

## Notes of the Monthly Meeting held at C.ex Coffs, Vernon St. Coffs Harbour Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Rather than more-personal tales of incidents as expected, Gary Suter spoke mainly about the machinery, implements and technology used at *Woomera Rocket Range*. Construction began there in 1947 and the project lasted 34 years. Woomera became one of the most secret allied corporations in the Cold War and the population was up to 7,000 at that time. AWA Radar tracking operations had four radars there, two from USA and two French. Gary spoke of many technical qualities of the procedures at Woomera and, on a lighter note, mentioned items prepared by the French Chef and the enjoyment of a great pool where one couldn't drown, only float. Several members indicated that they had visited Woomera in more recent times.

*[At that stage your Minute Secretary FLOATED away in the technology of Gary's h.e.s.p projectile.]*

- Apologies:** Anne Clarke, Linda Freeman, Angela & Neville Fryer, Dulcie Hartman, Judy Johnson, Pauline & Larry Keys, Brenda Martin, Elizabeth Reid, June Sambrook, Helen Tasker, Stella & Tom Tegg, Ann & Eddie Walters.

### Visiting Members:

**Visitors:** Colleen Greenwood, Tracey Suter and Charles Burgess.

**New Member** None this time

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

**Matters Arising:** Nil

### Correspondence:

**Incoming:** Parcel from NSA – New Banner

**Outgoing:** Thank you letters to:

- Sawtell RSL (Christmas-in-July); and
- Mr Bedi (Blueberry Processing Factory visit).

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Brian Williams reported for the period to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019:

**Balance Carried Forward: \$3,657.68**

**Income:** Meeting Fees, NSA Subs, Excursions, totalled **\$610.00**

**Total Funds of \$4,267.68**

**Expenditure:** Meeting refreshments, and Reimbursements, totalled **\$312.00.**

**Balance available = \$3955.68** which accords with the bank statement printout.

**Petty Cash Balance** carried forward was **\$32.20.**

**Reimbursement: \$100**

**Expenditure:** Lucky door voucher & Shearwater Donation totalled **\$40**

**Balance: \$92.20.**

**Future Guest Speakers/Topics:**

- Today**                      **Gary Suter** - *Tales from Woomera Rocket Range.*
- 09 Oct**                      **Tasha Duck** – *Salvation Army – Their Service to the Community.*
- 13 Nov**                      **Dr Alec McHarg** - *Sleep – A Necessity of Life.*

**Future Activities:**

- 25 Sept**                      **Coffs Harbour Regional Museum.**  
- **Meet:** On-site at 09.45am for 10.00am  
- **Cost:** \$5 includes Morning Tea, and tour & talk.  
- **Lunch:** 12.30pm @ *Shearwater* at The Promenade.  
- **Cost:** PAYG
- 23 Oct**                      ~~**Coach Trip to Mossgrove Gardens—Dorrigo.**~~ **Cancelled due to drought-affected gardens. Possibly in Feb/Mar 2020.**
- Instead...    **New Info** **Visit to Coramba Village:**  
- **Meet (informally):** in the Village from 10.30am  
- **Lunch:** at the Coramba Hotel, from 12.00midday  
- **Cost:** PAYG  
- **Travel:** Self-drive and Car-pooling.
- 27 Nov**                      **New Info** **Visit to Urunga Village, and the updated boardwalk and “Lido”:**  
- **Meet (informally):** in the village or at the Boardwalk area from 10.30am  
- **Lunch:** at Club Urunga (Bowling Club) from 12.00midday  
- **Cost:** PAYG  
- **Travel:** Self-drive and Car-pooling.

**General Business:**

None this time, except...

- The meeting was adjourned to conduct the AGM...
- The meeting recommenced following the AGM, with the new Committee.

**Lucky Door Prize:**                      **Z10– Linley Johnson**

**Next Meeting:**                      **Oct 09 2019** at C.ex Coffs, 10.30 for 11.00am.  
**Admission: \$5.00pp.**

**Closure:**                      President Pete closed the meeting at 12.15 and invited members to dine in the Brasserie.

*Wendy Bennetts*  
Minute Secretary  
16/09/2019