

# The PORT WHEEL

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## Meeting notes

- There will be a book sort **next Saturday** commencing at 8:30pm. Just turn up for as long as you can.
- Bob Cleland asked for volunteers for our Meals on Wheels roster next week. Any new members interested in taking part in our monthly deliveries, please see Bob.
- Phil Perry advised us that the additional 12 rooms at Rotary Lodge should be ready by the end of the year.
- South West Rocks Rotary Club has sent us an invitation to the opening of the Boyters Lane Bird Hide on **Sunday 8th October**. See Diana Gammon for details.
- Vocational visit to Endeavour House 18th October. Cost will be \$22pp for a main meal plus dessert or cake followed by tea/coffee. **No alcohol is allowed on the premises.**
- A **Social outing** has been arranged at the Riverside Tavern, South West Rocks on **Saturday 21st October**. See Sam Openshaw or the pink book for details.
- Tickets are available from Lorraine Beukers for the fundraising movie night on **Friday 10th November**. We need to sell 45 tickets. Lorraine is looking for volunteers from our club who are able to provide some finger food and/or nibbles & to assist with the serving. **This is not limited to the ladies alone.** See the pink book for further details.
- **Bulletin editor for next week.** Hopefully things will return to normal next week with Kerry back in Port.

## Hat Day!

A fun night was had tonight where hats were many and varied. 6 members were chosen to give a 1 minute talk about their hats, and the bottle of champagne was won by Debbie Loveday. The hat competition was hotly contested.



What were they thinking??

A special raffle was held & raised \$160 for ARH. John Oxley won the box of fruit.



And the winners were....  
Debbie Loveday & Frank Urban



**President:** John Sheppard; **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 Frank Beukers...**  
**Email - [frank@pmr.org.au](mailto:frank@pmr.org.au) or Text—0411 468 682**

**President** - John Sheppard; **President-elect** - Vacant; **Treasurer** - Bob Cleland; **Vice-President** - Gai Nixon; **Secretary** - Terry Crossley;  
**Directors - Club** - Glenda Barber; **Community** - Ray White; **Vocational** - Kerry Medway; **Past-President** - Gil Padarin-Innes; **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
Oct 11	Club Board @ 6pm & Committees meeting 5pm						
Oct 18	Vocational Visit to Endeavour House	Rob Morehead	Lorraine Beukers & Sam Openshaw				
Oct 25	Dorothea Mackellar Poetry	Guest Poet	Diana Gammon	Geoff Slack		Mason Pritchard	Kerry Medway
Nov 1	Melbourne Cup	Racing Fun & Action	Neil Porter	Robert Rutishauser		Elizabeth Fielding	Lyn Bowen

## Guest Speakers

Tonight we had 2 guest speakers—Dr. Lee Krahe & Alan Pretty, who both joined in the spirit of the evening by wearing hats.

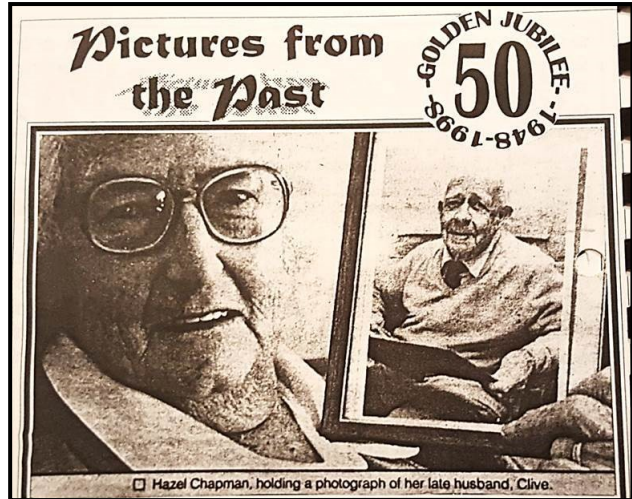


Sheila Openshaw with Dr Krahe & Alan Pretty

Dr Krahe has been with the Mid North Coast Local Health District since 2013 & is currently the District's lead on the expansion of the Port Macquarie Base Hospital's Mental Health Inpatient Unit.

The \$15m expansion will double the capacity of the Unit from 12 to 24 beds with a flexible configuration to separate different groups according to needs. Additional facilities such as a dedicated visitor family room will be part of the new Unit. There will also be direct ambulance access for patients presenting with urgent mental health events, thus bypassing the Emergency Department. The District consulted widely with consumers & carers to determine what was needed. The plans are currently in the evaluation process & construction is expected to start by the end of the year. This will be a great facility for our community.

Alan Pretty is the General Manager of Mental Health, Drug & Alcohol—Mid North Coast Local Health District. The district covers an area from Camden Haven to Woolgoolga with inpatient mental health services at Port Macquarie, Kempsey & Coffs Harbour. Alan gave us an insight into the structure of the District and the operation of the Mental Health Units. One concern is the ageing work force & we will have to grow our own through working with the local universities to attract nurses into mental health. Alan answered many questions from the members & also praised Rotary's work, particularly Rotary Lodge.



**Clive Chapman** was a Charter Member & 1<sup>st</sup> Secretary when our club was formed in 1948. He was the Town Clerk & was one of the driving forces behind the establishment of Rotary in Port Macquarie. In 1950/51, Clive became our club's 3<sup>rd</sup> President. Chapman Street (off Lake Road) in Port Macquarie is named for Clive's contribution to our city.



**Where: Majestic Cinema**  
**When: Friday 10th November**  
**5:30 for 6:30pm**  
**Cost: \$20pp**

**This is a Cluster fundraising & social event with the other 2 Port Macquarie Clubs.**  
**Proceeds to Rotary Foundation—Polio Plus.**

**Ticket price includes nibbles, finger food, tea & coffee in the foyer before the movie.**

**Tickets from Lorraine Beukers**  
**0411 468 689**

## Quotation of the week -



*"If you see something beautiful in someone, speak it."*  
 - Ruthie Lindsey

(Thanks Sam Openshaw)

### BIRTHDAYS Sept/Oct 2017

- 11/10 - Julie Medway
- 11/10 - Lorraine Beukers

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES October 2017

- 07/10 - Carla & Ian Wilson
- 16/10 - David & Heather Mayne