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The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

- Tonight's International Toast was presented by **Gai Nixon** to the **Rotary Club of Skagen in Denmark**.
- **A4WH Obstacle Challenge** on September 24th, hosted by the **Wauchope Rotary Club** raising funds for "Australians 4 Women's Health" new hospital in Nepal. See pink book for details.
- Our next community project - painting two rooms in the **Women's Shelter**. Details tba
- **XMAS Boxes** - Lorryl is encouraging us to get a box or two & fill with toys for kids in 3rd world countries. See Lorryl & be part of this blessing for 1000's of children.

A Tribute to Dr Roger Gammon

A week ago we lost one of our beloved club members when Roger Gammon died. Today we laid him to rest and members of Rotary formed a Guard-of-Honour outside the chapel. Dr Ted Giblin spoke on behalf of our club & Rotary at the funeral service.

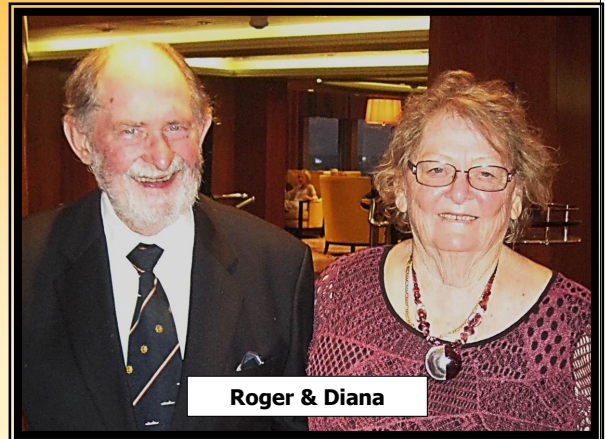
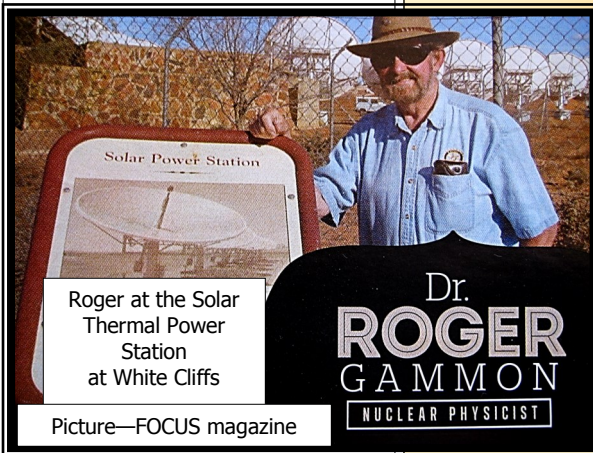
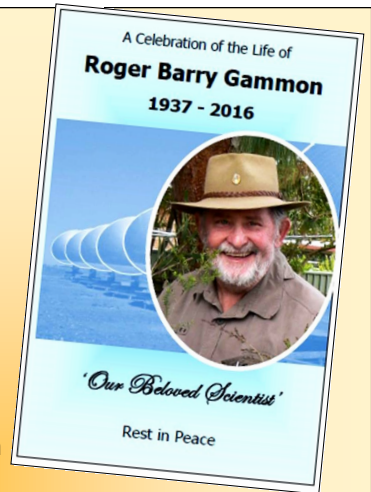
Our heartfelt love goes out to Roger's wife Diana, who is our Club's Youth Director & Roger's three children & six grandchildren.

Roger & Diana joined our club in August 2013 transferring from the South West Rocks Rotary Club. Roger was also a member and Past President of Sydney Darling Harbour Rotary Club.

As well as being one of Australia's leading Nuclear Physicists, Roger was also a passionate family man.

Roger's boyhood dream was to be a cartoonist! Instead he went on to experience a long & distinguished career in the field of nuclear physics, having worked with projects that encompass both nuclear & solar energy. In the 1970s he set-up nuclear & vacuum physics courses at the University of Technology in Sydney. He spent time with NASA in the US with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena on the Voyager spacecraft. He became the Director of the NSW Government's Solar Energy Program, establishing a Solar Thermal Power Station at White Cliffs. He was appointed CEO of the Australian Institute of Nuclear Science & Engineering at Lucas Heights.

Thirty five years ago he married Diana who was the Principal at Dunmore Lang College at Macquarie University. For 10 years Roger & Diana took 40 American students from Wisconsin to the outback twice a year. Roger was passionate about encouraging young people in Science *(continued)*



Roger & Diana

President: Gil Padarin-Innes **Secretary:** Terry Crossley
 P. O. Box 136, Port Macquarie... NSW... 2444
CLUB MEETINGS, EACH WEDNESDAY @ Port Panthers,
5-30pm for 6pm start.
Apologies or bookings to Keith Innes...
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President - Gil Padarin-Innes; **President-elect & Treasurer** - Frank Beukers; **Vice-President** - Lyn Bowen
Secretary - Terry Crossley;
Directors - Club - Keith Innes, **Vocational** - Kerry Medway/Vern Allen, **Past-President & Community** - Phil Perry - **International** - Gai Nixon, **Youth** - Diana Gammon. **Membership** - Chris Whitton.
Past District Governors - Roger Dulhunty 1969-70, Ivan Meldrum 1975-76, Laurie Barber 2006-07.



