

The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes



Christmas in July

Next Wednesday 25th.

6pm for 6-30pm

Dress-up for Christmas & wear your singing hat!!!

Partners welcome.

\$24-00 p/p

RSVP to Elizabeth by this Friday 20th July.



Lloyd Cross Leaves

Lloyd has only been a member of

our club for 3 years, but has always put his hand-up to assist at bbqs & many club activities. Lloyd has a great passion for Westport R/C's Sailability & loves to assist to bless others. Thanks Lloyd

Ray Retires from Rotary after 42 Years

Ray's amazing 42 years in Rotary has finally come to an end, when on 30th June he announced his retirement. He served for 27 years in the Castle Hill R/C



Marlene & Ray White

Page 70 - SEVENTY YEARS OF 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF'

Ray White - A Rotary Dynamo for 42 years

Member 2002 current

"Of the more than 1500 Rotarians in this district, some with international experience, only one, Ray White of Port Macquarie, has ever received one of Rotary's highest honours - the Avenues of Service Award."

- PDG Laurie Barber "The Heartbeat of the Hastings" (2017)

Ray White described as a 'rough diamond', came to Port Macquarie Rotary in 2002 after having served for 27 years in the Castle Hill Rotary Club. He is married to Marlene & they have three sons - Anthony, Brett & Darren. At Castle Hill Ray was President in 1992-93 & in usual Ray fashion threw himself into numbers of activities the club was involved in. He was very involved in Youth (was Youth Director for six years). He & Marlene home-hosted 12 inbound exchange students. Ray established a Youth Art Exhibition in the Westfield Shopping Centre, showcasing young people's talent in art. Whilst President he Chartered the nearby Rotary Club of Glenhaven (This club will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2018 & Ray has been invited as a Guest-of-Honour) Ray considers his greatest achievement at Castle Hill was obtaining acres of vacant land which was an historic site & creating a Heritage Park with historical archaeological sites marked. It was opened in 2001 & is one of the outstanding historical features of the area.

In Port Macquarie Rotary, Ray has been at the forefront of many projects, book sales, barbecues, car parking, the list is long. The two projects Ray is most proud of are Rotary Lodge & Rotary's RAWCS work on the island of Tanna, Vanuatu.

Ray was the project manager in the construction of the first 18 units at Rotary Lodge begun in 1994-95. He also organised a Black & White Ball to raise funds for Rotary Lodge in 2004 which raised over \$44,000, which grew to \$80,000.

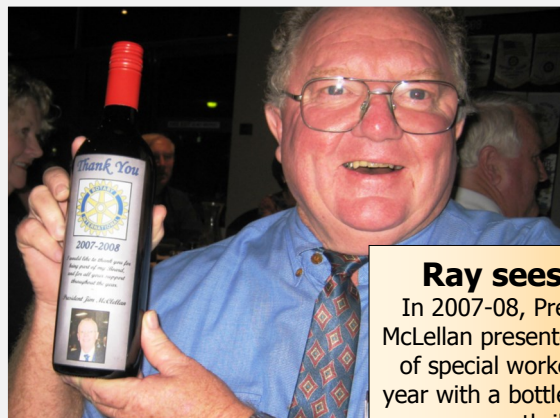
Ray's involvement with Tanna was for 11 years after Tanna was devastated by several cyclones. He was RAWCS Project Manager & Chairman. He has organised & led many Rotary teams to Tanna. He has raised \$1000s in funds & aid for the devastated people. He has lost friends, killed in latter cyclones. A remarkable humanitarian effort. In Port Macquarie Ray was awarded a PHF Sapphire pin in 2004; made an ARH Silver Friend in 2010; the Avenues of Service in 2012; a second PHF Sapphire pin in 2013 & also the 'Len Avarid RAWCS Award' in 2016. In 2018 Ray retired from Rotary after an amazing career of 'service above self.'



& then capped it with another 15 years in the PMQ R/C. Ray spent many weeks in Vanuatu on Tanna with RAWCS & was the backbone of many local PMQ projects.

