RI sign is unsuitable for the service club sign on the highway and needs replacing. Bob Carle and Geoff Pollack are to attend the upcoming Cluster Meeting to advise our plans with the sign.
- John Donaldson suggested having club business cards produced for members to hand out and promote our club at every opportunity.

- Jay Clowes advised the Wine & Food event is getting good interest & feedback on Facebook.
- Ross Paul asked all members to give serious thought of getting more guest speakers and we can't simply leave it to Macca to arrange. Please talk to Ross or Macca if you have any suggestions.
- Graham Lockett advised he made a mistake with the **official launch of the 2018 Coffs Coast Cycle Challenge. It is to be held at 10.30am next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at C.Ex. We need a good show of support for this event so please attend if possible.**
- Mike Blewitt advised that the Charity Golf Day Flyer and Entry Form are now finalized. Please obtain copies from Mike and distribute to as many people as you can.
- George Cecato provided an update on the Wine & Food Event as follows:
  - Due to the new management of Pacific Bay Resort, more input & effort will be required by the club this year and all members are urged to assist as best possible.
  - A new coloured flyer has been produced. Please email it to all your contacts.
  - Brochure distribution is now a priority. Please collect them from George and complete your mail drop as soon as possible.
  - Due to Thrifty work commitments, George will be very busy leading up to the event, so please assist George if you're able or if called upon.
  - We need more auction items, so please give this your earliest attention and call out to possible donors.
- George also provided members an update on City Council and Business Chamber matters, including:
  - Jetty Foreshore feedback has now finalized and was successful with approx. 1500 responses/suggestions.
  - The Business Chamber is having a business expo in August with 50 exhibitors from a wide range of industry. George suggested it is a good opportunity for our club to book a stall as a membership drive and to create publicity.
  - Brief outline of last week's council meeting, concerning Jetty improvements & redevelopment, including Stage 6 of the development and the boat ramp.

Graham Lockett & Bob Carle held the fine session. The door raffle was won by Peter Lindsay, who had left so George did the Joker draw for him, albeit unsuccessfully.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1.50pm.

## NEWS & EVENTS FROM OTHER CLUBS

### South Coffs

- Club meeting on 31 May will be transferred to Monday 28 May to join Sawtell Rotary Club at the Uniting Church Soup Kitchen for a special meal, the proceeds of which will go to the Soup Kitchen for the purchase of necessary equipment.

### eNEWS

- A Group Study Exchange has been arranged between District 9650 and District 1450 Denmark. Applications for a Rotarian Team Leader and four non Rotarian Team Members are now being sought. Seeking clubs to nominate a Rotarian to apply for Team Leader, and identify and encourage eligible young professionals to apply as a Team Member. The GSE Committee will accept Team Leader applications until 4th May 2018. Interviews will be held in Armidale on Saturday 2nd June 2018. Team member applications will be accepted until 1st June 2018. With the initial interview held 16 & 17 June 2018.

## Happy Birthdays to:



### April

George Cecato – 10<sup>th</sup>

### May

Terry Maguire – 20<sup>th</sup>

Melissa Bell – 26<sup>th</sup>

## Anniversaries:

### April

Bruce & Sally Robertson – 12<sup>th</sup>

### May

John & Jenny Walker – 1<sup>st</sup>

Paul & Julianne McKeon – 10<sup>th</sup>



## Acting Presidents Roster pending the induction of our new President

**7<sup>th</sup> May** - Bernard Dowling

**14<sup>th</sup> May**- Mike Blewitt

**21<sup>st</sup> May** - Bob Carle

**28<sup>th</sup> May** – Soup Kitchen Dinner

**4<sup>th</sup> June** – Jay Clowes

**11<sup>th</sup> June** - Queen's Birthday

**18<sup>th</sup> June** – Brian Leiper

**25<sup>th</sup> June** - Graham Locket

**2<sup>nd</sup> July** - Ross Paul

The role of the acting president is to run the meeting on the allocated day. 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

Jim grabbed his suitcase off the luggage carousel and headed outside to hail a taxi. A taxi promptly picked him up and they were on their way. Twenty minutes into the ride Jim had a question for the taxi driver, "Excuse me sir" said Jim tapping the driver on the shoulder. "AHHHH" screamed the taxi driver swerving the taxi across three lanes of traffic finally stopping the car on the opposite shoulder. "What the heck was that all about?" demanded Jim thoroughly shaken. "I'm sorry," said the taxi driver, wiping his brow, "this is my first day on the job, I've been driving a hearse for the last fifty years!"



# 19th Rotary

## wine, beer & food enjoyment

*Brought to you by The Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour City*

**Pacific Bay Resort Bayside Bar and Grill decks**  
**Saturday, 19th May 2018** from 2.30pm & continuing to 6.00pm



### THE WINERIES

**Wicks Wines**  
Adelaide Hills, SA  
**Watershed Wines**  
Margaret River, WA  
**Grant Burge Wines**  
Barossa Valley, SA

**Phaedrus Wines**  
Mornington Peninsula, VIC  
**Yalumba Wines**  
Barossa Valley, SA  
**De Bortoli Wines**  
Regional

### THE BREWERIES, ALES & APPLE CIDERS

**New England Brewing Co.**  
Uralla, NSW

**Mountain Goat**  
Richmond, VIC

**Flying Brick Cider Co.**  
Warrington, VIC

### THE FOOD

**Russell's Prime Quality Meats** – Showcasing Gourmet Sausages  
**Bayside Bar & Grill** – Pacific Bay Resort – Sample their Cuisine  
**Fresco Marketplace** – Coffs Central Shopping Centre – Cheeses, Cold Meat & Gourmet Deli  
**The Cheese Making Workshop** – Big Banana – Learn, Taste & Purchase all Style of Cheeses

A Silent Auction will be held on the day with a varied selection of items

**[www.coffscityrotary.org.au](http://www.coffscityrotary.org.au)**

**Tickets \$25<sup>pp</sup>** All proceeds go to  
Rotary Charities

**Tickets Available From**  
**Thrifty Car Rental** ☎ 6652 8622  
(Corner Pacific Hwy & Marcia Street, Coffs Harbour)  
**BYO Cellars** ☎ 6652 5455  
(Orlando Street, Coffs Harbour Jetty)



**The Advocate**  
COFFS COAST





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**



**CONTACT ALAN FREEDMAN  
ALAN.L.FREEDMAN@BIGPOND.COM  
OR PHONE 0419 357 864**



**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](mailto:admin@waratahrespite.com.au)

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

**Macular disease is the leading cause of blindness and severe vision loss in Australia**

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