



The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

- Gai Nixon gave the International Toast tonight to the **Rotary Club of Kathmandu - Mid-town.**
- Saturday 26th November **BOOK SORTING** at the Community centre - 8am. Please help.
- Sunday 27th November Lorryl has called for volunteers to help clean-up **Rotary Park** from 8am - 10am.
- Treasurer Frank advised that there will be a special motion to the club at our AGM to spend up to \$10,000 on a roof over the patio of the Rotary Community centre.
- Aub Schulstad** recently underwent surgery for his neck & eye & is recovering having been driven home by his son today.
- Invitation to the **Hastings Education Fund** Presentation on Tuesday 6th December. RSVP to Christina.parkin@bigpond.com by Friday 25th November.
- Fred O'Toole** was nominated as Membership Director to fill the vacancy on our club board. We are excited by Fred's appointment.
- TOUCH FOOTBALL** - Its that time of year again where we can add \$4000 to the coffers. State Touch Competition in Port Macquarie is on 2/3/4th December. (Friday Saturday and Sunday).

This year's times are Fri 7am to 9am and 9am to 11am Sat and Sunday 6.30 to 8.30 and 8.30 to 10.30

Obviously I need lots a support, Can you help?

If so, have a look and let me know what you can do.

Thanking you.. Debbie Loveday

Dr Ray 'Induced' into Rotary

Tonight Associate Professor Dr Ray Hodgson was inducted by President Gil into the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie. Ray has been an Honorary Member for two years and in this time Ray has attended several of our club meetings & has been impressed with the fun & fellowship of our club & the efforts of Rotarians to make our community & world a better place.

Before the induction President Gil made a slight slip of the tongue & spoke of Dr Ray's inducement which was very funny as he is a gynaecologist!!!

Dr Ray Hodgson is a specialist gynaecologist in Port Macquarie & conducts regular surgical teaching sessions in other hospitals throughout Australia, New Zealand & South East Asia. He is currently the conjoint senior lecturer in Gynaecology at the University of NSW. Dr Ray is the Director of Undergraduate Obstetrics & Gynaecology Teaching at the Port Macquarie Rural Clinical School. He is an examiner of

Medical students & a director of Port Macquarie Ultrasound.

In 2010 Dr Hodgson founded the International Aid Organisation, AUSTRALIANS FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH (www.a4wh.org) The AFWH provides regular surgical treatment camps in developing countries for the management of severe forms of prolapse and incontinence and complications of pregnancy.

Tonight Dr Ray was our guest speaker.

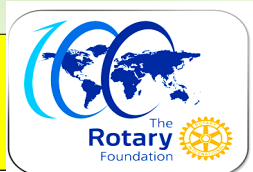
He shared with us some disturbing statistics on women's health in rural Nepal & his efforts to construct a MOTHERS & BABIES HOSPITAL IN DOLAKHA, NEPAL. Our club is thrilled to stand with Dr Ray in these efforts to bring relief to many women & babies in Nepal. The hospital plans were well underway until 18 months ago when an earthquake struck destroying 50% of the buildings in Dolakha. Now Dr Ray is seeking to build a three-storey hospital which will include teaching facilities as well medical facilities.



Dr Ray Hodgson with Debbie Loveday when Ray was made an Honorary Member two years ago. The Bull Ed confesses that the excellent photo taken of Ray's induction tonight was accidentally deleted. Grrrr! In the picture was President Gil, Dr Ray's sponsor Debbie & his mentor Dr Ted Giblin.

Next Wednesday is Rotary FOUNDATION Meet

Guest speakers - Jo Wilkin (District Foundation Director) & Lindsay Wilkin (District International Director)



President: Gil Padarin-Innes **Secretary:** Terry Crossley
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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** - Fred O'Toole.

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
Nov 23rd	Vote on Constitution & Pre- AGM meeting	Jo & Lindsay Wilkin ROTARY FOUNDATION	Secretary— Terry Crossley & Glenda Barber	Dr Ted Giblin	Laurie Barber	Frank Gaukroger	Kerry Medway
Nov 30th	YOUTH—OUR FUTURE	Students from Youth Programs	Diana Gammon	Glenda Barber	none	Graham Wiggins	Kerry Medway

December 2-3-4th NSW State Touch Comp—Car parking Roster—see Debbie Loveday—Volunteer car parkers wanted.

