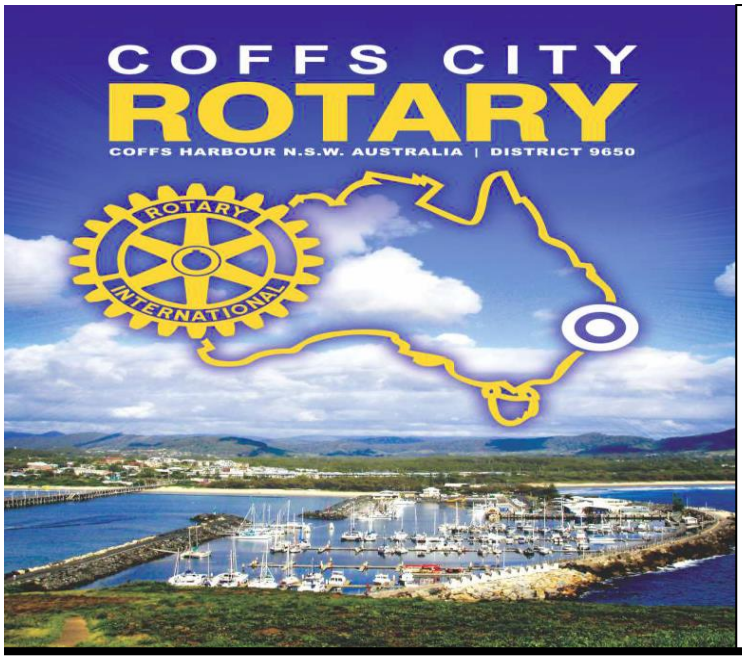

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RI President – Ian Riseley
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Club President – Bernard Spry
Club Secretary – Geoff Pollack

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 – 21 May 2018

This week's meeting was chaired by Mike Blewitt. Mike called the meeting to order at 12.30pm. Thanksgiving by Berrnard Dowling and the Loyal Toast was given by Terry Maguire.

Mike welcomed club guests Mel Crossland, Meg Austin & Zoe Woods from the Coffs Harbour Show Society, and NYSF applicant Oscar Churchwell and Rotary Exchange Students Bianca Lima & Aneta Bobovska.

Mike thanked all members, particularly George Cecato, for a highly successful Wine, Beer & Food Event on the weekend. Mike also suggested we reintroduce the "5 Minuter" at weekly meetings so that all members, particularly new members, can be better acquainted with each other.

REPORTS

- Secretary Geoff reminded members of next week's dinner at the soup kitchen and called for final numbers. Please note that this dinner will replace our Monday lunch meeting on that day.

  Geoff advised of the upcoming Coffs Harbour Chess Club's presentation and called for a volunteer to present our cheque, for which Graham Lockett kindly volunteered.

  Geoff also reminded members of next weekend's Red Shield appeal and our pledge to man a table at Park Beach Plaza. The roster was finalised, so thanks to all who are assisting.

- Bob Carle was contacted by Julie Eckford from Bishop Druitt College regarding a UNSW Rural Clinic to be held 18-19 June. It is open to all year 10 & 11 students who are interested in a career in medicine and Julie was calling out to Rotary to help promote the event. Bob will follow up with Julie for further details.

  Bob introduced NYSF applicant Oscar Churchwell again and a brief open session was held with members asking Oscar possible questions he may get asked at his official NYSF interview.

- Ian McAllister advised of the upcoming Careers Day at the Coffs Harbour Racecourse on 31 May. Bob Prater is again seeking our assistance with stallholders. Macca will follow up with more details for assisting members.

- George Cecato thanked all members for making the Wine, Beer & Food Event a great success yet again. George considered it was so successful because all members worked together in the lead up to the event and on the day. Initial indications are that the gross takings were $14.6k with close to $10k net profit to be distributed to local charities. George said it is a big responsibility on the club as we are acting for the licensee, i.e. Pacific Bay Resort, in all matters with food and alcohol. In terms of attendance, 271 people enjoyed the day, being more than last year and our second best ever attendance figure. Statistics were taken this year as to how people became aware of the event. Results were one third from Facebook, one third from leaflet distribution, 19% "word of mouth", 12% The Advocate, 6% from signage, and interestingly only 3% from radio advertising. The Silent Auction was again a success with special thanks to Mike Blewitt and Dom Hawke. George also thanked Graham Lockett for being the MC and those members manning the door and the barbecue. *Photos below and there are more on our Facebook site.*

- John Donaldson asked members for more suggestions for vocational visits. He is arranging one currently with the Blueberry Exchange and will advise details in coming weeks.

