



The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

- Tonight's International Toast was presented by **Gai Nixon** to the Rotary Club of **Galway Salthill, Ireland**.
- Congratulations to **Helen Brown** who recently retired after 24 years of service at the Far West Shop. Well done Helen.
- **GSE team from Germany** will be in P/M from February 26th to March 1st. They are to be hosted by the three Rotary clubs in town. Our hosting day is Wednesday 1st March & they will attend our club meeting that night.
- **New club bank a/cs** - Please note our new bank accounts at the Holiday Coast Credit Union. - **Club a/c** - for members fees, etc. BSB 721 000 a/c - 100186792 & moneys raised from fundraising activities - **Service a/c** - BSB 721 000 a/c - 100186796
- Tonight's **3 on ME** was presented by **Fred O'Toole** about Fred & June's trip to Russia. Fred told some hilarious stories of mix-ups in Russia.
- **Painting of Women's Refuge**, the final touch is on next Tuesday at 8-30am. Call Phil Perry or President Gil for directions.
- The **Rotary Community Centre** floor has been re-polished ready for a new look in 2017.
- **Rotary Book Sale** - March 4-5-6. Note the dates.
- \$14,000 extra was raised from renting out rooms at **Rotary Lodge** to holiday makers over the Christmas/New Year tourist time.

Gil's Year -

As we step into 2017 & the final five months of President Gil Padarin-Innes' year, Gil set out a summary of what we looked at in June & what we have achieved so far.

We have huge strides in involving young people in our programs, mainly thanks to the incredible work of Youth Director Diana Gammon. There have been a number of hands-on projects like the painting of the Women's Refuge & involvement with RAWCS & Tanna & the hospital in Nepal.

Secretary Terry took a straw poll of members on changing the format of our club meetings with 90% approval.

STOP PRESS—Treasurer Frank Beukers told the meeting tonight that almost \$1000 was raised at Debbie's BBQ towards Barbara's Cancer PHD Research Grant. Well done.

Rotary Fundraiser

On Saturday 21st January, 50 Rotarians & partners from our local Rotary clubs met at Debbie Lovedays for a great BBQ to raise funds for DG Ian Jackson's partner Barbara's Cancer Research project. So far Barbara has raised over \$19,000 towards her target of \$38,500 to provide a PHD Scholarship for Cancer Research.

It was a superb night catered by ExCess Foods & entertainment by Kenn Brown who crooned his way through the night. Thanks to Debbie for her wonderful hospitality (pictured with DG's partner Barbara) Pictured also is Kenn Brown & a lovely pic taken by Sam Openshaw of the pool setting.



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
Feb.1st	Volunteering Abroad	Brittani Harris & Tim Cook	Diana Gammon	David Meidling	Sam Openshaw	???	Neil Porter
Feb.8th	Immunisation in India for Polio	Trish Afleck-Mooney	Pres. Gil Padarin-Innes	Laurie Barber	————	???	Lyn Bowen
Feb.15th	Iceland to OZ	Three Icelandic Nurses	Phil Perry	John Oxley	Glenda Barber	??????	Kerry Medway
February 17-18-19 - NSW State Junior Touch Comp - Car Parking Volunteers—see Deb's roster - out now..... Spaces to be filled. THANKS							
Feb.22nd	International IRISH Night	Richard O'Brien Ex-Irish Ambassa-	Gai Nixon	Lorryl Rumble	————	Fred O'Toole	Neil Porter

Oscar goes West (with the Tim Tams!!)

"We have said goodbye to Oscar for the time being."

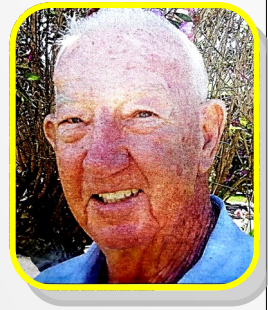
On 7th January, French student Oscar Boyer was delivered to Wauchope Club for the second half of his exchange adventure. He has been highly entertained/and entertaining over the Christmas break as we can see from these photos. He has climbed Big Nellie with family and friends; wondered how Santa knew he liked Tim Tams; played Laser Tag on his birthday; become an Ozi (sort of); wondered how a baby photo was obtained for his place card on Christmas day and just floated around in the sea wondering how the weather can be like this at Christmas.



We wish him well in his new endeavour. He has been a wonderful ambassador for our Club and the exchange program. As his new friends say, "HE'S COOL". - Diana Gammon

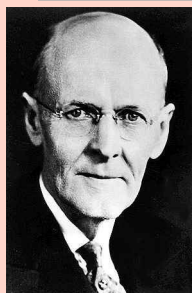


Rotarian for 22 Years - Ted Townsend Dies at Age 90



On December 30th 2016, a former member of our Rotary Club Edward (Ted) Townsend died.

- Ted was the founding partner of a plumbing firm MOORE & TOWNSEND which still exists today.
- He was President of the Port Macquarie Rotary Club in 1962-63... the year of completion of the Port Macquarie Observatory. He was made a Patron of the Astronomical Society. During Ted's year as President the town had a devastating tornado that saw 3 workmen killed. Our club was at the forefront of supporting families devastated by the tornado. Ivan Meldrum (a member of our club) was District Governor at this time.
- Ted served numerous times on the club board in his 22 years, including Treasurer & Secretary.
- In 1975/76 Glen Fowler was our club President and in January '76 suddenly died. Ted stepped-up as President for the next five months.
- Then suddenly in the latter half of 1976, Ted resigned from Rotary. Why ?
- According to an article in the Port Macquarie News (Ted's picture above is from the paper - 11/1/17) by Malcolm Andrews, Ted was also instrumental in the re-locating of the Port Macquarie Golf Course. He served in WW2 with RAAF & was a keen fisherman.
- Our Rotary club owes Ted Townsend a great debt for his efforts in the fledgling years of our club.



Rotary's Founder PAUL HARRIS

Quote - No.??

I have published 22 wise quotes from Paul Harris over the past 6 months. Some amazing insights. I have not had ONE comment, good or bad, so will cease finding & publishing them. Why bother ????? - Bull Ed.

BIRTHDAYS Jan./Feb. '17

- 31/01 - Narelle Moxon
- 18/02 - Joan Moss

ANNIVERSARIES February 2017

- 10/02 - Kerry & Julie Medway
- 10/02 - Fred & June O'Toole
- 15/02 - Laurie & Glenda Barber
- 21/02 - Ted & Robbie Giblin
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