

The PORT WHEEL

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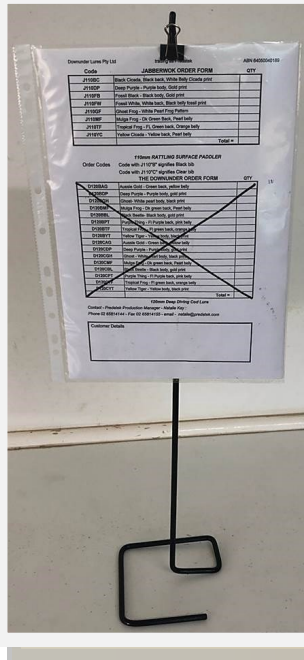
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Meeting notes

- Tonights International Toast was presented by **Kerry Medway** to the **Rotary Club of Christchurch in New Zealand.**
 - The Secretary of R/C in Christchurch, Mrs Fenn Shaw writes - Thankyou for your kind email advising of your Toast to our club. It is most encouraging at this difficult time for our city.
 - **John Oxley** presented a 3-ON-ME & told us of his political life in South Africa. Very interesting.
 - **Dr Ray Hodgson raised \$6400** for the Mother & Babies Hospital in Nepal last Saturday night at Laurieton. He also sold 40-45 books. Total book sales are in excess of 800 books. Well done Ray.
 - **CLUB ASSEMBLY** - Led by VP Neil. **Meals-on-Wheels**, Bob Cleland reported that many were not happy about closing Rotary's part in this down. Extra volunteers are needed, plus new co-ordinators. Contact Bob.
- Circulation of Board Minutes & Cluster Minutes.** The lack of communication from Board to club was discussed. Terry said the Board minutes are on THE CLOUD. Neil will look into circulating the Cluster minutes. John Oxley raised the need for investigating a **Satellite Rotary Club**, plus **more promotion of our club**. Brittani spoke of Instagram & will give us all a future lesson on how to use Instagram at a future meeting.
 - **Next BUNNINGS BBQ is on Friday 26th April.** Note date & let Elizabeth know if you can help



Book Sale getting more up-market!

Club Rotarian Frank Gaukroger has spent 2-3 days making some sixty metal book promotion stands for this weekends Rotary Book Sale. The stands (pictured left) will give clear directions to customers for category & author identification. It will be a huge help for visitors looking for specific books.



Along with Frank's efforts, Bob Cleland & Valda

Sturrock, Gil Padarin-Innes & Elizabeth Fielding & many other Rotarians & partners have spent hours & days getting ready for the giant book sale this coming weekend.

\$13,000 in books already sold at Bookshop.

The sorting & selling of second-hand books has already proved a huge bonus for our club with the Saturday Book sales at the Rotary Community centre generating income of \$17,000 minus \$4000 in expenses & putting \$13,000 into our club's coffers for assisting the community & Rotary projects.

So lets roll-up our sleeves & put in a big effort for the Giant Book Sale.
Thanks.


PORT MACQUARIE ROTARY CLUB'S

GIANT BOOK SALE

30,000+ books!
30+ categories!
Antiquarian & rare books!
plus
DVD's & CD's!
Vinyl records!
Sheet music!

3 DAYS ONLY

Friday 5th April 9am—6pm
Saturday 6th April 9am—6pm
Sunday 7th April 9am—1pm

Panthers Port Macquarie Auditorium  **PANTHERS PORT MACQUARIE**

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...
Email - fielding.ej@gmail.com or Text—0407 369 512

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 Dulhunty 1969-70, Ivan Meldrum 1975-76, & Laurie Barber 2006-07.
District Governor Nominee 2020-21 - Debbie Loveday
District Governor Nominee Elect 2021-22 - David Mayne



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
April 5 - 6 - 7 - ROTARY GIANT BOOK SALE @ Panthers + Rare Antiquarian Book Section. Rotarians please add your name(s) to the roster.							
April 10	RYLA Students	RYLA	David Mayne	Bob Cleland & John Oxley	_____	Ray Hodgson	Kerry Medway
April 17	Board Meeting						
Tuesday April 23	Anzac Transfer meeting @ Westport R/C	No PMQ R/C meeting on Wednesday 24th	Hosted by R/C Westport @ Westport Bowlo Club				
May 1	Quiet Achievers Award - Vocational @ Panthers. Presenting \$1000 to a worthy Volunteer organisation.						



Drought Assist Bus Trip To Narrabri May 31st - June 2nd

Drought - stricken
83 year old farmer
praying for rain in
a dried-up dam in
western NSW.

The Narrabri Rotary Club, led by President Darrell Tiemens has set-up a "Neighbours in Need" program. The club has assisted farmers who even though they are being ravaged by drought are reluctant to accept charity. The Rotary Club has arranged gifts of EFTPOS cards between \$200 & \$2000 to assist local farmers & to enable them to buy locally, also assisting local businesses.

Even though some rain has fallen in drought affected areas, very little has fallen in the Narrabri area & farmers are still struggling.

The Wauchope/Taree/Gloucester Rotary Clubs are encouraging Rotarians to join them on a ROTARY ROAD TRIP out to Narrabri to support farmers. Maurie Stack is coordinating the trip in Taree & Brian Beesley from Gloucester will be driving the coach. The bus will leave from Gloucester, stopping at Taree & Wauchope to pick-up passengers & then at stopping at Walcha & Gunnedah along the way.

Newcombe Coach Lines is providing the bus/coach.

Please join the trip - for further info contact Patti Parsons @ Wauchope for itinerary & costs & accommodation bookings 0409079745

Tax Deductible Donations to 'Narrabri Trip - Drought Appeal' @ Holiday Coast Credit Union - BSB 721000 a/c 100202663 & reference your name.

Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **March 30th - April 7th RYLA week.**
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.
- **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**

Please join Debbie & Diana on the Rotary Drought Assist Bus trip.

Debbie writes -

The trip is open to anyone passionate about helping our famers and businesses in the towns affected.

Great for helping the hospitality industry, supporting retailers by getting your Xmas and birthday gifts early. Just be there and show support, chat to the locals and listen to their stories.

Diana Gammon and I will be making the journey. Should be fun attending Narrabri Rotary meeting and acknowledging what President Darryl and his team have been doing. Just an amazing effort.

- DGE Debbie Loveday

April 3rd - Gerald Haynes

Shares a birthday with actors - Eddy Murphy (1961) & Alec Baldwin. Plus champion Wallaby Rugby Union player - Israel Falau & also heavy metal rocker - Sebastian Bach. But we won't mention the last one!!!!



Celebrity Birthday Matches



April 9th - Gai Nixon

Gai shares a birthday with Sir Robert Helpmann - famous Australian dancer & choreographer. Born in 1909.

She also shares a birthday with Cheetah, the chimpanzee who starred in the 1930 Tarzan movies & also playboy Hugh Hefner - but we won't mention these last two!!!!

BIRTHDAYS

April 2019

- 03/04 - Gerald Haynes
- 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