

Notes of the Monthly Meeting held at C.ex Coffs, Vernon St. Coffs Harbour Wednesday 12th June 2019

President Pete opened the meeting at 11.00 am. Guest Speaker Gary Suter was not present at that time, so Pete decided to commence with the business of the meeting and to adjourn when Gary arrived. (Gary didn't arrive, but is safe – just went to the wrong venue!! See note below).

Apologies: [In Advance: Elizabeth R till Oct; Norths till Sept.] Ann Brown, Ann Clark, Betty Collard, Sandra & Bob Daymond, Angela & Neville Fryer, Pam Hughes, Dot Nagy, Helen Thompson, Rosemary Valentine.

Visiting Members: None this time.

Visitors: Dorothy Suggutt

Previous Notes: Notes of the May meeting had been emailed. Copies were available from the Min. Sec. if required.

Matters Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Incoming: Emails from NSA Head office, which most members receive direct anyway. (see this link to a video clip on one, re [Deeming Rates](#))

Outgoing: Nil

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Brian Williams reported for the period to 31 May 2019:

Balance Carried Forward: \$3,754.68

Income: NSA Sub's commission, Meeting Fees, totalled **\$196.00**

Total Funds of \$3,950.68

Expenditure: Meeting refreshments, totalled **\$162.00.**

Balance available = \$3788.68 which accords with the bank statement printout.

Petty Cash Balance carried forward was **\$103.70.**

Reimbursement: \$200.00

Expenditure: Luck door voucher and Shearwater donation totalled **\$40.00.**

Balance: \$63.70.

Future Guest Speakers/Topics:

Today Gary Suter did not make it to talk about Woomera Rocket Range
Dorothy Suggutt, Ron Kane & Rob White substituted.

10 July Beckley Vincent. *Working in Community Theatre*

14 August Tanya Johnson, Pink Silks Trust: *From Little Things to...*

Future Activities:

- 26 June** **Coach trip: To *Remember When Museum***
at Waterview Heights, near Grafton.
Cost: \$35pp includes coach, Morning Tea and Museum entry.
- Lunch at **Grafton Shopping-world** (own choice). **PAYG.**
- Bus pick-up times and locations are on the flyer sent on June 2nd.
If in doubt please call Pete 6655 5001 or Liz 6654 0659.
- 24 July** **Christmas in July.** Sawtell RSL. 11.30am for 12.00noon.
Cost: \$25pp. Buy own drinks.
- August 2019** **The Blueberry Processing Plant**

General Business:

President Pete advised members that NSA Head Office will no longer pay branches the small subsidy on membership renewals.

SO, when members receive their renewal notice, payment should be done through head office by bank transfer or cheque.

THEN, please advise Val Brown or Pete B that you have renewed, so that our records are current. Head Office have recompensed Branches with a one-off donation of \$200 for the ***inconvenience*** of ***not*** having to do the paperwork. (Did you see Val's Smile...??).

Lucky Door Prize: **G66** – Drawn and Won by our Guest Dorothy Suggitt.

Business concluded without interruption from the Guest Speaker. With time to spare President Pete invited Members to say a few words about whatever might be of interest to the group. Our guest **Dorothy** took the offer and introduced herself to the members. She is new to Coffs and members Bev and Jean are among her friends. Dorothy is a retired travel industry employee and through fringe benefits with Ansett has been to many interesting countries. She mentioned her challenge with looking after Japanese tourists in Rabaul, New Guinea, as locals found it difficult to accept them as visitors given that Rabaul was occupied by the Japanese during WWII. India was stated as the most interesting country with the dichotomy of absolute wealth and abysmal poverty. **Ron Kane** gave an excellent presentation in a short 10-minute time space, on the history of the Dorrigo railway line and its unfortunate demise.

Rob White touched on his experiences in Woomera and detailed how the rockets being tested were fired at remotely-controlled planes – actually hitting some...!!.

Both gentlemen will be welcome to expand on these experiences at some future meeting.

Next Meeting: **July10, 2019** at C.ex Coffs, 10.30 for 11.00am.
Admission: \$5.00pp.

Closure: President Pete closed the meeting and invited members to dine in the Brasserie.

Wendy Bennetts
Minute Secretary
12/06/2019