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Club Bulletin

Edition for 20th November 2024

Our next Social Meeting venue is on the 27th November, will be held from 7.30am at 2046 CAFÉ - 394 Harbour Drive Coffs Harbour Jetty strip.

Our next formal Club meeting is on Wednesday 4th December and is our AGM

Our Meeting Report

REMINDER FOR ALL MEMBERS to please let **Ingrid** know via text 0409 8600637 - if you are an apology for the meeting, as numbers **MUST** be advised to the CH Golf Club Monday prior by 5pm. Thank you

President Marilyn opened the meeting with a welcome to country acknowledging the Gumbaynggirr people.

Marilyn welcomed today's guests our speaker **Nada and her brother Saman Ali**

Today's Toast was given by MarkSpencer - I toast the Rotary Club of Prague International, the Czech Republic.

The Prague International Club is the **only English-speaking international club in Prague**. The club attracts locals who have significant overseas travel experience and ex-patriots from other countries living in the Czech Republic.

This club is part of the Czech and Slovak Rotary District #2240, which includes more than 70 clubs. They encourage visitors to join their meetings and assure visitors that they will feel the same sense of camaraderie and fun they are used to, in an English-speaking and international environment. Becca and I would have made the effort to join one of their Monday night meetings, but our stay is between a Wednesday and Saturday.

The club meets at 6pm in the R. Jelinek Slivowitz Museum (see fig.1 attached). Among their projects, the club is a major contributor to a non-profit, non-government organisation in Prague that provides social and specialised therapy services to children and adults with combined mental and physical disabilities. For example, with other Rotary Clubs and the Rotary Foundation, they were able to purchase a new mini-bus with an electrical rear platform for wheelchairs. The club also organises events such as walks and cycle rides just for fun.



Figure 1 The R. Jelinek Slivowitz Museum where the club meets on Monday nights at 6pm

I was of course curious about Prague in general and the Czech Republic. Also known as "Czechia" it was historically known as "Bohemia" in Central Europe. I've included a map (Fig 2) that shows the Czech Republic in relation to neighbouring countries like Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Austria, and Hungary.



Figure 2: The Czech Republic (formerly Czechoslovakia) with neighbours in central Europe

After the collapse of the Austrian-Hungarian empire after WW1, the country was part of the Czechoslovak Republic. It was briefly controlled by Nazi Germany, then became an Eastern Bloc communist state in 1948. In 1989, the Velvet Revolution ended communist rule and restored democracy. In 1992, Czechoslovakia was peacefully dissolved and the constituent states became the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

It is a welfare democratic state with a European social model, has universal health care, and free tuition university education.

In case you're wondering how the term "Bohemian" came about? It originates in early 19th century France, where many citizens mistakenly thought the Romani immigrants came from Bohemia (Czech Republic), whereas these immigrants actually came from north India. I'm assuming these Romani immigrants must have adopted a more unconventional and less-conservative lifestyle. **THANK YOU MARK**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

We send our warmest wishes to Helen Houston celebrating her birthday on the 27th November. Happy Birthday to Helen.



Ian Leach welcomed our speaker today Nada Ali – Nada was our representative at RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Camp a few years ago and truly embraced that opportunity. Nada told us her story of being born in Sinjar (IRAQ) in 2005 – her dad a teacher and her mum a homemaker rearing a family of 12. They moved to Australia with 11 of these children currently living in Coffs Harbour and 1 in Germany.

Nada told us of the ISIS attack on the morning of the 3rd August 2014 and of the horror and tragedy that followed. Sadly Genocide is still happening today with a LOT of poverty in SHINGAL.

Nada has a goal that there will be a space for YAZEDI youth in Coffs Harbour where they can come and learn about their culture. Nada closed her presentation with a beautiful poem that she had written herself – it was very moving. "lucky to have survived" were her closing words. We wish Nada every happiness in life as she now moves on to studies in Melbourne.



Bev Stalling extended a warm thank you to Nada on behalf of Daybreak members.

WHO AM I?

A segment we often have at our meetings giving members the opportunity to share some or all of their life story.

