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RI President – Mark Maloney
District Governor – Phil Hafey
Club President – Paul McLeod
Club Secretary – Geoff Pollack



Meeting Place: C.ex, Vernon Street, Coffs Harbour (during normal times)

Monday Lunchtime: 12.30 - 1.45 pm

Apologies to Secretary Geoff Pollack by 10.30am Monday

COFFS CITY CHATROOM – 20 April 2020

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

This week we had a good roll-up with 14 members zooming in (Ross Paul stepped out for a moment and missed being in the photo below). An apology was received from Peter Lindsay.

Additionally Assistant DG Peter Paff joined us. Thanks Peter.

Reports

Projects

- Charity Golf Day. President Paul advised that he'd had discussions with Mike Blewitt & Eddie Chau and it was suggested that we cancel this year's event due to Covid-19. Along with the uncertainty of being able to play on the due date, it's not considered prudent to seek sponsors at this time when most are doing it tough financially. President Paul sought opinion/confirmation from members present and it was generally agreed that it would be best to cancel this year's event.
- Covid-19 Community Support Initiative. President Paul advised that as a result of this initiative he had been contacted by a lady from the CWA seeking help to construct a small bamboo screen fence. Whilst this isn't technically the type of help we are offering, it appears to be a relatively small job so President Paul is happy to assist. He would be grateful if any other member/s could assist him. Please liaise directly with President Paul if you're able to assist.
Bruce Robertson advised he'd been contacted by two neighbours acknowledging receipt of the flyers and thanked him for offering assistance, however didn't require any at the moment.

Other Matters

- Ian McAllister advised he'd been contacted by Anna Scott from Pete's Place (homeless drop-in place) asking if we could possibly assist them by providing a few small portable gas cookers, saying they cost approx. \$20 each. President Paul suggested that we allocate \$150 towards purchasing the cookers and associated gas canisters. Members agreed with the donation and Macca will contact Anna to advise the outcome.

- President Paul mentioned the email he received last week from Melissa Nunn advising of the work that had been done with the funds that we'd donated to Prosper Coffs Harbour's Environmental Trust. The funds had been used in fauna recovery after the bushfires, and more precisely purchasing nesting boxes for parrots, brushtail possums, kingfishers, kookaburras and owls. Melissa, who present at today's meeting, advised that she'd submitted a media release to the Coffs Coast Advocate detailing the work that the environmental trust has been doing, including the nesting box installation and mentioned Coffs City Rotary as being instrumental in bushfire recovery work, providing the necessary funds for the nesting boxes.
- Treasurer John reminded members of the weekly meeting fees whilst we're subject to the Covid-19 lockdown. It's \$20 per month or \$70 for the period until 30 June. If you haven't paid, could you please attend at your next opportunity by depositing directly to our NAB bank account. Details are BSB 082-551, account number 152-5193.

The raffle was (again) won by Bernard Dowling, however he failed to pick the Joker, so it continues to jackpot.

There being no further business, President Paul called the meeting closed at 1 pm.





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

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



NATIONAL CARTOON GALLERY



Artists: Paul (Zoo) De Zubear, Danny Zemp, Anton Erndin

TEMPORARILY CLOSED
DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS WE ARE CLOSED TIL FURTHER NOTICE

DIARY OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

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

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS ARTICLES

As the COVID-19 pandemic spreads uncertainty and hardship around the world, Rotary members and participants are innovating, caring for those affected, and showing that even at a distance, there are ways to help.

As people of action, Rotary members are engaged in their communities — gathering for projects and offering help to those in need. But in many areas, life is changing drastically. Health experts are urging people to maintain distance from others or even isolate themselves in order to slow the spread of the highly contagious virus.

Fighting disease is one of Rotary's main causes, so members already support efforts to promote proper hand washing techniques, teach people other ways to stay healthy, and supply training and vital medical equipment to health care providers. Now they're helping health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19 and donating protective gear and other supplies to clinics and hospitals that are under strain because of the pandemic.

These are just some of the ways that members are supporting their communities right now:

- In Italy, one of the countries that has been affected most, clubs in District 2080 are raising funds to purchase ventilators and protective gear for overstretched hospitals. And when the worst of the outbreak was raging in China, the district's clubs raised more than \$21,000 for protective masks to prevent spread of the disease there.
- Clubs in District 2041, also in Italy, raised funds online to buy protective gear for health workers who will care for COVID-19 patients at a 400-bed hospital being built at Milan's fairgrounds.
- In Hong Kong, Rotary clubs have raised funds, packed medical supplies, and visited public housing to distribute masks and sanitizers.
- Rotary clubs in Sri Lanka installed thermometers in airport bathrooms and produced posters to raise awareness about the coronavirus for schools across the country.
- The Rotary Club of Karachi Darakhshan, Sind, Pakistan, distributed thousands of masks to people in Karachi.
- Clubs in District 3700 (Korea) have donated \$155,000 to the Red Cross.
- Rotary clubs in Nigeria's Akwa Ibom state conducted a campaign to raise awareness about the threat of the virus. Members shared information about the illness and how to keep safe at two schools and distributed materials about using good hygiene to stay healthy.
- The Rotary club of Metro Bethesda, Maryland, USA, is contacting neighbors who live alone and are quarantined. Volunteers are asked to contact at least five of those people each week to ask how they are and if they need anything. Members are also leaving flowers on their doorsteps..

Just for a Laugh



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Stay Home.
Wash your hands.
Don't panic.

Rotary
District 6670





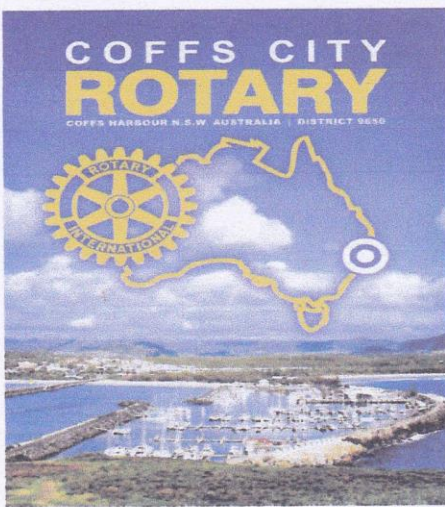
The Four Way Test

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?



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HELPING OTHERS
IN NEED