Club program

If you are unable to fulfil your role, please swap with someone & advise

Date	Program	Speaker	Program chair	Welcomer	3 on Me	Inter. Toast	Sergeant
August 7th & 8th - Rotary BBQ at the F1 Powerboat Races @ McInherney Park - see roster in red book.... Phil Perry							
Aug 10	Levels of Council Service - PMHC	Lucilla Marshall	Neil Porter	Phil Perry	Ted Giblin	Aub Shulstad	Kerry Medway
Aug 17	International Aid - Are We Helping?	Dr Ray Hodgson	Fred O'Toole	Aub Shulstad	Keith Innes	Laurie Barber	Neil Porter
Aug 24	Inner Wheel	Margot Lee/ Jacqui Everett	Glenda Barber	Neil Porter	Frank Beukers	Frank Urban	Lyn Bowen
Aug 31	International Night	A Spanish Night	Gai Nixon				

Roger Gammon (continued)

Pictured right - Roger enjoying himself just a few weeks ago at our Christmas in July Celebrations. (Picture by Sam Openshaw)



Roger supported Diana and her encouragement of the youth at our High Schools & in the many youth programs our club conducts.

Roger was writing a talk he was to give to the students at Port Macquarie High School on the day he became ill. Roger wrote - *"You don't have to be a nerd to be a physicist! Physicists are creators, innovating to improve our world. Physicists are explorers, unlocking the mysteries of the universe. Physicists are entrepreneurs, driving our economy forward. Physicists are educators sharing the opportunities of physics with the next generation."*

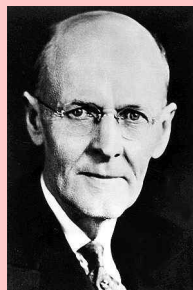
Dr Ted Giblin gave a tribute on behalf of our Rotary Club.

Amongst many commendations about Roger & our club Ted said with much emotion that he and Roger had been working on a presentation to our club on Sustainability Trust - a world-wide Rotary Project. We heard from Ted & Principal Lorraine Haddon on Roger's involvement & encouragement of our young people in science.

Ted concluded - *"The legacy a man leaves behind is not measured in money or property, but in the hearts and minds of those who knew him. So, Roger we salute you!"*

Comments or our Web-site

John Oxley emailed from New York stating correctly that we couldn't have possibly raised over \$2 million in 68 years at our golf days! This would have meant raising on average \$38,000 each year from the Golf Day. Will adjust this fund-raising statement to - "Over the years our club has raised \$100,000s from our Rotary Golf Day, Book Sales & other fund-raising activities. This money has seeded many valuable community projects and community groups and made a HUGE difference in our city." - Thanks John.



Rotary's Founder PAUL HARRIS

Quote - No. 6

"The measure of a nation's progress as well as the measure of an individual's progress must ever be it's readiness to learn from the experience of others."
- 1921 R/I Convention at Edinburgh, Scotland

PDG Neville Parsons

(pictured with partner AG Patti Berrigan)

MEMBERSHIP IS THE FUTURE OF ROTARY



Neville gave a challenging presentation on the future of Rotary & asked us some hard questions for us to consider about our club. These are some of the questions he asked us to ask ourselves.

1. Is our Club Vibrant?

If asked, would you willingly join our club today? If not enthusiastically YES, why?

Neville asked us to recall the person who invited me to join Rotary & contact them & thank them each year. Consider inviting someone else as you were invited.

2. How do we Position our Club to ensure we will exist in 10 Years Time?

3. Encouraging New Members in Rotary

Are we educating our new members, nurturing them & providing mentors. We should aim to have EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CLUB attend next years District Conference at Laurieton. Start NOW.

4. Mentoring Young People

Look for ways, we as leaders in our community can draw young people alongside & mentor them. Young people are looking for mentors to help them get to the top.

5. Diversity - Do we represent in our club a good cross-section of our community?

What occupations & what ethnic groups are not represented in our club?

Neville encouraged us to read the Int Pres.'s Article on Membership in the next issue of Rotary Down Under.

Finally Neville invited us to write on a postal note our answer to this question -

Question - If you could change ONE thing about our club to make it better - what would it be?

GIVE YOUR ANSWER TO PRESIDENT GIL.... ASAP.

BIRTHDAYS August 2016

- 12/08 - Joan Moss
- 28/08 - Frank Beukers
- 29/08 - Allan Openshaw
- 29/08 - Glyn Fuller

ANNIVERSARIES August 2016

- 21/08 - Alastair & Joan Moss
- 23/08 - Graham & Tina Bell
- 28/08 - Sheila & Alan Openshaw