

# The PORT WHEEL

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## Meeting notes

- **Tonight's International Toast** was proposed by - **Elizabeth Fielding** to the Rotary Club of **Louisville in Kentucky USA**
- Our love & prayers go out to **Graham & Val Wiggins** & family on the death of their grand-son, Jordan (age 23) who was killed in a car accident near Narrabri.
- **NOTE - there will be NO bulletin next week** as all 3 Bull Eds are out of town
- **DG Bob Ryan** to visit our club on November 15th. Don't miss.
- **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)
- **Cluster Public Speaking** @ Westport Rotary Tues. 21st Nov @6-30pm. Cost \$20. Our club's rep is - Kyden Power-O'Toole from McKillop.



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

## Our Rotary Melbourne Cup Run

A trackside report from Neil Porter

The Melbourne Cup has been run and won at our Wednesday meeting. Don't worry about the real Melbourne Cup meeting, our Cup meeting was much more exciting and only cost \$1 to enter.

This year's race was contested by a fantastic group of fillies and colts! Well more like old mares and worn out geldings. However, their thundering hooves brought the punters to their feet in a lather of sweat and excitement. When the dust had settled an old grey mare won the day and two plodding geldings filled the places. 'Deserves a Medal' ridden by light-weight hoop Suzie Porter won by a long neck over 'Stamp of Approval' piloted by Frank Beukers and a distant third was 'Overexposed' expertly handled by crowd favourite Alastair Moss.

The happy crowd vowed to return next year and already we have decided to bring the racetrack to the crowd by placing it in the centre of the room. This will ensure that the punters can see their favourite horse as it negotiates the tight Flemington track.



Sam Openshaw dressed for the races

## Our President - Elect 2018 -19

Tonight at a special meeting of our club - John Sheppard was re-elected for a 2nd term as Club President. Congratulations John.



**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** - John Sheppard; **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
Nov 8	6pm - Board meeting Note - committee meetings not now but directors will advise when?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
November 10 - film for fund-raiser for Eradicating Polio—Murder on the Orient Express—see Lorraine Beukers							
Nov. 15	Visit to our club of DG Bob Ryan	DG Bob Ryan	President John Sheppard	Alastair Moss	_____	Geoff Slack	Neil Porter
Nov. 22	AGM & Assembly	_____	President John Sheppard	Lloyd Cross	_____	_____	Kerry Medway

## Dr Ray Hodgson in Nepal

Australians for Women's Health



Our most recent Nepal trip was planned for September. We had 300

women in Far West Nepal lined up for assessment (to decide those suitable for surgery for their genital prolapse). But the massive floods and landslides of August / September isolated all but 15 of these women. So at the last minute we cancelled that trip. Once the flood waters receded we flew over again to begin assessment of the women. This last trip was for 2 weeks, and as you know it also involved the Medical Conference and the meetings with the British Government Aid group and with the various bodies associated with the Mothers and Babies Hospital.

There are still many of the 300 women we haven't been able to assess, but several local Nepalese doctors have been trained to evaluate these women over the next few months.

When we return to Nepal in early March we'll have worked out which of the 300 women will need surgery for that trip. We'll take over with us a whole team of doctors and nurses and hangers-on to provide a surgery camp for three weeks.

- Dr Ray Hodgson.

## DG Bob Ryan's visit on Nov. 15



DG Bob Ryan & his wife Margaret from Armidale North will be visiting our club on November 15th. Bob has been a Rotarian for 41 years & a member of seven Rotary Clubs (due to work in the insurance industry). He has been married to Margaret for 49 years & they have two children & five grandchildren.

Margaret's project for 2017-18 is to raise \$40,000 to create a PhD Scholarship for Research into Stem Cell Regeneration in the muscle tissue of the heart.

### A LETTER RECEIVED FROM A TEACHER & MOTHER AFTER LAST WEEK'S POETRY NIGHT-

*Thank you very much for welcoming us tonight. I wasn't expecting to be able to go, so it was lovely to be able to be there. I have emailed Anne O'Brien to let her know what a great night it was and told her about the cheque you presented as I'm sure she would like to send her thanks. The students who attend Rotary events are always made to feel special; it is very thoughtful of you to provide these opportunities.*

*Best wishes to you and to all members of the Port Macquarie Rotary Club. - Leonie and Dino DiBona - McKillop*

## Quotation of the week -

*"Money, horse racing & women: three things the boys just can't figure out!"*

- Will Rogers



### 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