

21 February 2021



COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

Sawtell Sun

Community Transport : love and kindness

It's a good sign when the host has to fetch more chairs! We gathered in numbers at Community Transport on 8th of February. Many thanks to CEO Bethany Simmonds for providing an interesting overview. She also handled tough questions from Les "I'd call that a slush fund...?" For the first time in memory, someone asked more questions than Mike Fayle!

Bethany spoke of the very positive culture in the organisation and how their strategic plan includes the fact that they are



about love and kindness. The Company provides transport solutions to the elderly, people living with a disability, isolated and disadvantaged people.

Coming in the next eighteen months are

- New branding
- New online logistics program that will give real time locations
- An uber style service that the general public will be able to access.

It was a informative evening, with goodie bags for everyone, followed by dinner at the Toormina Hotel.

Left: Paul Newton trying out the bike in the staff gym, although not putting a lot of effort in...





It has never before been staged in Port Macquarie and as far as we know, it has never before been staged in Australia. It is an event that is unusual, quirky, cool ... it will generate huge public interest and the users of social media platforms will love it.

A little history ... on 17 May 2014, a group of about 30 young adults in Germany completed the building of a washing line 6.066 kilometres long with 69,152 socks pegged to it and set a new Guinness World Record. That record still stands but not for much longer!

Port Macquarie, NSW, Australia is where this record will be smashed in 2021. The challenge is being led by Rotary (we are deliberately not using our club name) and, as far as we know, it is the only major event in our District 9650 that is a celebration of 100 years of Rotary in Australia.

Heather Mayne

President , Rotary Club Port Macquarie West

What Sawtell can do to participate:

1. Collect socks, both pairs and singles.
 2. Exclude surgical socks and any home knitted socks.
 3. Box them up.
- Count the socks and label the cartons
4. Deliver the boxes on March 12th
 5. Donate funds by 8th of March
 6. Prizes will be awarded and points are gained, 1 point per sock and 10 points per dollar.
 7. We can nominate where a proportion of the funds go including to Lifeline or Australian Rotary Health.

The socks will be hung up over a weekend in June 2021.



22 February

**Manna & Roger
Atwal**

**Jenny & Phil
Makinson**



6 March
Alan Freedman

17 March
Roger Atwal

19 March
Jenny Makinson

District 9650 Conference, 12-14 March

President Peter is asking if any members would like to join him at the Conference in Port Macquarie. He is planning to make day trips, heading home each night. This will help keep the costs to a minimum.

If you're interested, please let Peter know.

The website has more details including online registration:

<https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference>

Our Rotary Cluster Upcoming Events

14-28 February	Bookfest, Coffs Show Ground
3 March	Coffs Harbour Club visit the newly extended Bunker Cartoon Gallery
24-25 March	Men's Health van visiting Coffs
20-28 November	Proposed Coffs Coast Festival of Motor Sport

Right: President Peter and Roger Atwal attended the Coffs City Club meeting on the 15th of February as part of the Cluster Ambassador programme. They are pictured with President Jay Clowes.



Left : For Gerry

Bernie Sanders' in his inauguration attire (check those mittens) has been popping up everywhere in memes. From the Millennial Falcon to Forrest Gump's bench, there is Bernie.

"This is not Nam" is from The Big Lebowski.

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Sawtell Rotary Upcoming Events			
22 February	Dinner & meeting	6pm for 6.30pm	Sawtell RSL Bistro, followed by a Board & Club meeting upstairs. We will be joined by 3 members of the City Rotary Club, as part of the Cluster Ambassador program.
8 March	Dinner & meeting	6pm for 6.30pm	Sawtell RSL Bistro, followed by a Board & Club meeting upstairs.
15 March	Informal Dinner	6pm for 6.30pm	Join President Peter at the Sawtell Bistro for dinner and chat. Friends and partners welcome.
21-22 March	Men's Health Van visiting Sawtell		Please let President Peter know if you can help out with reception duties.