

The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

- * **ROTARY BOOK SALE - April 5-6-7 @ Panthers**
- Rotarians please do a shift on Thursday 4th & help set-up the book displays & then volunteer for one, preferably two or more shifts during the sale. Invite your partner to join you. Register with Elizabeth ASAP. Thanks.
- **Next BUNNINGS BBQ is on Friday 26th April.** Note the date & let Elizabeth know if you can do a shift - am or pm?

Please order you tickets from LUSC (Laurieton United Services Club). Phone 6559 9110



Britt's Chicks

Last week at our club meeting, Brittani Michelle reported on her recent trip to Nepal. She presented 54 poor families with 2100 chickens plus buckets & training on how to look after the chicks.



On her previous visit to Nepal, Brittani was concerned about many of the village children not being able to attend school because their families were too poor & they had to work to support their family. Working together with the local Rotary Club, Brittani came up with the Chulthedada Chicken Project, which she hopes will enable children to attend school & families to develop a small industry & income.

Brittani who is only 25 years old & will be celebrating her 1st year in Rotary at the end of this month has 13 different projects underway in Nepal. A remarkable effort from such a remarkable young Rotarian.

Dr Ray's Book Launch

On Friday night at Westport Bowling Club Ray Hodgson officially launched his new book HEARTBREAK IN THE HIMALAYAS in Port Macquarie. Popular budding politician Rob Oakeshott spoke on how good the book is before 150 guests. Over 350 copies of the book were sold & all the profits will go towards the Mother & Babies Hospital construction in Nepal. It's a good read. Grab a copy or four!!!! Have a tissue or ten handy!!!

Go to - www.A4Wh.org

Pictured - Rob Oakeshott with Dr Ray Hodgson.

Rotary Club of Laurieton is Hosting

A Fundraising Dinner

In aid of the Mother and Babies Hospital in Nepal

Saturday 30th March 2019
From 6.30pm - 10.00pm

Dr Ray Hodgson
Cytology Surgeon
Author of the compelling bestseller Heartbreak in the Himalayas

Tickets \$50 pp available at Laurieton United Services Club
Phone: 6559 9110



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** - Bob Cleland; **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 Dulhanty 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, swap with someone & advise Stephen Kenworthy & Bull Ed-

Date	Program	Speaker	Program chair	Welcomer	3 on Me	Inter. Toast	Sergeant
March 27	Koala Hospital Volunteering	Lisa Leonard from the R/C Philadelphia	Stephen Kenworthy	Doug Heagney & Julie Brown	_____	Diana Gammon	Lyn Bowen
March 30th - Nepal Mother's & Babies Hospital Fundraiser with Dr Ray Hodgson @ LUSC - Tickets \$50-00 from the Laurieton LUSC							
April 3	Club Assembly	_____	President John	David Med & Robert R	John Oxley	?????????????	Neil Porter
April 5 - 6 - 7 - ROTARY GIANT BOOK SALE @ Panthers + Rare Antiquarian Book Section. Rotarians please add your name(s) to the roster.							
Apr 10	RYLA Students	RYLA	David Mayne	Bob C & John	_____	Ray Hodgson	Kerry Medway

Inspiring District Conference

Professor Dominic Rowe from Macquarie University - speaking on Motor Neurone Research



The recent District 9650 Conference in Armidale hosted by DG Lorraine Coffey (pictured below) was an inspirational success. With many Rotarians struggling to attend due to the drought there was a good number in attendance including 10 members from our club & their partners.

One of the hi-lites on the Saturday was the talk by Dr Ray Hodgson on his efforts to support women in Nepal & build a mother & babies hospital. Ray's presentation won a 'standing ovation'.

The RIPPA was Past RI President Bill Boyd, whose talks proved also inspirational.

The Governors Dinner on the Saturday evening followed by an operatic group called - Voci Stupende was another hi-lite.

On the Sunday there was a moving Church Service & Memorial to Rotarians Past. Two Westport Rotarians were honoured - Ron Walesby & Barry Bird. The two keynote speakers for Sunday - Professor Dominic Rowe (Motor Neurone Research) & DG Brian Coffey (ROMAC) their talks left hardly a dry eye as they shared some amazing info on areas where Rotary is investing in research & support.



As mentioned in last week's bulletin our club won FIVE District Trophies, a record for us. Next years Conference will be at South West Rocks with DG Phil Haffey. March 20-22, 2020.

Celebrity Birthday Matches



25th March - Stephen Kenworthy
Shares a birthday with Elton John (born Reginald Dwight in 1947) & also Aretha Franklin - born in 1942

Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **March 30th - Fundraiser @ LUSC** for Dr Ray Hodgson & Rural Hospital in Nepal
- **March 30th - April 7th RYLA week.** Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Nominate a worthy young person aged between 19-27.
- **April 5-6-7th, 2019 - Rotary Book Sale @ Panthers.**
- **May 19th - District Assembly @ PMQ**
- **June 26th, 2019 - PMQ Rotary Club Changeover**
 - **June 29th - District Changeover**
 - **September 20th - Rotary Golf Day**
- **March 20-22, 2020 - District Conference at South West Rocks**

ROTARY Milestones in March

- **March 1st 2004 - Bob Cleland**
Bob was President & a member of St Ives R/C from 1990 - 2004+ 15 in PMQ = 29 years in Rotary
- **March 5th 2014 - Diana Gammon**
Diana was a member of the South West Rocks R/C from 2002-12. Total time in Rotary = 18 years
- **March 26th 2012 - Mavis Wallace**
Mavis has been a Rotarian for 7 years plus many more years supporting her late Rotarian husband Kevin.
- **March 31st 2010 - Sheila (Sam) Openshaw**
Sam has been a Rotarian for 9 years.

BIRTHDAYS

March/April 2019

- 25/03 - Stephen Kenworthy
- 31/03 - Helen Crossley
- 31/03 - John Oxley
- 01/04 - Talon Buxton
- 09/04 - Gai Nixon
- 18/04 - Mary Oxley
- 28/04 - Sam Openshaw
- 29/04 - Debbie Loveday

- 30/04 - Jim Krahe

ANNIVERSARIES

April 2019

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