



The PORT WHEEL

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Website - www.rotaryclubportmacquarie.com.au

Meeting notes

- Tonight's International Toast was presented by **David Meidling** to the Rotary Club of **Nimbo, near Shanghai in China**. David emailed the President (who is German, as Chinese people are not allowed to join Rotary nor any clubs) and told him what he was doing. The club is about to be chartered & the President thought this toast was a great idea.
- Note from Phil Perry - a **Working Bee at the Rotary Community Centre on Sat 20th May**.
- **President Gil** reported that this year there has only been **FIVE cases of POLIO reported** - two in Pakistan & three in Afghanistan.
- Details of the **Changeover for the Wauchope Rotary Club on May 30th**. See the Secretary for info.
- Note also our **transfer meeting to farewell our shared Exchange Student Oscar Boyer will be on Tuesday 13th June** (there will be no meeting of our club on the 14th)

Local Rotary Club Changeovers

(note the dates)

- May 30th - Wauchope
- June 20th - Port West
- June 24th - Port Sunrise
- June 26th - Laurieton
- **June 28th - Our Club - Port Macquarie**
- July 1st - Laurieton.

Angel Flight

Tonight's guest speaker was Clyde Stubbs from Angel Flight. Clyde was introduced by Program Chair Lloyd Cross (Pictured with Clyde below right)

Clyde has been a pilot for 21 years & has made 38 angel flights since 2003. He now lives in Wauchope.

Angel Flights are available free of charge to people who are not sick enough for a Medivac, nor the Westpac helicopter service but have a non-emergency medical appointment, usually in a capital city & are unable to travel via car & can't afford the commercial airlines. Pilots with a passion to fly & a wish to help others, volunteer to fly. They give of their time & plane expenses & are only reimbursed for the cost of their fuel.

Angel Flight is a voluntary organisation totally run with donations (no-government assistance). As well as pilots there are also hundreds of Earth Angels, people willing to drive patients from the plane to hospital & back again.

What a special community support group. If you wish to know more go to - www.angelflight.com.au



Graham Bell from our club for many years flew Angel Flights before ill-health forced him to stop flying. Well done Graham.

Walking back to the car after Bowel Scan on Monday, I saw this sign, I love it - Kerry

*"I am not in the box,
Nor am I out of the box!
In fact I don't even know where
the damn box is!!!"*

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
May 8-14 - ROTARY BOWEL SCAN at Port Central..... Thanks to all our volunteers—Debbie Loveday.							
May 17	A new book— "Purposeful"	John Carroll	Alastair Moss	Ted Giblin	Loraine Beukers	David Meidling	Neil Porter
May 24	Luminosity	Kate Wood-Foye & 3 youth leaders	Diana Gammon	Doug Heagney	Dr Ray Hodgson	Sam Openshaw	Kerry Medway
May 31	International ITALIAN Night	At LA ROMA, 3 Murray St. 6pm for 6-30pm Cost \$30 p/p	Gai Nixon				



Check out the great article about Dr Ray Hodgson's work with AFWH in Nepal in the May Issue of FOCUS on page 60.

Uralla Rotary Springs to Life

Uralla Rotary had a membership of 13 & was struggling to stay alive. Despite several conservative members they agreed to some radical changes & since the club membership has grown to 39!!!!!!

What did they do? Debbie Loveday contacted & spoke to the Club President Michael Batt, these are some of things they tried -

- Dispensed with the weekly meal - no attendance figures necessary.
- Meetings were for ONE hour, no more. Keep the meeting productive. Young parents after the meeting concluded go home to put their children to bed. Older members often also go home.
- After the ONE hour meeting, members are asked if they would like to stay for dinner together. They pick a venue, give them a call & let the café/restaurant know they are coming.
- Most members wear their Rotary shirts out to dinner to be visible to the community. They vary the dinner venue each week.
- They have dispensed with Rotary Grace, & the National Anthem.
- Each member is allocated to a project. They report on these projects in the ONE hour meeting, if anything to report.
- One major fund-raiser (the Art Show) this committee meets outside of Rotary meetings & reports to the board.
 - They interact with other local clubs, eg Walcha.
- The club reaches out to Youth Groups in the town & involve young parents who want to see things done for their school. They join with Rotary to achieve their goals.
- **Sounds radical, but a 300% growth in membership is impressive.**

Emergency Services

'Volunteer of the Year' Awards 2017

We received the following notes of thanks following the presentation of last weeks awards -

"Well once again, your organisation never fails to amaze me. Thank you Rotary for a wonderful evening."

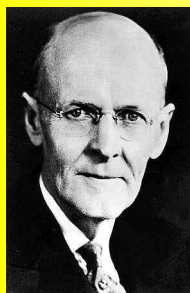
- Paul Rayner - Surf Life Saving

"It was great to see Bruce being recognised for the wonderful work he does. Thanks very much to your organisation for the award."

- Meredith Rossi - Admin - Rural Fire Service.

"Two great recipients and a great night. I was happy to make a small contribution."

- Kevin Sherwood - Area Controller - State Emergency Services.



Rotary's Founder PAUL HARRIS

Quote No. 37

"It will be in keeping with the tendency of times if Rotarian activities narrow rather than broaden. The narrower the stream, the deeper & swifter the current & the more clearly defined the channel. This is a day of specialization. Perhaps Rotary will prove to be an exemplification of specialization in clubdom."

Message to the 1916 RI Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

BIRTHDAYS

May 2017

- 11/05 - Helen Brown
- 13/05 - Frank Urban
- 15/05 - Jill Heagney
- 24/05 - Graham Bell
- 25/05 - Kenn Brown
- 30/05 - Ray White

ANNIVERSARIES

May 2017

- nil