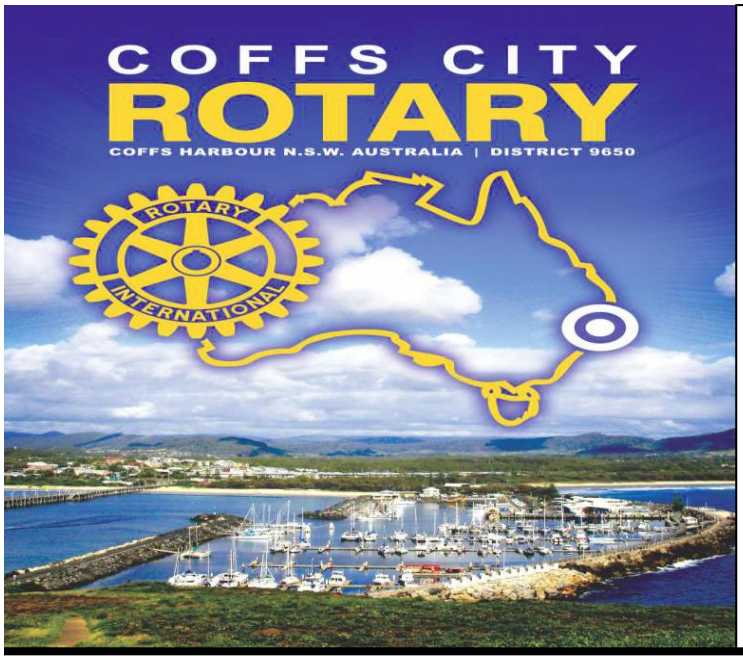

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RI President – Mark Maloney
District Governor – Phil Hafey

Club President – Paul McLeod
Club Secretary – Geoff Pollack

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

Meeting Place: C.ex, Vernon Street, Coffs Harbour (during normal times)
Monday Lunchtime: 12.30 - 1.45 pm
Apologies to FWO Lawyers: Ph. 6650 7000 by 10.30am Monday

COFFS CITY CHATROOM – 6 April 2020

Our Zoom meeting commenced at 12.30pm and was chaired by President Paul.

We had a roll-up of 11 members this week.

President Paul welcomed everyone and thanked us for "Zooming" in. He advised that Exchange Student Adam apologised for not making last week's meeting however he had some unforeseen circumstances arise.

President advised of an error in last week's Bulletin, whereby Coffs Rotary Club's Bushfire Appeal has approx. $60k in funds to distribute to worthy recipients, not $6k as quoted. Please advise President Paul if you know of anyone who may fit the donation criteria.

Reports

Projects

- National Cartoon Gallery. President Paul advised that he'd received a letter from Margaret Cameron advising that they were planning to proceed with this year's Rotary Cartoon Awards as a virtual awards ceremony and was seeking an indication of our level of financial support. Secretary Geoff suggested this matter needs to be discussed at board level, so it will be actioned at the next board meeting.
- Coffs Coast Festival of Motor Sport. Bob Carle confirmed that the committee meetings have been suspended until 30 June, so basically no further details can be advised until then.
- Charity Golf Day. President Paul advised that we are still working on date 23 August as planned at this stage, however there is little further to advise at the moment.
- Covid-19 Community Support Initiative. President Paul advised he's been in contact with Alan Tankel, Head of the Emergency Unit at Coffs Harbour Hospital. Alan was very appreciative of our concerns and assistance offer and referred Paul to their Corporate Relations Coordinator, Sharon Fuller. Sharon advised that as a result of the threat of exposure to Covid-19, all health workers are suffering high tension and anxiety levels and all volunteers have left the Campus. Sharon expressed her gratitude to our gesture, but said that there is no immediate need of assistance to health care workers as along as

the situation remains as it is now, however if the number of patients rises markedly and the health system comes under stress, then she will talk with us again about our assistance offer. Sharon also referred Paul to Peter Hodge, who has a similar role at Baringa Private Hospital. Pater also thanked us for the offer and advised he will pass it on to their CEO for consideration.

Bruce Robertson mentioned the Community Assistance flyer, which he has amended slightly and said further suggestions are welcome. Discussion was held on the best way to use and distribute the flyer and the consensus was that it is done by members individually in our neighbourhoods. Bruce said he will finalise the flyer and send it out to members within the day or so.

