



# The PORT WHEEL

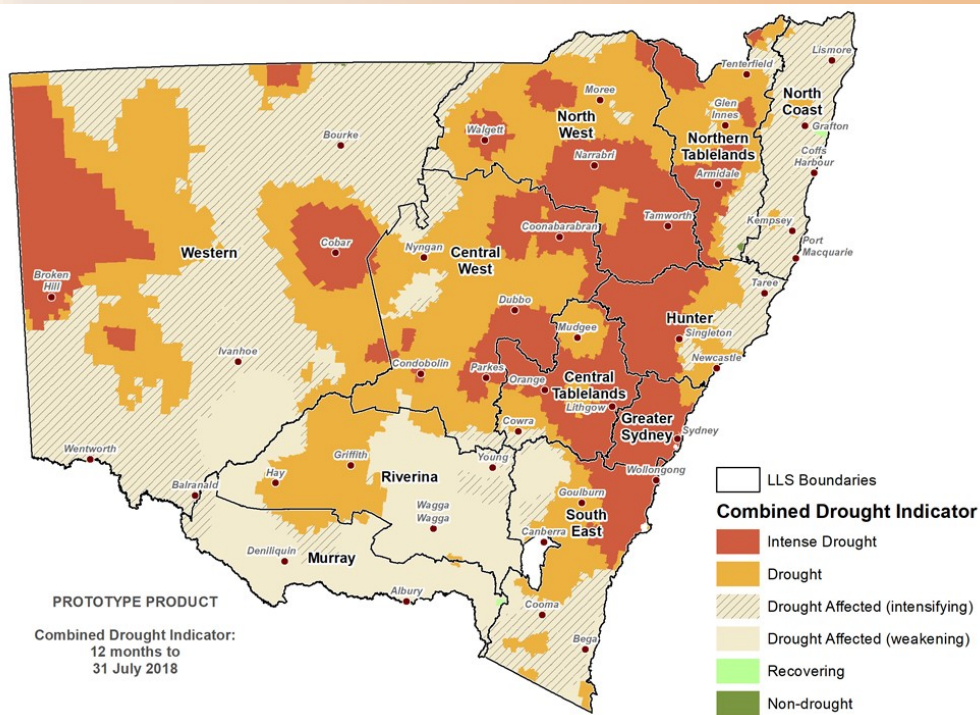
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## Meeting notes

- **REMINDER: Bulletins for August**—Any bulletin inclusions to Lyn Bowen during the month of August. Please email at: Lynette.Bowen@newcastle.edu.au. Bulletins will be written during the weekend following the meeting during August and forwarded to Kerry for distribution when he has signal strength.
- **Rotary Park gardens working bee**—Sunday, August 26 in morning to paint gazebo and change soil. A follow-up working bee to be held to weeks later (Sept. 9th)
- **Book Sort**—Sunday August 26 in afternoon. At storage area, Rotary community centre, Hamilton Green.
- **Ten Pin Bowling—Thursday**, August 30th, 159 Hastings River Drive, 5.30pm for 6pm. RSVP to Elizabeth Fielding by August 27th.
- **Red & Blue Ball**—Friday night, Sept. 7th. Club has supported ball in previous years. Organisers have asked for 5-6 volunteers to work on night, marking off attendees on arrival and selling raffle tickets. Great cause raising money for automated defibrillators.
- **ARR Hat Day Fundraiser**—Advance notice—October 13th at 12 noon for High Tea at Rydges, Port Macquarie. Save this date in and start organising a table of guests now. Tickets \$50. The flyer is now available and will be published in a subsequent bulletin. Contact Sam Openshaw for further details.
- Board meeting this week, so no new meeting notes

## The drought: no rain, just pain

NSW Department of Primary Industry indicates that 48% of the state is drought affected, 37% in drought and a further 15% in intense drought. That means that in some way, the drought is affecting everyone. However, it also means that some of us are not doing it as tough as others, so while in our local region the drought is intensifying, it isn't as severe as some are experiencing, as you will see from the map of NSW. Weather prediction models are not encouraging, with official forecasts suggesting warm and dry conditions continuing. It is feared that El Niño conditions will develop, resulting in below average rainfall across south eastern Australia.



