



# The PORT WHEEL

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## Meeting notes

- Tonight's International Toast was presented by **Lloyd Cross to the Rotary Club of Maunganui** (Tauranga, New Zealand).
- **Lorryl Rumble-Fuller's father, Ron Walesby**, a former member of our club & now member of Westport Rotary has had a plane named after him. A Beechcraft King Air turbo prop linking Port Macquarie with Lord Howe Island.
- **A Resolution** passed unanimously at the AGM tonight - to allow the Club Board to fund the cost of an awning over the entry to the book sorting area at the Rotary Community Centre up to the maximum cost of \$10,000. (The quote for the awning is about \$6000, but the extra has been requested to cover any unforeseen extra over-budget expenses so that another resolution does not need to be passed for more money.)
- This will be the **2nd last bulletin for the year**. Following next weeks edition, there will be no further club bulletins until January 25th, when our normal Rotary meetings will resume. A list of activities in January will be published in next week's Port Wheel.
- **Saturday 21st January ROTARY BBQ at Debbie's** @ 36 Secombe Lane, Wauchope to raise funds for the DGs Partners Project for Cancer Research. Note date.
- **Book Sale** - note your 2017 diary for the book sale - March 4 - 5 - 6, 2017.

## New Club Board for 2017-18



At the club's AGM tonight an exciting new board was elected to lead us into 2017-18. President-Elect - Frank Beukers, Vice-President & President-Elect for 2018-19 - John Sheppard, Secretary - Terry Crossley, Treasurer - Bob Cleland (absent from the photo), Club Service Director - Glenda Barber, Community Service Director - Phil Perry (also absent from the photo), International Director - Gai Nixon, Youth Director - Diana Gammon, Vocational Service Director - Kerry Medway & Membership Director - Fred O'Toole

## Ups & Downs for the 1st six months of 2016-17

Our club currently has 40 members, but several are inactive. We are a far-cry from the 'glory days' of our club when we had 60+ active members in the 1960s & 70s. These past few months we have had some great meetings & been involved in a number of exciting community projects locally & overseas in Tanna & Nepal. Youth Director Diana Gammon has done an amazing job in connecting our club to the local High Schools & we have had some inspiring youth meets and been able to encourage many of our young people in their future career paths. Three of our members have resigned (two due to health & age problems) & we have gained one new outstanding member Dr Ray Hodgson. Our Membership Director Fred O'Toole has been encouraging members to seek new prospective Club members. He has over 40 names on his books so far and is hoping for several more over the Christmas New Year break. Fred and his team will be working to recruit these potential younger members into our aging club in 2017-18. Following PDG Neville Parson's inspiring talk on new ways of doing Rotary, our club still has not changed anything. One wonders if these new members will stay if we do not bring what we do in Rotary into the 21st century. We hope that in the new year we will look seriously at our dinner meetings & how we do Rotary & make some changes & welcome many new members. How many Rotarians to change a light bulb? CHANGE! CHANGE!!!!

**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...**  
**Email - [rpmclubsvcs@outlook.com](mailto:rpmclubsvcs@outlook.com)**

**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
Dec 21st	Xmas party & Final Meet for the year	Kerry Medway "The Father Rip-Off Controversy"	Neil Porter	?????????	Nil	Mavis Wallace	Kerry Medway
Dec. 28th	NO MEETING						

January's Informal Program will be published in Next Week's Port Wheel.

## PRESS RELEASE - ROTARY LODGE - 5/12/2016

Rotary Lodge Port Macquarie wishes to advise the local community of the commencement of Stage 4 of the Lodge situated in the grounds of the Port Base Hospital. The ceremonial "turning of the first sod" for **Stage 4** occurred at 11am on Monday 5th December 2016, performed by The Honourable Luke Hartsuyker the Federal Member for Cowper.

Rotary Lodge is a community service commenced in 1990 and after several years of fundraising by the Rotary Clubs of Port Macquarie, Wauchope and Laurieton and their local communities.

