

# The PORT WHEEL

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Club No.17940 Chartered May 22, 1948

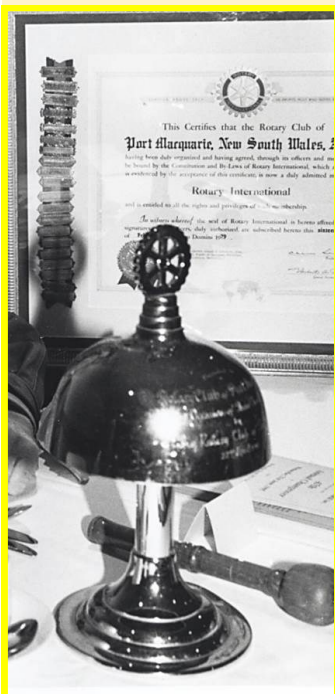
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## Meeting notes

- **Keith Innes** died on Monday & will be buried on Friday 23rd February @ Innes Garden Crematorium Chapel @ 3pm. Do remember Gil and Keith & Gil's family. ROTARY IS TO FORM A GUARD OF HONOUR AT END OF SERVICE. Please wear your Rotary T-shirts.
- **Increase in Dinner Fees** - Panthers has increased the Meeting Dinner Fees by \$2-00. To cover this extra cost the Board has agreed to increased the Dinner costs to \$22-00 as from 7th March.
- **RYLA Candidates**—Youth Director Diana Gammon has interviewed & accepted 2 excellent young men as our candidates for the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) week - Aaron Wood & Max Wilson.
- **District Conference - March 9-10 -11** at New England in Armidale (hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Walcha, Uralla, Armidale & Guyra). REGISTER NOW - [rotarydistrict9650secretary@gmail.com](mailto:rotarydistrict9650secretary@gmail.com) Note correct dates.
- **Sunday Book SHOP** - after 5 weeks, sales have averaged \$500 p/w & 1000 books have been sold. Bob & Valda have offered to manage a roster - we need two people each Sunday from 7-45am to 12 noon. If you can help contact Bob & Valda.
- Also Bob is looking for **Meals on Wheels** volunteers. Contact Bob.



## The Mystery Gong!

In my research for the 70th Anniversary book - SEVENTY YEARS OF 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF' I came across this photograph of our club gong & original charter. The photo was taken at the Changeover of Presidents Brian Chown & Laurie Creaghe in 1995. (Note - the gong still has its Rotary mast on the top which has since been broken off & lost - wonder if there is someone skilled to get another Rotary top & weld it onto the gong for the 70th in May!!!!!!)

Now the mystery! The gong was presented to our club by the Rotary Club of Taree's President Frank Hole at the Charter night on May 22nd 1948. However on reading the inscription carved into the gong it states the gong was presented on 22nd April 1948! Now - was this a mistake by the person inscribing the gong or was our club originally to be chartered on the April 22nd date?

This is the mystery - which date? The club WAS chartered on May 22nd, but how come the date April 22nd is inscribed on the gong we have had in the club & used almost every week for the past 70 years????? - Kerry Medway

## Rotary Park Working Bees

For the past two Sunday mornings Lorryl Rumble has organised working bees at Rotary Park in conjunction with Port Macquarie West Rotary Club. Thanks to all who helped. Pictured right - Ian Cropper & Sandra Adams wrestling with a tree at Rotary Park



**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 Elizabeth Fielding...**  
**Email - [efielding@csr.com.au](mailto:efielding@csr.com.au) or Text - 0407 369 512**

**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
February 16-18 - Friday/Saturday/Sunday PARKING @ TOUCH FOOTBALL - Volunteer Roster - see Ray White							
Feb.22nd	GSE team from Uganda. Combined clubs meet hosted by us.	Ugandan GSE	Gai Nixon/Neil P	Lee Krahe	_____	Ted Giblin	Lyn Bowen
Our Wednesday 21st meeting has been transferred to Thursday 22nd @ Panthers for the GSE Team visit from Uganda - details to be advised by Inter Director Gai Nixon. Members are also advised of an invite to an optional meeting at Westport on 20th - Ron Walesby's 100th bdy							
Feb. 28th	Vocational Visit to Dahlsford 5pm	Dahlsford Mgr	Julie Brown	_____	_____	_____	_____

An Invitation from the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West to join them in celebrating - **Ron Walesby's 100th birthday**

**Tuesday 20th February @ 6 for 6-30pm**

Our club was invited but because of the clash with the GSE Team visit from Uganda, we have made this an optional extra for those who wish to honour Ron - who was a member of our club from 1984-2001 before transferring to Port Macquarie West. Ron has been a Rotarian for more than 60 years & was the one who inspired Rotary Lodge & the restoration of the Flagstaff whilst in our club. He also named our bulletin - The Port Wheel. Westport will provide a two-course meal for \$30-00 & there will be a BIG cake & guest speaker talking on the Expansion of the Port Macquarie Airport Terminal

If attending please RSVP to Trevor Gilson by Friday 16th February  
email: tcjegilson@gmail.com or Phone 0429 439 232



## GSE Team from Uganda

Combined Cluster meeting at Panthers - **Thursday 22nd @ 5-30 for 6-00pm** - hosted by our club.

Meet the GSE team members -

- **Joan Kabayambi** - Public Health Specialist
- **Awor Mary Frances** - Office Administrator
- **Chiria Drakua Eunice** - Administrator in Logistics & Human Resources
- **Peter Lusembo** - Agriculturist & Research Officer

The Ugandan team will be in this area until Sunday 25th - program details from Gai Nixon.

**RSVP for the Thursday dinner to Elizabeth Fielding by Monday 19th**

See Elizabeth's email on front page of bulletin.

### Rotary Milestones

- 15/02 - Lorraine Beukers - 1 year in Rotary
- 16/02 - Frank Urban - 22 years in Rotary (12 in this club)
- 25/02 - David Meidling - 2 years in our Rotary Club (was also 8 years in the now closed Port-on-Hastings Lunch Club)
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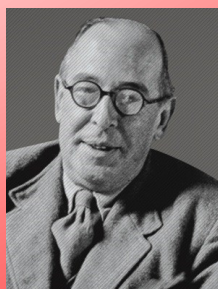
## Vocational Visit to Dahlsford Lifestyle Village

Wednesday 28th February  
Note - 5pm start

Dahlsford Village @ 1 Greenmeadows Drive  
Meal cost \$20 ( 2-course meal)  
5pm - tour of Village - meet at Village Community Centre  
6-30pm - Village Talk by Manager plus questions  
6-30pm - Meal served by XS food.  
RSVP by Monday 26th February to Elizabeth for accurate numbers for meals.  
Contact - Julie Brown - jckrbrown5@gmail.com

## Quotation of the week -

*“ You can't go back & change the beginning. But you start where you are & change the ending.” - C.S. Lewis*



### BIRTHDAYS February 2018

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- 18/02 - Alastair Moss
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### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES February 2018

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- 15/02 - Laurie & Glenda Barber
- 21/02 - Ted & Robbie Giblin
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