

# The PORT WHEEL

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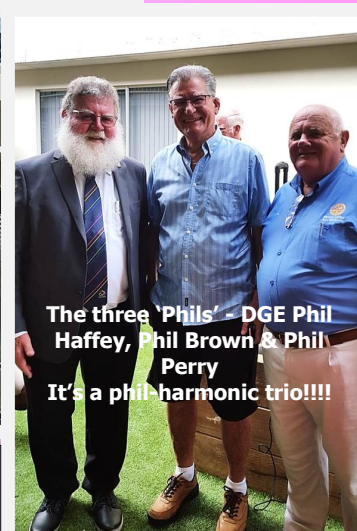
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## Meeting notes

- The International Toast was made to the **Rotary Club of Dublin Central in Ireland** (being close to St Patrick's Day) by **Frank Moxon**.
- Hurrah - **Robert & Josi Rutishauser** have finally bought a house. The long search is over.
- Reminder - our **Club's 70th Anniversary is on May 23rd**. Note the date. **Lorraine Beukers** is seeking some help with the arrangements on the night. Do give her your support.
- Next week we will hear from our two RYLA candidates & other youth speakers with Diana Gammon.

## Rotary Lodge Extensions Opened 'One of the biggest Rotary programs in Australia'



The three 'Phils' - DGE Phil Haffey, Phil Brown & Phil Perry  
It's a phil harmonic trio!!!!

On Tuesday we celebrated the Official Opening of the extensions to Rotary Lodge by MP Leslie Williams. The two wings were named after Lodge pioneers Ron Walesby & Richard Marocco. Lodge Chairman Phil Haffey said that this was one of the biggest Rotary projects currently being undertaken in Australia. The Lodge now has 36 rooms with further extensions to cater for 48 rooms as the next development.

Only 8% of occupants of Rotary Lodge are locals, the rest come from outside our area. Families with family members needing hospital or cancer treatment. The Lodge is managed very well by Paula Johnson & she is supported by Phil Perry.

Three of the key players in the extensions of Rotary Lodge - DGE Phil Haffey, Committee Chairman, Phil Brown - construction supervisor & Phil Perry - on-site assistant manager.



## Rotary Lodge Working Bee

A BIG THANKYOU to all who participated in Sunday's working bee at Rotary Lodge. The gardens & grounds looked a 'picture'. < Phil Perry on the 'tonka toy'. Ray White wheelbarrowed until long after everyone had gone home.

**President:** John Sheppard; **Secretary:** Terry Crossley  
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**CLUB MEETINGS, EACH WEDNESDAY @ Port Panthers,**  
**5-30pm for 6pm start.**

**Apologies or bookings to Elizabeth Fielding...**

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**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
Mar. 28th	Youth/RYLA/	Youth	Diana Gammon	Sandra Adams	Frank Moxon	_____	Neil Porter
Apr. 4th	Drone Technology	Elton Cummings	Ted Giblin	Stephen Kenworthy	Debra Kenworthy	Ray Hodgson	Kerry Medway
Apr.11th	Club Board Meets	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Apr. 18th	Ovarian Cancer	Robert Jordan	Gil Padarin-Innes	Alastair Moss	Frank Gaukroger	_____	Lyn Bowen

## End Trachoma by 2020

Tonight's keynote speaker was PDG Ian Dyball (pictured with Debbie Loveday, all dressed-up for St Patrick's Day).

Ian gave a very professional presentation on the eradication of trachoma from Australia by 2020. Trachoma is a highly contagious bacteria infection that infects the eyes & can lead to permanent blindness. Amazingly, Australia is the only developed country in the world with this problem.



Mostly amongst our indigenous people in the outback .

Rotary is partnering with a number of other organisations, such as the Australian Trachoma Alliance, the Fred Hollows Foundation & the Australian Government, to tackle this problem found in aboriginal camps, mostly around Alice Springs & Northern South Australia & also at Leonora in Western Australia.

The Rotary partnership has identified ways that Rotarians can support some of our least advantaged Australians improve their health & wellbeing. SAFE (Surgery); A (Antibiotics); F (Facial cleanliness) & E (Environmental improvements) The E part of SAFE is the area Rotary can mostly help.

Some of the projects we can support - Installation of mirrors in homes. 1000s of 300mm stick-on mirror tiles are needed for every indigenous home/dwelling.\$15. - Face washers, personalised microfibre face washer for each child \$4; Soap Making - workshops for indigenous women , \$1500 for a 2-day workshop; Manual washing machines. Ezywash - cost \$100 & Installation of community laundry facilities with bathrooms & showers. For more info & donations go to - [www.endtrachoma2020.org.au](http://www.endtrachoma2020.org.au)

## District Youth Award



DGN Debbie Loveday, PDG Laurie Barber & Glenda Barber congratulating Diana Gammon on winning the District Youth Trophy for the 2nd year in a row. Well done Diana & the Club's Youth Team.

### Rotary Milestones

- **1/3/2004 - Bob Cleland** - Member of St Ives R/C for 14 years = 28 years in Rotary
- **5/3/2014 - Diana Gammon** - Member of SW Rocks 10 years = 13 years in Rotary
  - **26/3/2012 - Mavis Wallace** = 6 years in Rotary

## Quotation of the week -



*Why do we read from the left to the right & turn the pages from the right to the left?*

From the Ginger Meggs comic strip in the Daily Telegraph - 16/3/2018

### BIRTHDAYS March 2018

- 25/03 - Stephen Kenworthy
- 30/03 - Marlene White
- 31/03 - Helen Crossley
- 31/03 - John Oxley
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### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES March 2018

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