(Source: NSW Department of Primary Industry: Drought indicator July 31, 2018)

At our last meeting, Reg Pearce provided us with an update of some of the activities that our District is conducting to support the drought appeal. He explained that we were using Rotary Australia Community Grant funds that are matched by local clubs. He assured us that the funds raised would reach the people most in need and that accountability would be assured. At a national level, Rotary is taking a significant role.

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

**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;  
**national** - 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
Aug 22nd	International-Night	Mystery	Ray Hodgson	David & Deb	Terry Crossley	Ray Hodgson	Neil Porter
Aug 30th	Social night	10 Pin Bowling	Stephen Kenworthy				
Sept 5th	Dinner meeting	RI guest	Debbie Loveday	Diana & Fred		Brittani Michelle	Kerry Medway
Sept 12th	'Pool tiles'	Rex Toomey	Gil Padarin-Innes	Lorryl & Kerry		Talon Buxton	Lyn Bowen
Sept 19th	Club Board Meeting						

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There are two approaches:

1. **Drought Relief for Australian Farming Families** campaign which is supported by Channel 9, including a telethon on the Today Show on August 20th, from 6.30am. To date, \$4.2 million has been raised, with a target of \$10 million. Corporations including Westpac, Optus and Carlton United Breweries are making significant contributions which will be announced during the telethon.

These funds will be distributed through RAWCS (custodian of the funds), who are working with the National Farmers' Federation. The first round of funds (\$1 million) has already been released via the Country Women's Association and the 'Need for Feed' initiative. The focus in this round is access to donated fodder to feed livestock, plus financial support for household expenditure.

2. **Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)**, while custodians of the above funds, are encouraging clubs to deliver effective projects on the ground. To assist this, \$100,000 will be allocated to three existing projects that are already assisting farmers. As well, other Rotary clubs are encourage to apply for funding with a proposal on how the funds will be used and what impact they will have. The project relief type should address either fodder, water, household expenses, mental health or other. The criteria on which each project will be assessed are governance structure, no admin fees, ability to reach drought affected areas, ability to deliver on the ground, process for determining eligibility and collaboration.

We can do our part to support communities impacted by the drought. The RAWCS website project search page ([rawcs.org.au/project-search](http://rawcs.org.au/project-search)) lists a number of different initiatives that we can donate to. This includes the Disaster Relief NSW (RACG) project that Reg mentioned, along with a number of other projects. If you want to support the drought relief appeal being promoted by the Channel 9 Today show, this is the link: <https://www.9now.com.au/today/2018/extras/latest/august/drought-relief-fund>

## Note the Dates -

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.
- **April 5-6-7th, 2019** - Rotary Book Sale @ Panthers.
- **June 26th, 2019** - Club Changeover



(Source: ABC) WA hay convoy arrives in Condobolin, carrying 2,000 hay bales, a gift from WA farmers & truckies.

## ROTARY MILESTONES in July 2018

*Date joined the PMQ Rotary Club.*

- \* **August 22nd - Adam Rumble** (6 years)
- August 25th - Debbie Loveday** (8 years)
- \* **August 25th - John Sheppard** (8 years)  
John was a member of the Nambucca Heads R/C for 18 years - 1992 - 2010. Total 26 years.

## Quotation of the week -

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.

*Oscar Wilde*



### BIRTHDAYS August 2018

- 12/08 - Joan Moss
- 23/08 - Ian Cropper
- 29/08 - Alan Openshaw
- 29/08 - Glyn Rumble-Fuller

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES August 2018

- 21/08 - Alastair & Joan Moss
- 23/08 - Graham & Tina Bell
- 28/08 - Robert & Josi Rutishauser
- 28/08 - Sheila & Alan Openshaw