Other Matters

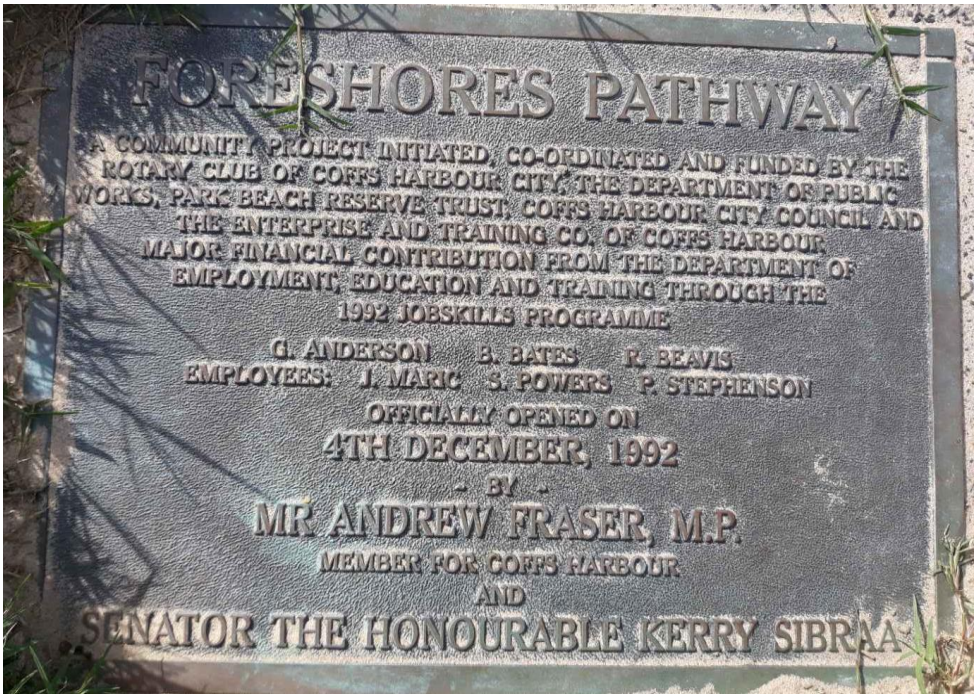
- Meeting Subs. President Paul advised that Treasurer John has sent out an email to all members advising the bank details for paying our meeting subs online.

- Apologies. Brian Leiper asked if we are still required to send our apologies if we are not able to attend the weekly Zoom meetings. Also, it appears that apologies are being sent via different methods, rather than advising FWO Solicitors, as was the standard practice. President Paul suggested that we now advise Secretary Geoff via email of all apologies and take this burden off FWO. Brian will advise Debra at FWO of this decision.
  Members please note: Please now send meeting apologies direct to Secretary Geoff.

Raffle. President Paul asked Macca to pick a number, which saw Geoff Pollack as this week's raffle winner, however he failed to pick the Joker, so it continues to jackpot.

Next week. Secretary Geoff asked if we are holding our meeting next week, given it's the Easter Monday holiday. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that we hold our meeting as normal, given the current lock-down laws. **Members please note: Next week's Zoom meeting will be held at the normal time of 12.30pm.**

There being no further business, President Paul called the meeting closed at 1.15pm.



Bob Carle is going to have this sign at North Wall Beach repositioned on a post so that it's more visible to passers-by. Bob is asking if any members know who it is dedicated to.

