

The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

- **International Toast** tonight was presented by **Dr Ray Hodgson** to the **Rotary Club of Dhulikhel in Nepal**.
- News just through - the **Hastings Rotaract Club** has successfully gained a Twin Club relationship with a Rotaract Club in Konak, Turkey.
- Working Bee at the **Rotary Community Centre on Saturday 14th April** - Inquiries to Julie Brown.
- **Wanted - old motorbike wheels** - Peter Gray from PMQ West is looking for old bikes to build a trailer for SAILABILITY to transport the keels & yachts. Contact Peter 0400831941.
- The **MUNA competition** is in Gunnedah this year. We have a team from Port High ready to go but are looking for assistance with transport. Anyone want to get the team out there and support them. Glenda Barber will tell you it is great fun. Program runs from May 11, 9.a.m. to Sunday 13, 4.p.m. Please see Diana Gammon
- **Trees** - Ted Giblin is still investigating where we can plant 40+ trees in honour of the world President's request.
- **70th Anniversary Dinner on May 23rd** - **Lorraine Beukers** is seeking 10 assistants for table decorating at 3pm on the day & 6 Rotarians to act as welcomers on the night. See Lorraine.

Brittani our 395th Rotarian



Last Wednesday our club inducted into Rotary our 395th Rotarian (since this club was chartered in 1948).

Twenty two year old Brittani Michelle (pictured with Membership Director Fred O'Toole & President John Sheppard). Brittani is our youngest member (by a long-shot). She was an Associate Member of our Rotary Club for the past two years & has already thrown her enthusiasm into Rotary & Rotaract.

She has a Bachelor of Criminal Justice in Social Science, majoring in Psychology. She is actively studying her Masters in Terrorism & International Studies and doing a Diploma in Travel. Brittani is passionate about travel & volunteering in 3rd world countries. Since 2015 she has worked in an orphanage in South Africa, a rural village in Bangalore in India. She recently did a trip to Nepal (which our club supported) & visited several Rotary projects & also attended a World Rotoract Conference.

Why did Brittani want to join Rotary? From an early age she has volunteered her time in the community & this passion grew & at Wauchope High School she was awarded the Long Tan Award at her graduation in 2012. She has joined Rotary to continue being humanitarian & giving back to communities locally & overseas. Brittani is looking forward to meeting & working alongside like-minded Rotarians.

Welcome Brittani, what an amazing young woman. You are inspiring.

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
Apr.11th	Club Board Meets	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Apr. 18th	Ovarian Cancer	Robert Jordan	Gil Padarin-Innes	Alastair Moss	Frank Gaukroger	_____	Lyn Bowen
Apr. 24th	ANZAC Meet @ Westport	A Combined meeting with Westport Rotary - our meeting for 25th cancelled - Anzac Day					
May 2nd	Rotary Emergency Services 'Volunteer of the Year' Award - Special guests & speaker						



Ray Hodgson Speaks out on Foreign Aid

Dr Ray stepped up in place of the man who was to speak on drones & presented the club with an expose on some 'behind the scenes' facts on Foreign Aid. Ray's presentation was worthy of a FOUR Corners exposure & should be heard by a much greater audience than just our club.

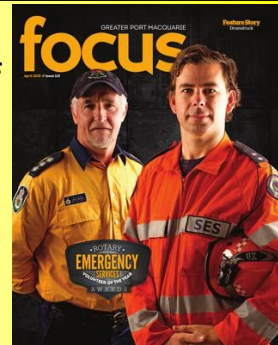
Ray spoke on the need for a balance between BEHAVIOURAL ECONOMICS & ENVIRONMENT BASED RESEARCH. This would go a long way towards stopping

the staggering waste that is being spent on Foreign Aid by governments with little or no accountability & given for political reasons rather than assisting those in adverse poverty. Ray is our club's incoming International Director & spoke well of the way Rotary handles foreign aid. A very balanced & well presented insight. Thanks Dr Ray.

Rotary Emergency Services 'Volunteer of the Year' Award May 2nd, 2018

We have received ONE good nomination & making the final call for nominations.

Nominations close 16th April 2018.



Rotary 70th book at the Printers

Finally after four months of searching,

interviewing, reading old papers, trying to put names to photos & writing, checking & re-writing & checking. The

book is now complete & at the printers ready for launching at the 70th Anniversary Celebration on May 23rd. What an inspiring history our club has. What remarkable Rotarians have gone before us & are presently in our club.

The book will be on sale for \$25-00

Early bird copies can be purchased for \$20-00 & collected at the launch on May 23rd. Let Kerry know if you would like a copy or five copies to share with family & friends & pay your \$20-00 in advance. See Kerry.



Lyn Bowen & Sam Openshaw celebrating Lee Krahe's special birthday tonight (which was on March 14th). Lee has just returned from a visit to China. Happy xxxxxx birthday Lee.

Quotation of the week -

"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me."

- C. S. Lewis



BIRTHDAYS April 2018

- 09/04 - Gai Nixon
- 18/04 - Mary Oxley
- 28/04 - Sam Openshaw
- 29/04 - Debbie Loveday
- 30/04 - Jim Krahe

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES April 2018

- 11/04 - Frank & Patricia Urban
- 15/04 - Julie & Kenn Brown
- 19/04 - John & Mary Oxley