

# The PORT WHEEL

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## Meeting notes

- **Thanks** to Lorraine Beukers & Sam Openshaw for arranging our visit to Endeavour House tonight.
- Don't miss next week's **Dorothea Mackellar Poetry** night. It will be another top event organised by Diana Gammon.
- **ARH Dinner at Tamworth** - October 31st. Guest spkr - Joy Gillett - CEO of Australian Rotary Health. Contact Sec Terry for more info.
- **Million Dollar Dinner** - 18th November @ Rydges. Guest Spkr - Jennifer Jones VP of R/I. A fundraiser. Bookings - online @ [www.milliondollardinner.org.au](http://www.milliondollardinner.org.au)
- **DG Bob Ryan** to visit our club on November 15th. Don't miss.
- **RYLA 2018** - will be held on March 17-24th next year at Yarrhapinni . WANTED young people to attend. Please see our Youth Director Diana Gammon with any possible candidates.



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

## Rotary Visits

### Endeavour House

Tonight our club made a memorable visit to the Endeavour Mental Health Recovery Clubhouse. Another of Port Macquarie's 'well-kept' secrets!

Rob Moorehead the Club's Director shared with us the dream of Endeavour & after 13 years of fund-raising by the community the clubhouse is now open & treating many in our community who struggle with mental health issues. Yesterday, Rob & the staff counselled 43 people (including a woman whom Rob spent 6 hours) & today another 32 needed assistance.

We were treated to a delicious meal prepared by the clubhouse members & served by Big John, Scotty, Sarah & Christine.

Rob shared of the difficulty of on-going funding & the need for continuing support & also for sufferers to receive some adequate government funding for the illness. Rob thanked Rotary for our huge support of Endeavour & also Sam Openshaw & the Schizophrenia Assoc that has raised over \$120,000 towards

Endeavour. Endeavour is an amazing facility working on the 'sharp-end' of moderate & severe mental illness. Rob said stats show that in a few years over 42% of our community will be suffering from some form of mental illness. Thanks Rob & team for hosting us tonight.



Lorraine Beukers, Rob Moorehead & Sam Openshaw



Frank Moxon, Gai Nixon, Tina Bell & Geoff Slack

**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...**

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**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.



# 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
Saturday 21st October - Lunch at the Riverside Tavern @ South West Rocks - See Sam Openshaw . See advert below. RSVP by 18/10/17							
Oct 25	Dorothea Mackellar Poetry	Bessie Jennings	Diana Gammon	Geoff Slack	_____	Mason Pritchard	Kerry Medway
Nov 1	Melbourne Cup	Racing Fun & Action	Neil Porter	Robert Rutishauser	_____	Elizabeth Fielding	Lyn Bowen
Nov 8	6pm - Board meeting Note - committee meetings not now	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## Boyter's Lane - 10th Anniversary



Thank you to the Rotary Club of South West Rocks for inviting our members as their guests to a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boyter's Lane Wetlands Project at Jerseyville, SWR.

Originally, the Club successfully applied for a \$40,000 Government grant to complete part of a larger Council plan to build playing fields and to protect surrounding wetlands. The Club built an artificial wetland to stop nutrient runoff into the Macleay River, planted thousands of trees, tested water, and eventually built a bird hide using timber from a 100 year old dairy shed already on the land. Although the playing fields have not yet been built, the Council continues with the environmental and educational component of the overall project planting more indigenous trees, building pathways, platforms and possibly more bird hides.

Pictured above - At the Boyter's Lane Wetlands - Debbie Loveday, Gil Padarin-Innes, Gai Nixon & Diana Gammon.

Thanks Diana for photo & story.

## Sam Chosen to be Youth Governor



Sam Harris with local MP Leslie Williams

"We were proud to win the District MUNA competition back in May 2016 with our Team of Shawn Wilson and Sam Harris of Hastings Secondary College. It has come to our attention that Sam Harris has been chosen as Youth Governor of the YMCA NSW Youth Parliament for 2018. Sam has been quoted saying 'As incoming YMCA Governor, I intend to advocate for equity in regional and metropolitan student representation, public education, environment and health issues with our youth.'

WHAT A TEAM!"

- Another great story from our Youth Director - Diana Gammon

## 70th Anniversary Responses -

- **David Sork** - (President 1992-93) Thanks for the notice. At this stage Vicki & I believe we will be able to attend the anniversary. (David & Vicki now live in Brisbane).
- **Eric Nethery** - A very active Rotarian of yester-year - God willing, I will still be in good health & would like to be included in the festivities. Sadly, I lost my dear wife Janice in 2011 - she really enjoyed the company of fellow Rotarians. I would like to attend with my eldest son, Craig.

## Quotation of the week -

*"I refused to believe that I'd fallen into the world's largest river!  
I was in denial!!!!"*

- Anonymous (for obvious reasons!!!)

## BIRTHDAYS November 2017

- 04/11 - Keith Innes
- 08/11 - Robyn Giblin
- 14/11 - Carla Wilson
- 22/11 - Bill Nixon
- 22/11 - Terry Crossley
- 25/11 - Ray Hodgson
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## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES November 2017

- 08/11 - Ray & Marlene White
- 17/11 - Adam & Tamara Rumble
- 25/11 - Frank & Narelle Moxon
- 30/11 - Lyn Bowen & David Meidling
- 30/11 - Graham & Val Wig