Dec 7th	Combined Members/Alumni BBQ at McInherney Park	Diana Gammon
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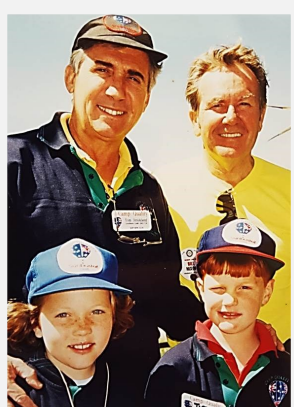
Bill Nixon's 41 Years in Rotary

Recently Bill Nixon resigned from our Rotary Club & from Rotary after 41 years of service. Bill joined the Rotary Club of Chatswood (Sydney) in 1976 - 1992 & served on the Board of this Club for five years. He then joined the Rotary Club of Byron Bay from 1992 - 2003 including two years as President 1995-96. & 1997-98 Then he moved to Nerang & was in this club from 2003 - 2012, In retirement, Bill transferred to the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie from 2012 - 2016.

Bill's work has been in the Insurance Industry. He received National Mutual's top award "The Henry Van Borsum Trophy". Another memorable moment for Bill was in 1970 when he was introduced to Prince Charles & Princess Anne & the Duke of Edinburgh at a function for J/Cs at the Trocadero in Sydney.



Bill & Gai Nixon



'Young' Bill (top right) at Camp Quality in Byron Bay

Over Bill's long history in Rotary he has thrown himself into many worthy community activities. During his time in Byron Bay, Bill has supported through Rotary, Camp Quality, school awards, open gardens, kidney transplant awareness, surf life saving, several exchange students, ships ahoy, a girl guides muster (similar to a scouts jamboree) and the local ambulance. The list goes on & on. PDG Paul Gillette once described Bill "as a one-man Rotary Club!" One of Bill's avenues of service was to be on the management committee & board of Katia Nursery in Byron Bay, which employed physically & mentally disabled young people.

In a citation (A Gift of Life) on Bill for the MDRT Foundation (Million Dollar Round Table Foundation) this was stated - *Bill Nixon moved from the Rotary Club of Chatswood with a membership of 70+ members. When he arrived in Byron Bay the Rotary Club was in the doldrums - 9 members and little activity. Bill's enthusiasm and dedication touched the struggling club and in no time membership had grown. The membership is currently 19 and club activities is at an all time high.* (It is of interest that the club grew to 27 members). The project the club was seeking to obtain funds for was to assist a Community Retirement Village for the elderly. The project started as an extension of the existing building, but due to neighbouring land becoming the subject of a 'native title claim', a new building was required some miles away at considerable additional expense. A grant of \$2500 was received.

Here at the Port Macquarie Rotary Club, Bill was involved in many of our club projects & was swamped with beanies & wool for Nepal. He was a joy and fun to have in our club. Always alongside Bill was his great mate, wife Gai. It is encouraging that Gai is continuing in our club as our International Director.

Thanks Bill from Rotary & the community.

Rotary Presidents - John Thompson (Mullumbimby) & Bill Nixon (Byron Bay) in 1997.



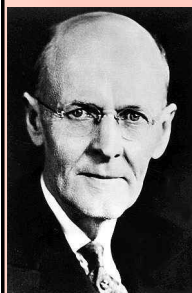
Rotary's Founder

PAUL HARRIS

Quote - No.17

"There are no great fundamental differences between men and nations. None are entirely good; none entirely bad. The great mischief-maker is misunderstanding."

- The ROTARIAN, July 1944



BIRTHDAYS

Nov./Dec. 2016

- 22/11 - Bill Nixon
- 22/11 - Terry Crossley
- 25/11 - Dr Ray Hodgson
- 29/11 - Peter Jensen (Mavis' partner)
- 02/12 - Susan Gaukroger

- 15/12 - Lyn Bowen
- 21/12 - Kerry Trevillion
- 26/12 - Phil Perry
- 28/12 - Kerry Medway (BIG 70)

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov./Dec. 2016

- 17/11 - Adam & Tamara Rumble
- 25/11 - Frank & Narelle Moxon
- 30/11 - Lyn Bowen & David Meidling
- 30/11 - Graham & Val Wiggins
- 06/12 - Diana & (late) Roger Gamon