Mel, Meg & Zoe from the Show Society were then re-introduced to the members and they spoke on the history of the Coffs Harbour Show, event categories and proposed strategies for improvement. Mel gave a brief overview of the history of the show, which has now been running for 104 years, first commencing in 1914. Zoe, who was a Miss Showgirl contestant this year, spoke on the equestrian events and Meg spoke on strategies to improve it, including forming a Youth Committee, in order to get a greater involvement from young people. They thought it would be a good idea for Rotary to assist them, with possible involvement from Rotaract and/or Interact members. A brief discussion was held on the potential of this and will be given further thought by our Youth Committee. On behalf of the club, Terry Maguire thanked Mel, Meg & Zoe for their efforts with the Show Society and attending our meeting.

Ross Paul & Peter Wardman held the fine session. The Pick the Joker raffle was won by Bob Carle however failed to pick the Joker.

There being no further business, Mike called the meeting closed at 1.50m.

NEWS & EVENTS FROM OTHER CLUBS

Daybreak

- Christmas in July on 7 July Coffs Harbour Surf Club - Sticky Tickets online or physical tickets are available $50.00 per each. There will be music entertainment, dance etc.

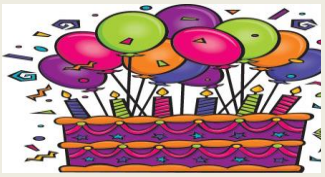
Coffs Harbour

- Changeover Dinner is to be held Sat 23 June at Park Beach Surf Club.
- The annual Parkinsons BBQ will be on at Bunnings on Sat 7July.

Sawtell

- The Club held a very successful Trivia Night at the Sawtell RSL with about 290 in attendance with 37 teams competing.
- Movie Night is on Thursday, June 7th at 7.30pm. The movie is Oceans 8.

Happy Birthdays to:



May

Terry Maguire – 20th

Melissa Bell – 26th

June

Misty Chau – 1st

Bronwyn McMahon – 3rd

Bruce Robertson – 15th

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Anniversaries:

May

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

Acting Presidents Roster pending the induction of our new President

28th May – Soup Kitchen Dinner
18th June – Brian Leiper
4th June – Jay Clowes
25th June - Graham Locket
11th June - Queen's Birthday
2nd 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

It's Game 7 of the World Cup Final, and a man makes his way to his seat. He sits down, noticing that the seat next to him is empty. He leans over and asks his neighbor if someone will be sitting there. 'No' says the neighbor. 'The seat is empty.' 'This is incredible,' said the man. 'Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the World Cup and not use it?' The neighbor says, 'Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. 'This is the first World Cup we haven't been to together since we got married.' 'Oh, I'm so sorry to hear that. That's terrible... But couldn't you find someone else, a friend or relative, or even a neighbor to take the seat?'
The man shakes his head. 'No,' he says. 'They're all at the funeral.'

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Dress – Smart Casual

RSVP – by Friday 29 June 2018 to

Geoff Pollack on 0411 269 685 or email secretary@coffscityrotary.org.au

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20 Reasons to be a Rotarian

1. Friendship / Fellowship / Community: In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.

2. Business Development: The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.

3. Personal Growth and Development: Membership in Rotary ensures continuing growth and education in human relations and personal development.

4. Leadership Development: Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership is all about learning how to motivate, influence and lead leaders.

5. Citizenship in the Community: Membership in a Rotary club helps develop better community citizens. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.

6. Continuing Education: Each week at Rotary, there is a program designed to keep members informed about what is going on in the community, nation and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers on a variety of timely topics.

7. Fun: Rotary is a fun and exciting place to be.

8. Prestige: Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, and professionals; people who make decisions and influence policy.

9. Citizenship in the World: Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International." There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome - even encouraged - to attend any of the 30,000 clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions.

10. Assistance When Travelling: Travelling Rotarians can secure medical and professional assistance as well as services and advice from fellow Rotarians throughout the world.

11. Public Speaking Skills: Many individuals who joined Rotary were uncomfortable about speaking in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.

12. Entertainment: Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that contribute to a diverse, yet professional business life.

13. Development of Social Skills: Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.

14. Family Programs: Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs, opportunities for spouse involvement and a host of activities designed to help the growth and development of family values.

15. Vocational Skills: Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession. Rotary helps to make each individual a better doctor, lawyer, teacher or worker.

16. The Development of Ethics: Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that governs their ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

17. Cultural Awareness: Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, colour and ethnic identity is represented among members of Rotary.

18. Nice People: Rotarians are the nicest people on the face of the earth.

19. Absence of an Official Creed: Rotary has no secret handshake, no official creed, no secret meetings or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

20. Opportunity to Serve: As a service club, Rotary's business is mankind and its product is service. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do good.