BELLINGEN GP, DR OLIVIA BELL HAS SHARED HER ADVICE TO REDUCE THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

Simple Suggestions For Reducing The Risks At Home

- Decide now on the best entry plan to your home. Your aim is to prevent the virus hitch hiking into your home. Come inside plonk your bag by the door and grab the hand sanitiser straight up. Remember that your bag, lunch box, keep cup and cutlery from work or school may be contaminated, so again use sanitiser after handling these. Consider an early shower on getting home and a fresh set of clothes rather than putting that off until later.
- When you wash your hands, you contaminate the tap turning it on. Keep a dry washer next to the tap and get everyone to use it to turn off the tap.
- Get separate hand towels for each household member to avoid cross contamination. Different colours or use a safety pin to attach a label
- Spread out the seating for meals. Relax from the usual dinner table to desks, couches, verandas, aiming for 1 metre between people if possible. Anyone who is sick is encouraged to spend as much time in their bedroom including all meals. At work, eat at your desk instead of the tea-room or find a pleasant spot outside to picnic.
- In meal preparation at home, remember the virus lasts well on plastic and stainless steel, so we are trying to avoid multiple hands on that serving spoon, tomato sauce bottle, or water jug. Have one person serve up everyone after good hand hygiene.
- Cutlery can pick up germs from the table, so pop that cutlery straight from the drawer onto your plate instead of setting the table. And take your own cutlery to work.
- Tidy up and try to keep the kitchen bench, dinner tables, desks and bathroom benches uncluttered. These frequently touched surfaces are common spots to hold the virus within your home. If they are cluttered, they are much harder to clean. Aim to clean them with a standard detergent "spray and wipe", disinfectant or the hand sanitiser spray before and after routine use. Keep what you need to clean in each area if you can, to remind you.
- Remember that paper, including that advice sheet given by your GP, can carry the virus. So put important information into a plastic sleeve so it can be wiped over if more than one person needs to handle it. Put important information on a pinboard or 'blu-tacked' to a wall where it can be read without handling. Use hand sanitiser before and after handling documents.

