



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 **Doug Heagney** to the **Rotary Club of Biella, North Italy**.
- Another badge for our Youth Director, Di told us that **Shaun Wilson, Port High Captain, NYSF student** was heading to England to attend the International Youth Science Forum. Actually, well done Shaun!
- **RYLA week** is on from April 1 – 8th at Nambucca Heads.
- Port Campus head Teacher Joanne Bourke told us excitedly that the boys who came to our meeting a few weeks back & showed us their Robot 6508 Called "Two Bob" won the National Robot "All Star Rookie Award". Some of the boys are off to Houston USA to compete in the world titles.
- **Paula Johnson**, Manager of Rotary Lodge won an award at the conference—the **District Vocational Award**. As well for the 2nd year in a row the Rotary Lodge won the multi-club award. We hope to have Paula & the trophies at next weeks meeting.
- Next weeks guest speaker is **Jenny Sinclair from EACH**. She will be sharing about her work in reconnecting the homeless with their families. Bring your partners.
- We also plan to induct a new member **Alan McInerney** into our club. At next week's meeting.

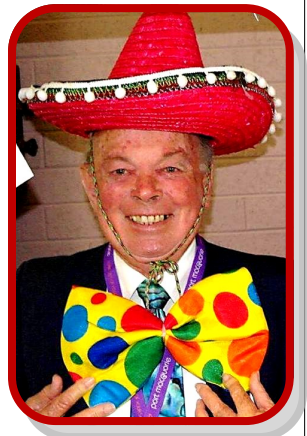
## Thanks Rotary - Women's Refuge



Julie Brown, President Gil, Graham Wiggins, Phil Perry and Keith Innes attended the Women's Refuge for a cuppa and received a Certificate of Appreciation for the paint job they, other members and friends did on the lounge and play area over the past few months. Marette the Refuge Manager and Gemma Morley CEO of the Domestic and Family Violence Specialist Service hosted the event – we all had a few giggles and a good time was had by all.

The Certificate reads -  
**To the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie The Domestic & Family Violence Specialist Service appreciates the enormous contribution you have made creating a fresh space at the Refuge through your many hours of painting.**

At the District Conference - Laurie Barber  
**Speedy Gonzales**  
 at  
**Laurieton**



Have no idea what Laurie is doing here? To quote his recent column in The Independent newspaper -

"WE ARE BAMBOOZLED!!!"

**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
April 5	Homelessness	Jenny Sinclair	Lorraine Beukers	Frank Gaukroger	nil	Kerry Medway	Kerry Medway
April 12	Surf Life Saving	Kim Raynor	Phil Perry	Graham Wiggins	Phil Perry	Lorryl Rumble-Fuller	Lyn Bowen
April 18th (Tuesday) Transfer meeting to Port West - Anzac - Spkr - Afghanistan Veteran - Jason Gill . \$ 25p/p - 5-45 for 6-30pm							
April 26	Volunteering in India	Trish Affleck-Mooney	President Gil	Glenda Barber	nil	Keith Innes	Neil Porter

## A Report from Debbie Loveday on the District Conference

\* Saturday morning Dr Ray Hodgson (Pictured right) was the speaker on Nepal.

He got a standing ovation for an amazing presentation.

\* Bob and I did a "tom and jerry act" on Saturday afternoon on the Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants program which was well received.

Bob has been asked to deliver the message at some of our local clubs.

- Phil Hafey was selected as the District Governor for 2019-2020
- Some other speeches of note was Sarah Brown on "the Purple Bus" a mobile kidney dialysis truck for the outback and the aboriginal people so they can stay on country and not be disenfranchised from their homes and families.
- \* ROMAC amazing story of a young lad whose dream was to walk with his brother. His right leg was very badly burned when his house burnt down and at 9 years of age received an amputation and prosthesis.  
He is now training to be a nurse.
- \* Dr Jim Frazier with some dire warning about pollution and the effect of the Fukushima nuclear disaster.

Our club was well represented.

Not to forget walking away with 2 of the district awards (which will be featured in next weeks club bulletin)

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie did very well!



## Searching for Engineers



Tonight's guest speaker was Peter Wilson (Pictured left with Diana Gammon). Peter is with the Mid-North Coast Engineers a group that is seeking to encourage youth & adults to pursue a career in engineering.

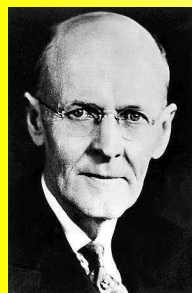
They conduct visits to various businesses that use engineering in their work, eg. Bales & Akubra. They

run Discover Engineering Seminars for school children & parents, participate in Career days piggyback into Webinars, etc. Peter is an electrical engineer & works for Essential Energy. He gave a very interesting presentation.



## New Honorary Member - Lorraine

Tonight President Gil inducted Lorraine Haddon into our club as an Honorary Member. Lorraine is the Principal of the Hastings Secondary College, Port Macquarie Campus. Lorraine has been very thankful of Rotary's support of young people at her school.



## Rotary's Founder PAUL HARRIS

Quote - No.31

*"Let us keep our hearts strong,  
enthusiasm fresh, hope high.  
As long as we keep imbued with  
this spirit,*

*Rotary can never die."*  
- The Rotarian - August 1926.

## BIRTHDAYS Mar/April. 2017

- 18/04 - Mary Oxley
- 28/04 - Sheila (Sam) Openshaw
- 29/04 - Debbie Loveday
- 30/03 - Marlene White
- 31/03 - John Oxley
- 31/03 - Helen Crossley
- 09/04 - Gai Nixon

## ANNIVERSARIES April 2017

- 07/04 - Vern & Margaret Allen
- 11/04 - Frank & Patricia Urban
- 15/04 - Julie & Kenn Brown
- 19/04 - John & Mary Oxley