

[The Branch acknowledges the on-going support of the C.ex Group]

Notes of the Monthly Meeting held at C.ex Coffs, Vernon St. Coffs Harbour Wednesday 10TH March 2021

President Pete opened the meeting at 11am and introduced David Tune, one of the Contributing Reporters of the new local newspaper, News of The Area, Coffs Coast. Pete sincerely thanked David for his last-minute agreement, at 4.30pm on the 9th March, to be our guest at this meeting. David's experienced Theatre Voice required no microphone and was very well projected to "the back row". David's main interest is theatre and he stated that "Reviews on-line" did not really work. He volunteered to submit reviews to the new local paper and from there became employed as a contributing reporter. David is committed to 4 stories a week. The News of The Area started in Port Stephens and now also fills a niche each Friday in Myall Lakes, Coffs Harbour, which also covers Bellingen and Urunga, and many other rural towns. The paper is printed in Sydney, distributed in local shops and businesses, and funded from advertising. David's presentation was outstanding and covered Newspaper and Theatre events.

Val & Alan Brown, Betty Collard, Sandra & Bob Daymond, Val & Ron Kane, Apologies: Jan Robinson, Marg Simmonds, Helen Tasker, and Stella & Tom Tegg.

Visiting Members: None today

Nil **Visitors**:

New Member None this time

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February had been distributed. **Previous Notes:**

Matters Arising: To be discussed in general business.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

Australia Post – PO Box account

Emails pertaining to Future Venues and Guest Speakers

Leaflet re Coffs Harbour By-Pass

Outgoing:

Emails pertaining to Future Venues and Guest Speakers

Treasurer's Report:

Brian Williams presented the details as at 28 February 2021.

Balance Carried Forward from 31 January 2021: \$4,365.68

Income: Meeting Fees \$175.00, Excursions \$105.00

Total Income: \$280.00 Total Funds: \$4,645.68 Total Expenditure: \$00.

Balance available = \$4,645.68 which accords with the bank statement printout \$4,645.68

Correspondence: PO Box 413 Petty Cash Balance carried forward was \$92.20. Expenditure: Lucky Door Vouchers Feb/Mar - \$40

Balance as at 28 Feb 2021: \$52.20.

Future Guest Speakers/Topics:

Today David Tune - Contributing Reporter of News of the Area, Coffs Coast

newspaper.

April 14 Lena Jones: Service NSW

- Advice on Reducing some Cost-of-Living Pressures for Older Folk

Speakers to be re-arranged:

President Pete is still working to reinstate speakers who could not attend under COVID-19 Restrictions and appreciates suggestions from Committee and members.

Future Activities:

24 March Coach trip to Pub with No Beer.

Morning Tea at Perry's Myrtle Farm

Coach Payment carried over from previous cancelled outing

Lunch PAYG

Pick-ups: 8.00am @ Woolgoolga (Hearnes Lake)

8.15am @ Moonee Beach (Tavern)

8.30am @ Coffs Harbour (Coach Terminal)

9.00am @ Urunga (Coach Terminal)

28 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(pensioners). Lunch at Own Expense

RSVP: Charlie & Angela 0428 512 508 by Fri 23 April

General Business:

C.ex venue is still uncertain. All necessary paperwork for the room hire has been submitted. It is generally agreed that coffee and tea are not necessary (or even worth the cost) and that a raffle could be the way to raise extra funds if needed for whatever venue becomes the meeting place. Most members indicated that they would purchase a ticket if this became necessary.

Lucky Door Prize: **E56** Julie McGann

Next Meeting: UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED

14 April 2021 at C.ex Coffs, 10.30 for 11.00am.

Admission: \$5.00pp.

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

Brasserie.

Minute Secretary 16/03/2021

Wendy Bennetts

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