Always a 'rough & tumble character', he will be greatly missed. Thanks

Ray from Rotary & the community. Well done.



Ray sees Red !

In 2007-08, President Jim McLellan presented a number of special workers for that year with a bottle of red. Ray was thrilled.

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...

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President - John Sheppard; **President-elect** - ??????????; **Treasurer** - Frank Moxon;
Vice-President - Neil Porter; **Secretary** - Terry Crossley;

Directors - Club - Stephen Kenworthy; **Community** - Elizabeth Fielding; **Vocational** - Geoff Slack;

International - Ray Hodgson; **Youth** - Gil Padarin-Innes; **Membership** - Fred O'Toole.

Club - Past District Governors - Roger Dulhunty 1969-70, Ivan Meldrum 1975-76, & Laurie Barber 2006-07.

District Governor Nominee 2020-21 - Debbie Loveday



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
July 25th	Christmas in July	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
August 1st	Youth Homelessness	Michelle Ackerman	Debbie Loveday	Brittani Michelle & Gai Nixon	Alastair Moss	Elizabeth Fielding	Neil Porter
August 8th	Oscar Boyer & family - France	Oscar & family	Diana Gammon	Lee Krahe & Ted Giblin	_____	Phil Perry	Lyn Bowen
Aug.15th	Club Board Meeting	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aug. 22nd	International Night	Details tba	Ray Hodgson	David & Deb	Terry Crossley	Ray Hodgson	Neil Porter



Shawn & Imel with Glenda

Last week: Shawn Wilson and Imel Munday attended the meeting to let us know what

they are doing now they have left school. **Shawn** talked about MUNA, NYSF and the International YSF that he attended in years 11 and 12. He is now attending the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra studying politics and arts. He will do more science shortly but so far hasn't taken to physics. He is thinking about being a politician.

Emil is attending the University of Newcastle doing Engineering. At the end of year 11 he attended the Honeywell Engineering Program at Macquarie University and is looking at a career in robotics.

Members enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with them.

- **Diana Gammon (photo by Sam Openshaw)**

Quotation of the week -



The Wild Boars Soccer team recently rescued from a cave in Thailand -

"The only soccer team in the world where the players never learnt to take a dive!" - Anonymous.

Note the Dates -

Community Services Director Elizabeth Fielding has asked that we include this column in each issue of the bulletin, noting special club events in the future.

Please note these dates in your diary.

- **September 21st** - Rotary Golf Day
- **October 10th** - ARH Hat Day
- **October 13th** - High Tea at Rydges for ARH
- **October 24th** - DG's Visit to our club.
- **March 7-10th, 2019** - Rotary Book Sale @ Panthers.
- **June 26th, 2019** - Club Changeover

ROTARY MILESTONES in July 2018

Date joined the PMQ Rotary Club.

- * **1/7/1984 - Kerry Medway** (34 years)
- **8/7/1996 - Terry Crossley** (22 years)
Terry was a member of the Inverell R/C for 5 years
- **13/7/2007 - Julie Brown** (11 years)
- **19/7/2017 - Sandra Adams** (1 year)
Sandra was a member of the Rylestone-Kandos R/C for 5 years; the Morisset R/C for 7 years & the Bowral R/C for 7 years.
- **19/7/2017 - Ian Cropper** (1 year)
Ian joined the Cooma R/C then Goulburn R/C & served for 23 years with Bowral/Mittagong R/C = totalling 28 years.
- **19/7/2017 - Elizabeth Fielding** (1 year)
- **19/7/2017 - Geoff Slack** (1 year)
Geoff was a member of the Gloucester R/C for 25 years.
- **20/7/2011 - Ted Giblin** (7 years)
Ted was a member of the Darwin North R/C for 18 years & the Letchworth Gardens UK R/C for 3 years.

BIRTHDAYS

July 2018

- 22/07 - Adam Rumble
- 31/07 - Heather Mayne

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

July 2018

- 27/07 - Lorryl & Glyn Rumble-Fuller