



Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Inc.

# The PORT WHEEL

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## Meeting notes

- Tonight's International Toast was presented by **Aub Schulstad to the Rotary Club of Kokopo** in New Guinea. Aub told an interesting history of this town & how it dramatically changed after a major earthquake that saw almost the whole population of Rabaul move to it for a while until Rabaul was rebuilt.
- Three students were chosen for the **NYSF in Canberra** in January. Two from McKillop & One from Port High.
- **Rotary Golf Day** is on September 16th.
- The **Community Garage Sale** is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in October (22nd). We will have a sale at the Rotary Community Centre & may also have a mini-book sale.
- The CSU Paramedics **RED & BLUE Ball** has been put back a week & will now be on October 15th.
- **Dr Ted Giblin** gave a 3 ON ME tonight & told of his interesting life as a Doctor living in many Australian towns & Timor & England. Thanks Ted.
- In next weeks bulletin we will feature **Bob Cleland's 3 ON ME** talk presented at our meeting last week.

## Responses to the Question Posed by PDG Neville Parsons at last weeks meeting.

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



### Club Meetings

Meeting Schedule proposed as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays - Dinner Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday or following Friday – Social Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Board Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday when occurs – Social

Directors to hold their meetings when suits the Committee

Select a Different venue and meet twice per month

Do away with top table – more integration

Meeting structures to be more flexible for a wider cross section of age profiles

More social events with Social event every 3<sup>rd</sup> week of month

Have more Youth nights

Less Training & more social

### Board Meetings

Schedule on one of the Club meeting days each month – in lieu of Club meeting

Better Agenda and supporting documents from Board members to reduce "waffle" at meetings

Board Meeting to be earlier if stay with current Club meeting schedule. Board at 7pm and finish by 8pm

### The Member Growth Challenges

Observations

15 Probus Clubs in Port. Older people not interested in joining a "service" club.

Many organisations experiencing aging

membership and difficulties with gaining new members eg CWA, Pink Ladies, Hospital Auxiliary etc

Lack of volunteers for sporting clubs

Australia remains one of the best countries in the world for volunteering and donating to charities but are less and less interested in joining service clubs

Rotary not receptive to under 40s

Involve and engage Rotary with organisations that have younger staff/members eg Charles Sturt Uni

Mid North Coast Local Health District

Sporting Clubs & TAFE

Gain 30 more members – younger reflecting the diversity re Hastings demographics

Gain more younger members to ensure the future of our great club beyond the next 10 years

Invite professional & business people younger than 50 to join the Club... do so in groups of 2 or 3

Encourage more younger members to join through changed meeting structure & schedule eg 1<sup>st</sup> Wed – Business Mtg

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed – Social

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed – Board Mtg

4<sup>th</sup> Wed – Business Mtg

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**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
Aug 17	YEP	Oscar Boyer Exchange Student	Diana Gammon	Debbie Loveday	Keith Innes	Laurie Barber	Neil Porter
Aug 24	Inner Wheel	Margot Lee/ Jacqui Everett	Glenda Barber	Aub Schulstad	Frank Beukers	Frank Urban	Lyn Bowen
Aug 31	International Night	A Spanish Night	Gai Nixon	.....	.....	Debbie Loveday	Kerry Medway
Sep 7	Public Speaking	Four Students	Dianna Gammon & Deb L oveday	Geoff Workman			Lyn Bowen

## NEVILLE PARSONS - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

### Establish a Membership Committee

Membership Officer to contact members who miss 2 meetings in a row to reconnect and ensure everything is ok  
Attract younger members – no matter what the cost or effort.  
Forget about "this is the way we have always done it". Change direction... dare to do something eg ??? refer Post it note for eg....Every member to ask at least one person each week to join Rotary & Introduce a mentoring program for new members

### Service Projects

Stop focussing on raising money type projects  
Do more hands on projects. New people will join because they want to help other people

### Rotary Brand

The image of Rotary in the eyes of the community – compare now with the past  
Need more local community advertising. Perception that Rotary is an upmarket group of business people – not for ordinary workers

**IN SUMMARY** - It may be prudent to have a discussion with members as to the structuring of the monthly program and I feel that there is a good guide with the first of the inputs under Meetings.

To start the ball rolling that could be considered as a starting point for consideration.

I recommend that the Board review and respond with some recommendations back to the Club for piloting.

The key with Club protocol changes is to before making the changes agree what is the benchmark for change... is it 51% or 67% or 75%? Not too high but higher than 51% I suggest...

Thank everyone for their participation and challenge all to support the future proofing that will commence with actioning some of the recommendations.

**Remember the Future of Port Macquarie  
Rotary is in the hands of today's  
members!!!**

## A TRIBUTE TO ROGER GAMMON

Would you please pass on my condolences to Diana, all the Gammon family and Roger's Rotary family (RC Port Macquarie). I would like to add that Roger was a great supporter of the PMAA's Science Education Centre project and all at the PMAA welcomed and benefited from his insights into setting up such a project. Thank you and vale from all at the PMAA and personally from myself.

Regards George Mills, RC Armidale North.

National Deputy Chair & D9650 Chair, Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) THANKS GEORGE.

## Community Contact

Tonight's guest speaker was Lucilla Marshall the PMHC Community Engagement General Manager (pictured right with Program Chair - Bob Cleland). Lucilla outlined the current Community Engagement

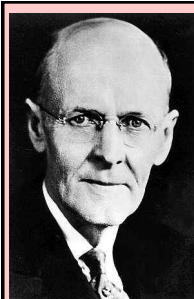


consultations that are seeking to find the major community needs and setting priorities for the next four years of the newly elected council.

SOME areas that have been identified by the community are - \* roads/bridges/transport ; \* stormwater & drainage; \* sports & recreation; \* place making (events, etc); &\* economic development.

Lucilla is a mother of five children & is passionate about her job in seeking to relate to the local community.

Thanks Lucilla for an interesting presentation - our council & community are in good hands.



### Rotary's Founder PAUL HARRIS

Quote - No. 7

*Is the world really using you badly, friend, or do you merely think so? For all fancy ills of body and mind I recommend the old Rotary remedy of abandoning self for a while.*  
- The Rotarian Nov 1915

OUR CLUB MUST CHANGE OR DIE A SLOW DEATH!

### 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