**Stage 1** of the lodge was completed in 1996 (6 rooms)

**Stage 2** Planning was commenced in 2003 with the building of a further 18 units which were completed on the 16th April 2005.

**Stage 3** The design & construction of the new Carpark was completed in early 2016 in preparation for the major expansion program (stage 4).

**Stage 4** - Will commence on 5th December 2016 with the construction of a new building with an additional 12 rooms due for completion in the middle of 2017.

The Rotary Lodge is a continuing Rotary project which provides accommodation for patients who are receiving treatment at Port Base Hospital, their carer's and relatives. The current expansion is as a direct result of the recent expansion of the hospital and its services to the Mid North Coast communities.

The staff of the Lodge, are committed to making their patients stay as comfortable as possible in often difficult circumstances and are in constant contact with the hospital and Cancer Institute on their behalf.

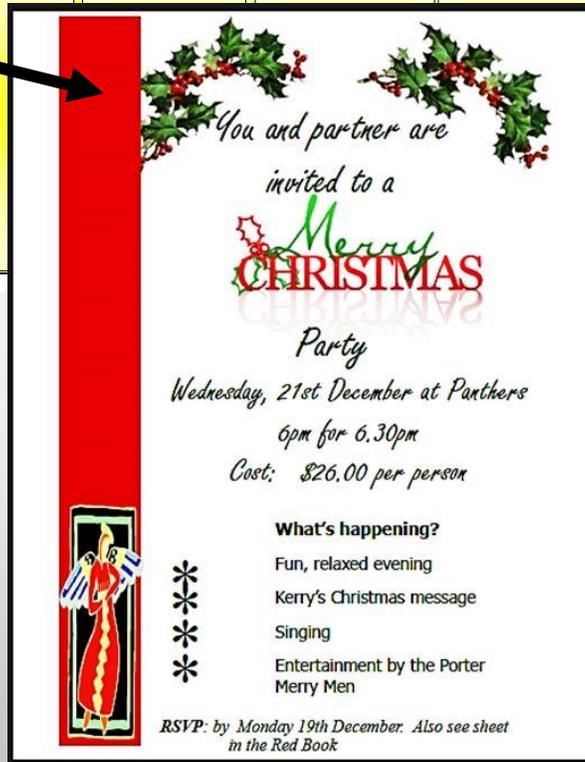
**Phil Hafey**

**Chairman Rotary Lodge Committee**

**Jokes** - What do you call an Egyptian in denial?  
Answer - Wet !!!!!

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The urge to sing the Lion King is always just a whim away..... !!!!!



You and partner are invited to a **Merry CHRISTMAS** Party  
Wednesday, 21st December at Panthers  
6pm for 6.30pm  
Cost: \$26.00 per person

**What's happening?**  
Fun, relaxed evening  
Kerry's Christmas message  
Singing  
Entertainment by the Porter Merry Men

RSVP: by Monday 19th December. Also see sheet in the Red Book

## The Gammons - Oscar's new host family



Oscar Boyer's (pictured 2nd from right) new host family, the Gammons. Philip & Bernadette with Gammon children - Reuben, Abigail, Tom & Sara Viale who was Oscar's first host Mum.

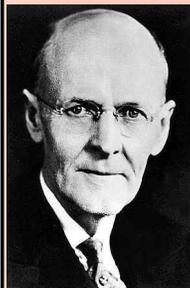
**Rotary's Founder**

**PAUL HARRIS**

Quote - No.21

*"Every worker who gives himself to a worthy cause is bound to realize some of its benefits."*

- My Road to Rotary.



### BIRTHDAYS

**Dec. 16 & Jan.'17**

- 21/12 - Kerry Trevillion
- 26/12 - Phil Perry
- 28/12 - Kerry Medway
- 31/12 - Oscar Boyer
- 03/01 - Dianne Gander
- 05/01 - Tina Bell
- 23/01 - Neil Porter

### ANNIVERSARIES

**January 2017**

- Nil