



The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

- Tonight's International Toast was presented by **Frank Moxon** to the Rotary Club of **Aurora, Colorado, USA.**
- **Late District Conference Registrations** are open until this Friday. **BOOK NOW.** A late fee will apply.
- The Bull Eds will unfortunately not be at the **District Conference.** Can a club member send some pics of our club members & of the conference & any interesting features for the March 29, Port Wheel. Send to Kerry M. Thanks.
- **Next weeks Port Wheel** will be done from afar. All three of our Bulls Eds will be out of town, so **Keith Innes** will send a report & pics to Kerry in Yass.
- If you are unable to attend next week's meeting, **President Gil** invites you to submit any suggestions via email to her for the Club Board to consider.
- Phil Perry informed us tonight that the next **Bunnings BBQ** will be on Sunday 8th July. A fund-raiser for Tanna.

Olympic Volunteering

Tonight's meeting was treated to a special insight into Olympic Volunteering. Laurie Smith OAM has attended 13 Olympic Games from Mexico City in 1968 to Rio de Janeiro in 2016. Barbara, whom Laurie met on an air flight (she was a hostess) has attended 9 Olympics. Barbara has been a Hastings Heroine & won Dancing with the Stars by dancing the tango. They gave us some stirring insights into the various Olympics including the terrorist attack on 11 Israeli athletes at Munich. Laurie was inspired at his first Olympics whilst playing table-tennis with a Russian, a Spaniard & one other & he saw how playing sport united them.

He saw that Olympism can "bring the world together".

Thanks Laurie & Barbara - an inspiring evening.



Program Chair - Debbie Loveday with two amazing Olympic Volunteers Laurie & Barbara Smith

Laurie & Barbara at the 2000 Sydney Olympics with volunteer JA Hawkins whom they supported through the Aunties & Uncles program.

From Laurie's book "LIVING IS GIVING" the definitive book on Olympic volunteering. Available on-line at - www.rovingtrainer.com



Rotary made a Thumbs Up in The Independent



Thumbs Up

TO our Rotary Clubs, three years in a row Hastings Citizen of the Year is a Rotarian, well deserved. Keep up the good work.

Thumbs Up Thumbs Down is your chance to have your say. Malicious or

Late Registrations until March 17 + a late fee.

DISTRICT 9650 CONFERENCE 2017

Fellowship and Inspiration by the Sea

LAURIETON

24 - 26 MARCH

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...
Email - 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
March 22	Club Assembly		President Gil	Gai Nixon		Gai Nixon	Neil Porter
March 24th - 25th - 26th - District 9650 Conference in Laurieton - Late Registrations until March 17. A late fee will be charged							
March 29	Engineers in Australia	Meg Teasdell & Peter Wilson	Diana Gammon	Alastair Moss		Doug Heagney	Kerry Medway
April 5							

Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines



Glenda Barber keeping an eye on two crazy pilots Bob Cleland & Frank Beukers at the our Vocational Site visit to the International Aviation College at Port Macquarie Airport at last Wednesday's meeting.



Important Club Assembly - March 22nd

Dear member,
 Notice is given that the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie has scheduled an Assembly for the dinner meeting on Wednesday 22nd March 2017. The purpose of the Assembly is to consider the proposal set out in the attached report from Treasurer and President Elect Frank Beukers. After a full discussion at the meeting, a secret ballot will be held in order to accurately measure support for the proposal.

Please note that the decision to hold a secret ballot is not a vote under Article 13 of the Club's Constitution and Bylaws. The result of the ballot is not binding on the club or its members. Any motion to implement the outcome of the Assembly will still be a matter for the Board to decide. However, any such decision will be guided by the level of support shown from the ballot.

Regards Terry Crossley Secretary

Note from President Gil -

Fellow Rotarians

On March 22 we will have an Assembly to further consider changing the format of our meetings to have two formal meetings, one (or occasionally two) social meeting/s and one board meeting open to members to attend each month.

(Laurieton and Wauchope have both changed to something similar to this format so you might like to see how friends in either of these clubs feel about their new practice – in discussion, neither President indicated that it had disadvantaged the club in any way.)

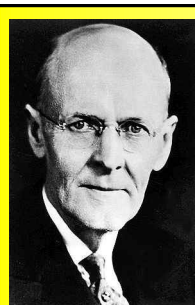
The attached report from Frank indicates

- a. How Panthers will respond
- b. How the treasurer feels club finances may be affected
- c. Some discussion and a possible program of meetings for the next Rotary year

In addition, Directors who want to have been invited to prepare a document which outlines how their portfolio may be affected and send it to all members

These reports are being provided now to give you plenty of time to digest them and think how such a change might affect you personally. It is not expected to change the 'Rotary work' we do.

Yours in Rotary
 President Gil



Rotary's Founder **PAUL HARRIS**

Quote - No.29

"The Creator had man's welfare in mind when He gave him hills to climb."

- A Message to the 1928 RI Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

BIRTHDAYS

March 2017

- 18/03 - Lloyd Cross
- 18/03 - Ted Giblin
- 19/03 - David Meidling
- 29/03 - Val Wiggins
- 30/03 - Marlene White
- 31/03 - John Oxley
- 31/03 - Helen Crossley
- 17/03 - Frank & Sue Gaukroger
- 18/03 - Frank & Lorraine Beukers - 50th

ANNIVERSARIES

March 2017

- 13/03 - Phil & Helen Brown
- 14/03 - Terry & Helen Crossley
- 24/03 - Geoff & Sue Workman