Today we had a “chapter” from **Ingrid Gardiners Book of Life** 😊



Ingrid shared with us her connection to Keith Condon and his son Mal through business and what amazing work they did towards a Cancer Institute in Coffs Harbour.

Many of you will have heard of the Condon Centre named after the family involvement and support in fund raising.

A great story thank you Ingrid – I encourage members to chat with Ingrid if they have not heard this story in its entirety.



Daybreak Members and guests enjoying our 20th Nov. Meeting at the Coffs Harbour Golf Club.

Community Director Report – Ingrid Gardiner

- ❖ Xmas Hamper Bags for Mental Health: these will be delivered Wednesday morning, 11th December to the Mental Health Unit at the hospital. If you wish to donate more than one bag, please fill another bag of goodies, for this wonderful cause.
- ❖ Social breakfast next week: 2046 Café at the Jetty.
- ❖ Bunning BBQ on 15th December, see roster for time you have committed.

- ❖ Trivia Night coming early in 2025, 14th February 2025
- ❖ **Walking Football** Inaugural Charity fundraising event is the 1st March 2025 – currently approaching companies to participate – TALK to IAN or Marilyn for more information please.

Club Report – Ann Gee

- ✚ Reminder, our end of year Christmas party is at 99 on Park, on the 11th of December 2024
- ✚ The cost is \$69 per person, you can pay in advance to Di, with your name noted on deposit.



It is a dress up in your glamorous gear, affair!


Youth Report – Mark Spencer

The only update I have to do with Youth is my participation on Thursday last week in the inaugural meeting for the next Science and Engineering Challenge, to be held on April 8 next year (2025). We will invite volunteers to assist on the day at the Wigulga Sports complex in Woolgoolga. Peter Paff and I will be meeting with the Tavern catering crew to discuss menus for the dinner on the night before – April 7. That dinner is a very special and enjoyable event with (usually) a key-note speaker from the ByPass Construction companies.

International Report – Lynda Soderlund

Lynda shared the great news of our success in our grant application for our Timor Leste project as shared below at the Rotary Showcase in Forster recently.

Club	Project	Project Cost	DDF ask
Coffs Harbour	Book gifting to improve early literacy in disadvantaged families	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000
Coffs Harbour Daybreak	Scholarship for young people attending Xanama Gusmao Reading Room, Timor-Leste	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,000
Rylstone-Kandos	Playgroup Resources	\$ 4,800	\$ 4000
Medowie-Williamstown	Restore me - skills training for disengaged youth	\$ 3,259	\$ 2,659


 The Rotary Foundation
 District 9660

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- ✓ 4th December AGM and election of Officers for 2025-2026
- ✓ 11th December breakfast at Hideaway Cafe
- ✓ 11th December deliver Xmas Hampers to Health Campus
- ✓ 11th December Christmas Dinner Party
- ✓ 15th December Bunnings BBQ

- ✓ 15th January First Club Meeting for 2025

- ✓ 14th February Trivia Night (Valentines Day) 2025

- ✓ 28th March Fundraising Golf Day

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Club Meeting Roster

PLEASE check the roster for the part you will play at our next meeting.

	06-11-24	20-11-24		04-12-24	Final 11 th Dec.
DOOR	Marilyn	Lynda		Ingrid	As above detail
VISITOR HOST	Ingrid	Lucie		Ann	
TOAST	Ann	Mark S		Di	
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	Di	Bev			
THANK SPEAKER	Ian	Ian			
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Next Board meeting

Monday 25th November, 5.30pm at G2 architects meeting room

20 Eleventh Ave, Sawtell. Please enter via the front door.

Next Social Meeting

Wednesday, 27th November

Next Club meeting

Wednesday 4th December, at the Coffs Harbour Golf Club

AGM

Wednesday 4th December 2024, at our usual Club meeting, at the Coffs Harbour Golf Club



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Coffs Harbour Walking Football Charity Shield

to be held at Coffs Harbour Synthetics

Saturday March 1st 2025



Corporate Team Donation \$1,000
Six players a side – max 10 in a squad
Sponsorship opportunities available

Proudly supporting the Coffs Harbour community and sporting charity initiatives for the disadvantaged
Contact Ian 0417 045 567 or Marilyn 0418 693 914