Happy Birthday Wishes

April

Jenny Lawrence – 3rd

George Cecato – 10th

May

Lindy McLeod – 7th

Terry Maguire – 20th

Melissa Nunn – 26th

Therese Murray-Prior – 30th

Anniversaries

April

Bruce & Sally Robertson – 12th

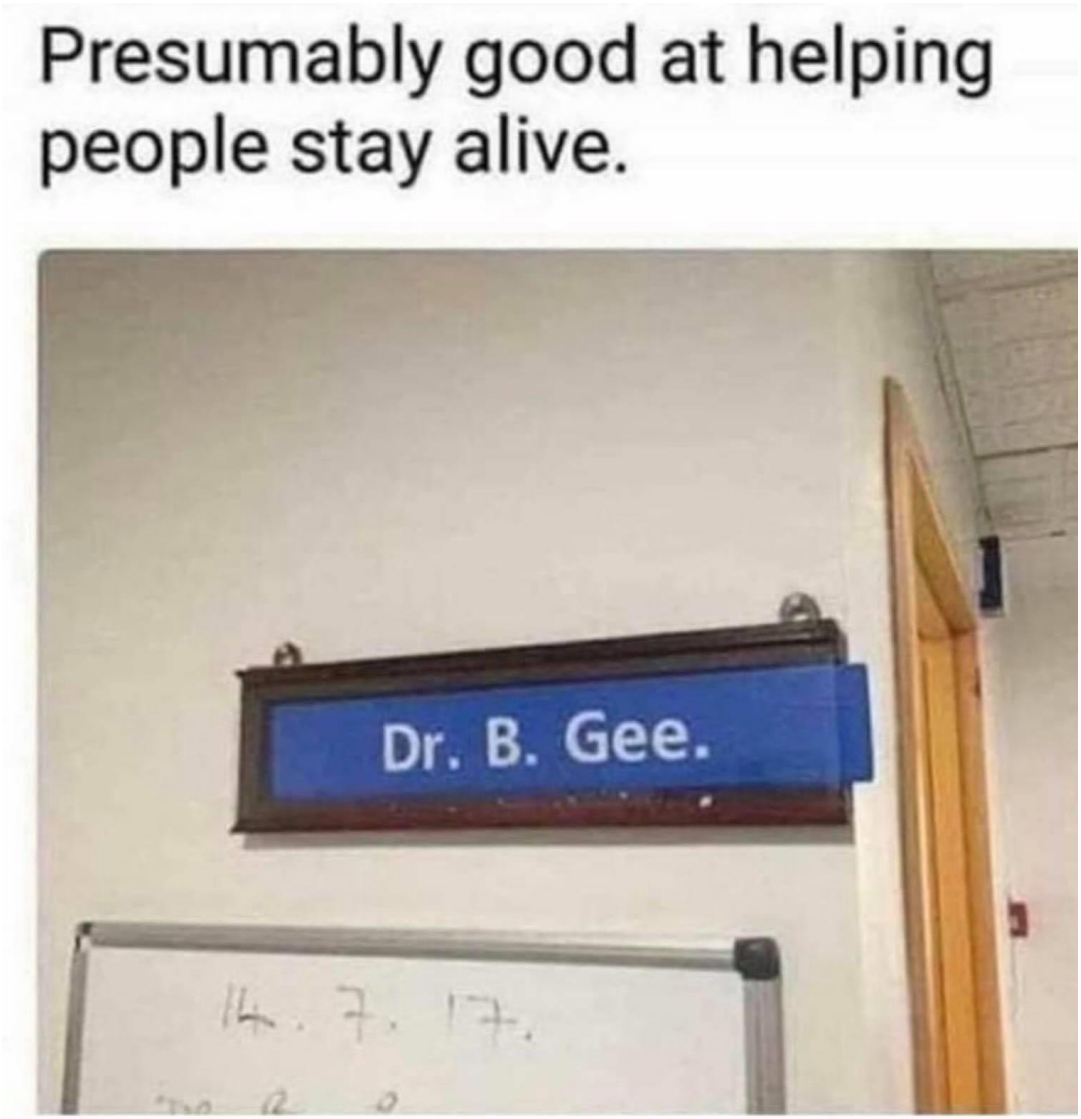
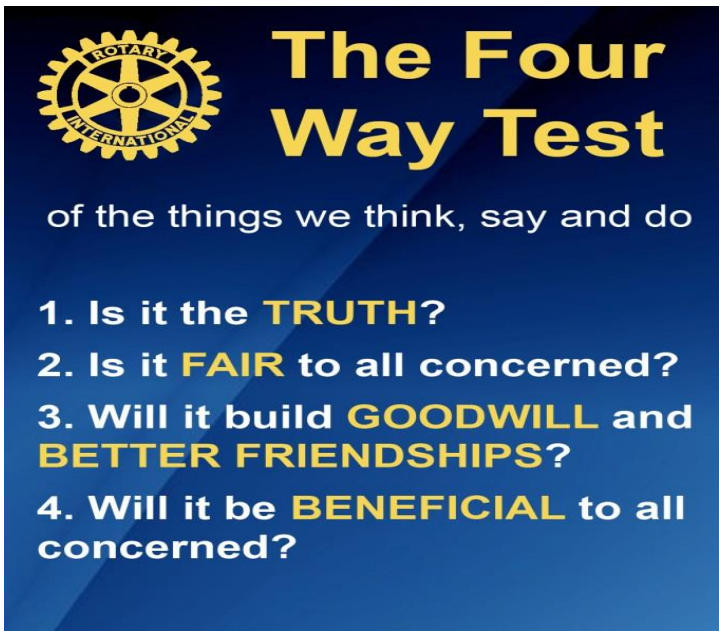
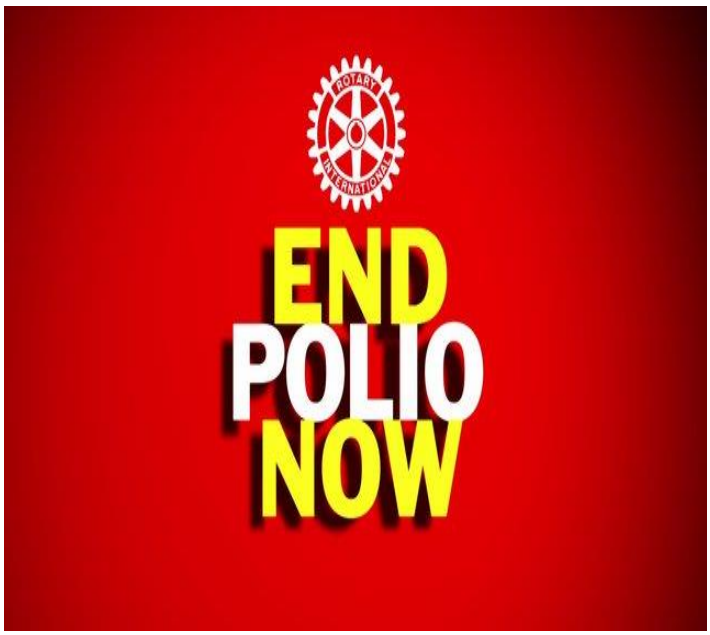
May

John & Jenny Walker – 1st

Paul & Julianne McKeon – 10th

OME PHOTOS FROM HAPPIER TIMES – MAY THEY RECOMMENCE SOON!

DIARY OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

All events cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19.

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