

The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

- Lyn Bowen led us in a minute's silence in memory of **Ron Walesby**
- Tonight's International Toast was presented by Kerry Medway to the **R/C of Geraldton in WA.**
- Gil Padarin-Innes spoke about the **Minimbah Project to provide birth certificates** for young people who do not have one. Our club will be involved in a 'sign-up day' soon.
- Sam Openshaw asked us to sign-up for the **ARH HIGH TEA FOR HAT DAY** @ Rydges on Oct 13th. Go to www.123tix.com.au/events/rydgespmq. Please support this great mental health event.

Ron Walesby on Angel Flights



Three generations of Rotarians - Ron Walesby pictured with his Rotarian daughter Lorryl Rumble & grandson Adam Rumble on the night of his induction into the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie in 2012.

Last Wednesday Ron Walesby, aged 100 died. Ron had been a Rotarian for 62 years & was a member of this club from 1984-2001 before transferring to PMQ West Rotary.

Ron's achievements in Rotary are legendary. Whilst in our club he inspired the restoration of Flagstaff Hill & was also the inspiration & driving force behind the formation of Rotary Lodge. On his 100th birthday in February the PMQ West Rotary Club

honoured Ron with a PHF double sapphire pin.

You can read of Ron's Rotary activity in this club in the recently published book - SEVENTY YEARS OF 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF' (see book cover above).

Many have some wonderful memories of Ron. Ron has been a great friend & mentor to me for 34 years. A year ago I phoned him to see if I could visit & have a cuppa. Ron said, "Don't come before 10am!" When I asked "Why?" he said, "because I like to read my Bible & pray for an hour each day". Often when I arrived after 10am we would discuss the passages from the Bible he had been reading. Afterwards, Ron would go downstairs at Garden Village where he was residing, to be with his wife Lois of 72 years (who now has dementia) & hold her hand through lunch time. For all the amazing things Ron did in aviation & Rotary & the community, these are the qualities of Ron Walesby I admire the most. Do uphold in your thoughts & prayers Lois & children Lorryl, Warwick & Janice & Ron's grandchildren & great-grandchildren & many long-time friends.

Ron's funeral will be on Friday (14th September) at 1-30pm at St Thomas' Anglican Church in Port Macquarie. Rotarians are invited to join with the members of the 333 Squadron of Air Cadets to form a guard of honour at the conclusion of the funeral service. VALE RON WALESBY.

\$1000 to Drought Relief

At last weeks meeting, Secretary Terry Crossley announced that our club board has given \$1000 to RAWCS for drought relief.

In our DGs Newsletter, Lorraine Coffey spoke of a number of city Rotary Clubs adopting Rotary Clubs in drought stricken areas & channelling support & encouragement to the Rotarians in many drought devastated areas.

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** - ?????????????; **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 |
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| Sept.18th | Tuesday Meeting @ PMQ West | Meet RI Int. Director Raffi Garcia @ PMQ West Rotary Club on Tuesday 18th September. | | | | |
| Sept.19th | Club Board Meeting | | | | | |
| Sept. 21st | ROTARY CHARITY GOLF DAY - Friday 21st - All Rotary members are asked to volunteer. See Elizabeth Fielding | | | | | |
| Sept.26th | @ Panthers | Youth Public Speaking | Gil Padarin-Innes | P. Perry & R. Cleland | | Kerry Medway |

Support Team for Red & Blue Ball



Our Rotary support team - Bob Cleland, Gil Padarin-Innes, Frank & Lorraine Beukers & Elizabeth Fielding. Supported the CSU Paramedic students in their fund-raising ball last Friday, raising funds for life-saving defibrillators to be placed into the community.



Speaker at next Tuesday's Rotary meet at PMQ West is - **RAFFI GARCIA**

A Director of Rotary International & past DG from the Philippines.

As our club has a Board meeting on Wednesday, members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

You will need to RSVP to Elizabeth Fielding by this Friday (14th).

See Elizabeth's details on page 1.

Meeting at the Westport Bowling Club, 25 Buller Street - 6pm for 6-30pm
Cost \$20 p/p



Rotaract Roadshow Comes to Town!!

Tonight two young Rotaractors from the Hastings Rotaract Club - Laura Telford & Sally Foster shared their promotion of Rotaract. They have been to Tamworth, Armidale & Inverell & looks likely that two new Rotaract clubs may be formed. What a dynamic duo Laura & Sally are, offering to work alongside Rotary & thanking us for our club's support. Top promo girls.

Note the 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.
- **November 2nd** - Film night for POLIO PLUS - Bohemian Rhapsody - the story of Freddie Mercury & the group Queen
- **April 5-6-7th, 2019** - Rotary Book Sale @ Panthers.
- **June 26th, 2019** - Club Changeover

Quotation of the week -



"I rate highly the values of "Integrity" and "Service to others." They are not just strategies that fluctuate according to changes but are certainly the true worth we look for in assessing another individual."

- Ron Walesby - a quote from Ron's autobiography - "Like Snow in the Desert".

BIRTHDAYS

September 2018

- 13/09 - Laurie Barber
- 14/09 - Lyn Sheppard
- 14/09 - Lorryl Rumble-Fuller
- 22/09 - Doug Heagney
- 26/09 - Paul Trevillion
- 28/09 - Tamara Rumble

WEDDING

ANNIVERSARIES September 2018

- 19/09 - Paul & Kerry Trevillion
- 21/09 - Lee & Jim Krahe
- 22/09 - Michael & Diane Lawrence