

Notes of the Monthly Meeting held at Sawtell RSL Club, Sawtell Wednesday 14-04-2021

President Pete opened the meeting at 11.00am and welcomed members to Sawtell RSL Club, our new monthly meeting venue. The dining room set-up, while different from the conference room placement of chairs, was convenient and comfortable. The arrangements for meeting in *The Dining Room*, with lunch in the *Terrace/Bistro* area of the venue was explained by Pete. The Guest Speaker, Lena Jones of Service NSW was delayed on a previous engagement so general procedures commenced earlier than usual. Pete welcomed our visitor Kieth Boakes.

Apologies: Val & Alan Brown, Ann Brown, Louise Cluley, Val & Ron Kane, Jan Robinson, Marg Simmonds, Annette & Ron Sparks, Stella & Tom Tegg.

Visiting Members: None today.

Visitors: Kieth Boakes

Previous Notes: Notes of the meeting held on 10th March had been distributed.

Matters Arising: None this time.

Correspondence:

Incoming: Cheque Book to replace current book which expires 2/4/21
Westpac advice re withdrawal of Agency Agreement with BCU
Re changing of opening hours (BCU?)

Outgoing: Emails pertaining to Future Venues and Guest Speakers

Treasurer's Report:

Brian Williams presented the details as at 31 March 2021:

Balance Carried Forward from 28 February 2021 - \$4,645.68

Income: Meeting Fees \$170.00, Excursions \$70.00

Total Income \$240.00

Total Funds of \$4,885.68

Expenditure: PO Box \$136.00; Office of Fair Trading (Reimbursement D.Bennetts) \$47.00

Total Expenditure: \$183.00

Balance available = \$4,702.68 which accords with the bank statement printout **\$4,702.68**

Petty Cash Balance carried forward: **\$52.20.**

Expenditure: Raffle Tickets - **\$7.20**

Balance as at 31 March 2021: \$45.00.

Future Guest Speakers/Topics:

Today	Lena Jones - Service NSW <i>Advice on Reducing some Cost-of-Living Pressures for Older Folk</i>
12th May	Paul Maher - Corindi SES <i>The Trials and Tribulations of an SES Commander</i>
9th June	Howie Richards - 2AIRFM. <i>Then, Now and the Future.</i>

Future Activities:

Charlie explained that the Bunker Gallery has 24 parking spaces close by, and extra are available in Albany Street (short pathway up). It may be necessary to hold two lunch time sittings, depending on numbers and viewing time of members. The Bunker Gallery folk will assist.

Re **The Pub with No Beer** outing on 26th May, the bus is full. However, for Members not participating in this outing, or who missed out on a seat, a casual lunch at **Toormina Hotel** is considered a good option. **Jean** (Jarratt) has offered to arrange a booking. If you wish to join this august group, please contact Jean on her new **Smart Phone** (0427 527 486) and she will interrupt her time watching her new **Smart TV** to take the names of those attending. Please try to do this at least a week prior to 26th May 26 so Jean has time to make **Smart** arrangements for the booking. *[Sorry – just had to make a **Smart** comment after the banter at the meeting – Wendy...]*

28th April **National Cartoon Gallery - Excursion & Lunch**
10.30am Self-Guided Gallery Tour
12.30pm Lunch at the Bunker Restaurant & Bar
Gallery Entry Fee \$10 (\$8 for pensioners). Lunch at Own Expense
RSVP: Charlie & Angela 0428 512 508 by Fri 23 April

26th May 21 **Coach trip to Pub with No Beer. Lunch 12.45pm**
Morning Tea at Perry's Lemon Myrtle Farm – **10.30am**
Coach Payment carried over from previous cancelled outing
Lunch PAYG
Pick-up 8.00am - Woolgoolga
Just after 8am - Moonie Beach Tavern
8.30am - Coffs Harbour
9.00am - Urunga

Christmas in July: Marcia is checking which restaurants are catering for this event this year. Further advice when she has some.

Marco asked President Pete to advise members that Sherwood Cliffs Christian Rehab Centre has re-commenced operating. Liz will investigate this for a future outing. (The Branch had an outing/lunch there some time ago – arranged by the late Dennis Silver.)

General Business: All covered under previous discussions.

When **Lena Jones** (Service NSW) arrived, she explained the range of services available to Reduce the Cost of Living. Staff at the Service Centre in Gordon St are happy to assist with enquiries, but it is wise to allow an hour when you visit the centre for advice. The Centre has now bundled together 70 Rebates and Savings. These include Health rebates, CTP Green Slip, Appliance Replacement Offers (which ends soon), Regional Travel Card, Dine & Discover and Active Kids 4-17 Sports activities assistance. All details are available on-line or phone 137788. President Pete thanked Lena for her advice and presented her a Certificate of Appreciation.

Lucky Door Prize: **U3 Pam Hughes**

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th May 2021. Vice President **Liz Price**
Admission: \$5.00pp.

Closure: President Pete closed the meeting at 12.00 and invited members to dine in the Brasserie.

Wendy Bennetts
Minute Secretary
21/04/2021