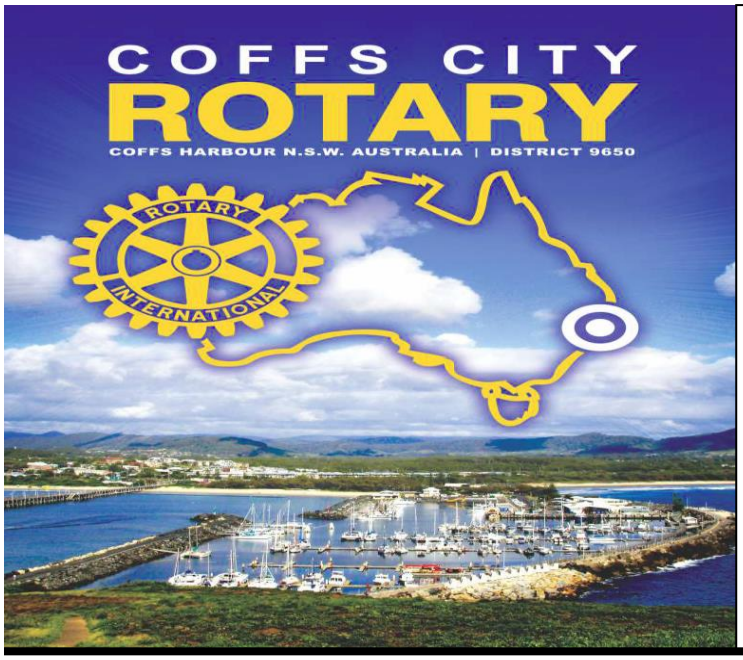

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Club President – Paul McLeod
Club Secretary – Geoff Pollack

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

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 – 10th February 2020

President Paul called the meeting to order at 12.30pm. Thanksgiving was read by Bernard Dowling and the Loyal Toast was given by Eddie Chau. Our guest speaker today was Anna Scott from Pete's Place.

President Paul thanked Ross Paul for arranging last week's visit to the International Stadium.

Reports

- President Paul advised that our Rotary Exchange Student Adam is completing a woodwork project for school and is seeking to build something worthwhile for our club. Peter Wardman suggested a new lecturn and Mike Blewitt advised the ladies from Waratah Respite Centre were looking for an outdoor timber furniture item (table or chair). After discussion it was put to the members and a furniture item for Waratah won the vote. Macca has a contact who could possibly assist with the wood and give assistance as required.
- Melissa Bell advised that 16th May has been set down for the Wine, Beer & Food Event at Pacific Bay Resort. Management has requested we revert to the inside auditoriums for the event so as to leave the outdoor decks for resort patrons & visitors.
- Bob Carle advised that the Rotary plaque at the southern end of Park Beach is in need of repair and suggested we attend to it at next opportunity. Bob and President Paul will investigate it further and report what's required at next meeting.
- Brian Leiper gave a brief update on the Bunker construction project and Terry Maguire reminded members of the National Cartoon Gallery fundraiser to be held 21st March.
- Ian McAllister advised upcoming guest speakers are: 24th Feb – General Ajai Barnabas Massey, 2nd March – Assistant DG Peter Paff with a Brazilian Rotary Exchange Student, 9th March – Vocational visit to Mike Blewiit Ford.
- President Paul suggested another fellowship/social night at the Cex Tapas Bar on Thursday 20th Feb at 5.30pm. Please mark the date on your calendar and come along if you can.

After lunch Ian McAllister introduced our guest speaker Anna Scott who gave a talk on Pete's Place, which is a drop in welfare centre for the homeless. The centre was established by Coffs Harbour South Rotary Club. It is now managed by the St Vincent de Paul Society. See flyer below for further details. After her talk a brief Q&A session President Paul thanked Anna and presented her with a Rotary pen.

Macca held a fine session and the raffle was won by John Donaldson, who failed to pick The Joker.

President Paul called the meeting to a close at 2pm.

President Paul thanks our Guest Speaker Anna Scott

Exchange Student Adam, Guest Speaker Anna Scott & President Paul

Macca and Bernard are constantly looking for guest speakers, so if you know of anyone who may be interested please let them know.

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Happy Birthday Wishes

January

Sally Robertson – 13th

Jesse Nunn – 16th

Mary Pollack – 17th

Mike Blewitt – 23rd

Craig McMahon – 24th

Jay Clowes – 25th

February

Bev Stalling – 2nd

Anniversaries

February

George & Anna Cecato – 24th

Peter & Madeleine Wardman – 28th

March

Mike & Helen Blewitt – 7th

DIARY OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

District Training Dates for Incoming Club and District Officers

- Sunday 8 Mar - Presidents-elect Training at Port Macquarie
- Fri 20 - Sun 22 Mar - District Conference at South West Rocks
- Sunday 5 Apr - District Training for Incoming Club Offices at Armidale
- Sunday 19 Apr - District Training for Incoming Club Offices at Port Macquarie

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM OTHER LOCAL CLUBS

Coffs Harbour

- Renewed their Sister Club Agreement with the Sasebo Rotary Club
- Tour-de-Drought Bus Trip Fri 6 to Sun 8 March
- Bookfest Setup on Sunday 22 March
- Bookfest sales start Saturday 28 March
- Tour de Rocks, South West Rocks Thurs 2—4 April

Coffs Harbour Daybreak

- President Gary inducted new member Caroline Thompson
- Trivia Night Friday 14th February at Coffs Harbour Golf Club
- Charity Golf Day Friday 13th March at Coffs Harbour Golf Club
- Coffs Harbour Ocean Swim Sunday 5th April

Captain Fantastic Exhibition – National Cartoon Gallery

31 January - 29 March

Just for a Laugh

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Paddy was at a marriage seminar, and the leader of the seminar, a lady, was asking everybody how long they were married for. When it was Paddy's turn Paddy said that he was married for almost 50 years.

"Wow" the leader gushed "that's amazing, perhaps you can take a few minutes to share some insights with everybody, how you stay married to the same woman for so long.

"Well," Paddy said after thinking for a few moments, "I try to treat her nice, buy her presents, take her on trips……. and best of all, for our 25th anniversary I took her to the Bahamas."

"Well that's really beautiful, and a true inspiration for all of us" the lady said "maybe you can tell us what you are going to do for your 50th anniversary" she said with a smile

"Well" Paddy said "I'm thinking of going back to the Bahamas to pick her up."

The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?