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The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

- Tonight's International Toast was presented by **Kerry Medway** to the **Rotary Club of Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia**.
- It is with regret the club has received **the resignation of Paul Froome** as an honorary member and the club's website administrator, due to failing health and travel plans. Paul has offered to train anyone who may be interested in taking up the role of Website Administrator, about which he says "Looking after the web pages is quite simple and not a technical task at all. Simple word processing and computer skills are all that is required, that and the time to do it, not much time!"
- Is there any member or member contact who would be prepared to take over from Paul and accept his kind offer of training? **See Secretary Terry Crossley URGENTLY.**
- **Social event** on Sat 29th April @ The Udder Cow in Comboyne. More info from Sam Openshaw soon.
- **Book Sort** next Wednesday 12th @ Community Centre @ 8-30am
- **Rotary Bowel Scan** @ Port Central from May 8 - 14th. Please roster your name into the Red Book asap Thanks.
- **Graham Wiggins** has been working with RYPEN students at Port High School. Teaching farming & animal handling. Well done Graham.



Port Rotary Wins Two Gongs

At the Rotary District 9650 Conference in Laurieton, Port Macquarie Rotary Club won TWO District Awards.

Diana Gammon & the Youth team won the prestigious PDG Warren Newman Trophy for YOUTH SERVICE. This was presented to the club judged to have achieved the most in their youth service at local, district and international level. We have seen the many encouraging youth presentations Dianna & her team have shared with our youth at National Science Summer Schools & Robot contests, RYLA, etc.

(Pictured - presenting the trophy is DG Ian Jackson with our club's Youth Director Dianna Gammon & President Gil Padarin-Innes).

The second award was won by our club bulletin team for the Best Club Bulletin in District 9650.

This is the second time our club has won this trophy (the last being in 2011). Pictured with the PDG Barry Titcume Trophy for Club Bulletin are our three Port Wheel editors - PDG Laurie Barber, Kerry Medway & Dr Lyn Bowen.



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**

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 12	Surf Life Saving	Paul 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
April 30th - Club Assembly at Kempsey of ALL Incoming Club Officers for 2017 - 2018							
May 3	Emergency Svce Volunteer of Year	Ken Sherwood SES Controller	Kerry Medway	➔			

Rotary Emergency Services 'Volunteer of the Year' Awards 2017

Emergency Service Groups are invited to nominate a worthy volunteer as -

1. Volunteer of the Year - 2016-17
2. Junior Volunteer of the Year - 2016-17 (U18)

Please submit nominations & Volunteer's CV to the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie by 15th April 2017. The awards will be presented on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at special award night.

Inquiries may be made to the Rotary Club OR to Vocational Director - Kerry Medway - Phone 0423 663 301 or Email: kerry@kerry.medway.org

The winners will receive a trophy plus the honour of being recognised as 'Volunteer of the Year'.



< The 2015 Rotary 'Volunteer of the Year' the late Shane Hughes (SES).



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Disturbing Homeless Numbers



Tonight's guest speaker was Jenny Sinclair the Incoming President of the Sunrise Rotary Club.

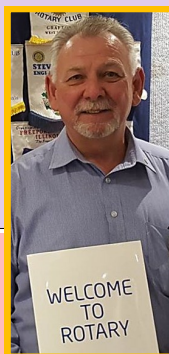
Jenny is the Manager of EACH in NSW an organisation that has a \$75m budget with 250 workers seeking to care for many of the hurting in our community. Jenny spoke on HOMELESS YOUTH. There are 175-200 youth sleeping

rough in the Hastings each night. The head of the drug centre said he thought this was underestimated & he thought more like 400 kids sleeping rough in this area.

Over 105,000 men, women & children in Australia are homeless (ie. Sleeping rough or couch surfing). Mostly due to domestic & family violence.

Jenny told one harrowing story of a young man rejected & struggling in our community. She told another story of a young man who has successfully gained an apprenticeship as a chef & is doing well despite some tragic beginnings.

She told the story 'homelessness' that many of us would rather not know about, with compassion & empathy & made a dour story that is blight on our Australian community into something positive. Thank you Jenny.



Tonight we inducted Alan McInerney into our club. Alan's story will feature in next week's bulletin.

Final Call for Nominations April 18th

We are receiving some worthy nominees.

If you have any contacts please encourage them to respond with a nominee by Tuesday 18th April. The day after Easter. Thanks.

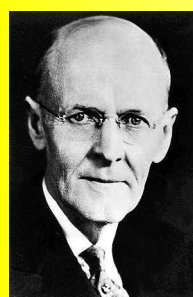
Judith Returns

Tonight we welcomed former Exchange Student from Germany, Judith (pronounced Yood-it) Czeskak. She was here in 2008 in Lorryl Rumble-Fuller's year of Presidency.

Whilst here in 2008, Judith celebrated her 17th birthday. (Pictured from the 2008 Port Wheel.)

Judith with her friend Louisa is travelling the world before training as High School P.E & English teacher in Berlin.

Did anyone get Judith's email, so we can send her this picture????



Rotary's Founder **PAUL HARRIS**

Quote - No.32

"The aviator may be shot down, but the soul of the man shall not be interrupted in its flight."

Message to 1918
R/I Convention, Kansas City,
Missouri. USA

BIRTHDAYS April. 2017

- 09/04 - Gai Nixon
- 18/04 - Mary Oxley
- 28/04 - Sheila (Sam) Openshaw
- 29/04 - Debbie Loveday

ANNIVERSARIES April 2017

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