

The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

- **Tonight's International Toast** was proposed by - **Gai Nixon** to the Rotary Club of **Kampala in Uganda**.
- Our club was deeply saddened to receive the resignation of **Graham Wiggins**. Graham has been a long-time (17 years) & valuable member of our club & was one of the drivers behind the early days of the Rotary Book Sale. We continue to pray for Graham & Val & their family over the loss of their grandson from a car accident & wish them every blessing for the future.
- PP Gil Padarin-Innes informed us that one of our beloved members **Keith Innes** has had to be admitted into Respite Care & is awaiting placement in care. Our hearts go out to Keith & Gil & their families.
- **Frank Gaukroger** advised that we have almost filled the BBQ roster at **K-Mart this Saturday** & also the **Touch Football Car Parking**. Please see Frank urgently to fill the final positions. THANKS to ALL members who have put up their hands at the last -minute to volunteer & thanks to Frank for getting the roster together.

Our Club's AGM

President John Sheppard chaired our club's AGM tonight. Presentation of AGM Reports. Because of the lateness of the appointment of our President-Elect, nominations for the Club's Board of Directors has been postponed until a later date.

Any club members wishing to serve on 2018 -19 Board with President - Elect John Sheppard, please contact John.

President John then spoke at length on Rotary's 4-Way Test.

Rotary's Four Way Test



1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to **ALL** concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and better friendships?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to **ALL** concerned?



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Reminder Alumni BBQ

At this meeting you will have the chance to mix with young people who have been on our Youth programs, are about to go on one of our programs, or are a Rotaractor. The BBQ is being organised by member Lyn Bowen and her team.



Location: McInherney Park, via River Park Road, Port Macquarie
 Date: Wednesday, 6th December 2017
 Time: 5.30 for 6.00 pm start
 Dress: Casual
 Cost: \$20.00

Soft drinks provided, BYO beer or wine

Stories Behind the Swimming Pool Tiles

One of Rotary's early projects was to sell tiles to raise funds for the construction of Port Macquarie's Swimming Pool. This week Gil Padarin-Innes presented a \$1000 to the Family History Society's Rex Toomey (Pictured...courtesy of the Port Macquarie News -20/11/17) for production of a book with min-biographies of the names on the tiles - "Tile Tales".

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 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.
Club - 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. 29	Vocational - High School Business Challenge	H/S Principals & Students	John Oxley	Lorraine Beukers	Geoff Slack	Sandra Adams	Kerry Medway
December 1 - 2 - 3 - Parking at Touch Football. Shifts 6am - 8am & 8am - 10am - See Frank Gaukroger for roster.							
Dec 6	Alumni BBQ @ McInherney Park	Meeting past Youth contacts	Diana Gammon	Frank Gaukroger	_____	_____	Lyn Bowen
Dec 13	Board Meeting @ 6pm	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Meet our new Member - Michael Lawrence

Michael was born in Singleton & has three children - aged 21, 18 & 10 - Andrew, Tiffany & Tanika (who are living with their mother).

He started work in retail at age 16, worked in Big W for 20 years & has been managing at K-Mart for the past 10 years. He is the Manager of our new K-Mart in Port Macquarie & has been a driving support for our fortnightly BBQs at K-Mart raising funds for Rotary.

Michael has had a stunning success in sales in K-Mart being the chains No1 Trading K-Mart store for the past 5 years & breaking all sales & profit records in the company's history.

When K-Mart opened in Port Macquarie a short while ago, the store set a new record for opening day sales & sales for the 1st week.

Some 204 local employees have been hired to work in the new K-Mart store.

What does Michael like to do in his spare time? Spend time with his recently married wife Diane. He also loves vintage motorcycles. He owns a 1954 BSA C11 & is looking for more vintage bikes. He is a keen supporter of Rugby League & follows the Sydney Roosters.

Michael loves living here in Port Macquarie & is keen to be a valuable member of Rotary.

Michael will join the Club Service team under Glenda Barber & his Rotary mentor will be Neil Porter.

Welcome to Port Macquarie Rotary Club Michael.



Diane & Michael Lawrence

SES State Champions

Port Macquarie's SES (State Emergency Services) team recently won the SES State Disaster Rescue Championships held at Bathurst.

The leader of the local SES team was Michael Ward a co-winner of Rotary's Emergency Services 'Volunteer of the Year' Award in 2015. Congratulations to Michael & the SES team.

Last week DG Bob Ryan asked the Club Board why we were not participating in the Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards. We replied, we felt there were already numerous awards being given in Port Macquarie for Good Workmanship & didn't wish to duplicate what was already being done in the community.

Instead (at the inspiration of Dr Ted Giblin) we have introduced The Emergency Services 'Volunteer of the Year' Award. When these awards were explained to the DG, he asked that information be sent to the District's E-News, as DG Bob felt that several clubs may be interested in promoting similar alternative awards.



Michael Ward - on the front cover of FOCUS magazine in 2015

High Schools Business Challenge

Next Wednesday night John Oxley will showcase the recent High School Challenge sponsored by the Edmund Barton Centre. John has invited two School Principals & some students to share details about this enterprising venture at next Wednesday's Vocational Rotary meeting. Sounds like a good meeting not to be missed.

Quotation of the week -

"Success isn't about how much money you make, it's about the difference you make in people's lives."

- Michelle Obama



BIRTHDAYS Nov/Dec 2017

- 22/11 - Bill Nixon
- 22/11 - Terry Crossley
- 25/11 - Ray Hodgson
- 02/12 - Susan Gaukroger
- 15/12 - Lyn Bowen
- 21/12 - Kerry Trevillion
- 26/12 - Phil Perry
- 28/12 - Kerry Medway

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES Nov/Dec 2017

- 25/11 - Frank & Narelle Moxon
- 30/11 - Lyn Bowen & David Meidling