

The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

- Vice President Gai Nixon ran tonight's meeting in the absence of President John.
- **International Toast** presented by **Mavis Wallace** to the **Rotary Club of Rome International**.
- **Tree Planting Saturday 9th at 12 Pipeclay Road, Beechwood.** Because of the rain, the property is currently inaccessible. David Mayne will let us know on Friday if we are able to get into the property, otherwise this will be postponed for a few weeks. A BBQ lunch will be provided. 25 names on list.
- **Lorryl Rumble-Fuller** gave a report on **Rotary Park**. Only 15 of the 30 plants recently planted have survived because of a problem with the Council's mulch. We will start again after refurbishing the soil. The pig-face is to be replaced by rocks and a feature garden.
- A **Book Sort** at the Rotary Hall has been organised for **Thursday 14th June at 2.30pm**. The book store is still going well and more books are being delivered there on Saturday mornings.
- Guest **Laura Telford**, the Hastings Rotaract District Representative, thanked Rotarians for their support of Rotaract and invited us to their Changeover Dinner next **Tuesday 12th June**. Laura is a journalist with the Port News.
- **Bob Cleland** read out a letter which he received from Leslie Williams MP—see details on the right.

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Our guest tonight was Richard McGovern, the Mid North Coast Community Liaison Officer for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

Richard was introduced by Geoff Slack who had a personal experience with the service after falling from his horse. Geoff was so impressed with the service that he helped set up the Gloucester Support Group which has raised \$200,000 in support of the service. Geoff has also served on the board of WRH.

Richard told us that they started in 1975 with 1 small Bell helicopter and now have 4 AW139 helicopters at a cost of \$18million each and are looking at getting a 5th. Their workload has increased from 1,500 missions a year to nearly 2,000 as they are now linked with the NSW Ambulance Service.

The main missions are to attend accidents, transfer patients between hospitals and search & rescue operations.

It costs \$40 million annually to run the service, and of this \$28 million is provided by the NSW State Government and the rest has to be raised from the community. Our local Hastings Support Group holds regular fund-raising activities eg. last Friday they raised \$20,000 at Rydges where volunteers abseiled down the building to raise money.



Parliamentary Recognition

Last month Leslie Williams MP, the Member for Port Macquarie in the NSW State Parliament, spoke in the Parliament about the good work our Club is doing in collecting and selling second hand books. The following is recorded in Hansard on 22nd May 2018:

"That this House:

Recognises the valuable work of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie which diligently raises money through their annual book sale that supports community projects and youth programs".

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 bulletin editor

Date	Program	Speaker	Program chair	Welcomer	3 on Me	Inter. Toast	Sergeant
June 6th	Westpac Rescue Helicopter	Richard McGovern	Geoff Slack	Mavis Wallace	_____	Mavis Wallace	Neil Porter
June 9th	Ted Giblin's Tree Planting Day @ 9am Sat 9th June @ 12 Pipeclay Rd, Beechwood. BBQ lunch						
June 9th	Bunnings BBQ - 9am to 4pm... Fundraiser. Thanks to all manning BBQ... Elizabeth Fielding & Ray White						
June 13th	Joint Board Meeting	←					

HASTINGS HEROES TEAM 6508 SAYS THANK YOU



Part of the team with Gil Padarin-Innes, Diana Gammon & Mrs Helen Ross OAM at Cassegrains

Recently Rotarians Diana Gammon and Gil Padarin-Innes attended a thank you to sponsors from the Robotics Team, Hastings Secondary College. The event was held at Cassegrain Wineries where the team spoke of their recent visit to Houston, Texas. They had been invited to take part in the First Robotics World Championships after their previous success at the South Pacific Regional Games in Sydney.

Students gave a demonstration of their Robot and personally thanked Rotary for its support of this program.

Quotation of the week -



"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work & learning from failure."
- Colin Powell

Rotary Club Changeovers

- **June 18th - Laurieton**
RSVP 12/6/18 - scotsmangray@ecopost.com.au
- **June 19th - Wauchope**
No RSVP details
- **June 19th - Wingham**
RSVP ????? - psayers.wingham@ljh.com.au
- **June 23rd - Port Macquarie Sunrise**
RSVP 8/6/18 - www.trybooking.com/384936
- **June 27th - PMQ Rotary (Our Club)**
RSVP by 25/6/18 - ejfielding@csr.com.au
- **June 30th - District Changeover**
No RSVP details
- **July 2nd - Taree (our Charter Club)**
No RSVP details

Wingham Lunch

Last Saturday, a group of our members headed south for the Wingham Scottish Festival and lunch at "Bent on Food".

Terry Crossley got into the spirit by wearing his traditional tartan.

Lunch was excellent and the ladies also enjoyed some shopping.



ROTARY MILESTONES in June 2018

- * **1/6/1987 - Paul Trevillion** (31 years)
- **6/6/2012 - Doug Heagney** (6 years)
Doug was a member of the Uralla R/C for 27 years
- **30/6/2002 - Lorryl Rumble** (16 years)
Lorryl was a member of the St Ives R/C for 14 years.
- **30/6/2002 - Ray White** (16 years)
Ray was a member of the Castle Hill R/C for 27 years.

BIRTHDAYS June 2018

- 01/06 - Valda Sturrock
- 11/06 - Fred O'Toole
- 13/06 - Robert Rutishauser
- 23/06 - June O'Toole
- 26/06 - Geoff Slack
- 30/06 - Patricia Urban

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES June 2018

- 06/06 - Doug Heagney
- 24/06 - Gai Nixon