

The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

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- **Book Sorting** - its on again with 100s of books flooding-in. Two book sorts planned - Thursday 18th from 1pm & Easter Monday 22nd from 9am. Thanks... from Elizabeth.
- **Rotary BBQ at Bunnings** on Friday 26th April. See Elizabeth if you can work on a shift.
- Note - **no meeting next Wednesday**. Instead club transfer to the ANZAC meeting at Westport on Tuesday 23rd. Let Elizabeth know tonight if you are coming.
- Our **71st Anniversary** will be celebrated on May 15th (board meeting switched to 22nd). Our speaker will be our 2nd longest serving Rotarian - **Phil Brown speaking on - SOME OF THE CHARACTERS IN ROTARY I HAVE KNOWN!**
- Note the date for next years diary - **Rotary Book Sale @ Panthers - March 26 - 29 , 2019**

Wishing ALL Rotarians & family & friends a very Happy Easter



Rotary - Quiet Achiever's Award

On May 1st our club will be hosting our first QUIET ACHIEVER'S AWARD. This award is the inspiration of Vocational Services Director Geoff Slack (pictured on left).

The new award is to replace THE EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD. A program inspired by Ted Gibling which we have run for the past five years. Rotary has presented some awards to several outstanding volunteers from the Surf Life Saving, Rural Fire Service & State Emergency Services. Whilst we had some good awardees, each year despite many requests we only ever seem to attract one nomination from all the various emergency service groups.

Geoff ran the Quiet Achievers Award when he was in the Gloucester Rotary Club. Each year our Vocational Team will select a Voluntary Group & invite them to nominate one person from their team of volunteers. Some leaders from the Volunteer group will attend our awards night along with the Quiet Achiever Awardee & some members of their family. The group will speak about their volunteer group & also why they have chosen the volunteer to receive the award. As well as honouring them our club will present the organisation with a cheque for \$1000 as a donation towards their work. This years recipient on May 1st will be the ROYAL FAR WEST.



Surf Life Saver Paul Rayner, our first Rotary Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year awardee in 2014.

Grab a copy of today's (Wednesday 17th April) Port Macquarie News. Great front page story in the insert Mid North Coast NOW about Dr Ray Hodgson & his amazing work in Nepal. I am almost finished reading Ray's book HEARTBREAK IN THE HIMALAYAS... it's such a good read, a real eye opener into care needed for women in Nepal. Order your copy via - www.a4wh.org

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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** - 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
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	Alice Miller Royal Far West 85th Anniversary	Kerry Medway	Doug Heagney & Brittani Michelle			Neil Porter
May 8	Food Plant Solutions	Karalyn Hingston		Ray Hodgson & Gerald Haynes	Neil Porter	Frank Urban	Lyn Bowen
May 15	Our 71st Anniver-	Phil Brown	Kerry Medway	Ted Giblin & Gerald Haynes		David Mayne	Kerry Medway

Debbie's Report on the RYLA Dinner at Macksville on April 3rd

Debbie loveday attended the dinner with David Mayne, Diana Gammon and Gill Padarin Innes. It was a fantastic evening with 32 Rylarians I attendance. They all greeted us individually and I had a chance to speak with most of them.

Some of the leaders were our own Rotoractors from a couple of years ago and gave some insights into what RYLA had meant to them and how they found themselves and a sense of purpose after the course.

There was a very brave lady who talked about her own past of opting out, drugs and alcohol and suicidal thoughts, until she reached rock bottom and made a choice to turn herself around. She attended Youth In Search and has become a leader helping others. I thought she was very brave to share with us.

The charity of choice on the night for money raised in the 100's board was Youth In Search.

Thanks were given to David Mayne, John Carroll, Rob Anderson and Louise Matthews for organising the week.

I must say they do a marvellous job every year.

One stand-out for me was a lady sponsored by Tamworth First Light - Sophie Schumann Maude. She had been petrified of speaking until David Mayne got hold of her and mentored her yesterday.

I wrote an email to the President and Secretary of Tamworth First Light this morning and congratulated them. In the letter I mentioned this young lady & said that such was my impression that I spoke to her about being an MC for my District Conference in 2021. She is just the sort of person we need as a Rylarian, possible Rotoractor & hopefully Rotarian. Congratulations on finding her & sending her to RYLA. Thanks Debbie for the report.

Our Club Bulletin

I (Kerry) mentioned at last weeks Club Assembly that our two Assist Bull Eds will be stepping down next Rotary Year. I called for some new faces to step-up. Brittani Michelle responded. Thanks Brittani.

Kerry will be away for 4 weeks from mid-May to mid-June. Brittani is going to have a go at her first bulletin on May 22nd & Elizabeth Fielding will act as roving reporter for the other three Wednesdays & send info to Kerry at Penrith who will send out bulletins.

Note these Dates - in your diary -

- April 23 - Anzac @ Westport Club
- 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

ANZAC

TRIBUTE NIGHT Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West

At the Westport Bowling Club 5-45pm for 6-30pm
Cost = \$25-00 p/p

Guest Speaker - Major James Murray Gough

Our club meeting on April 24th has been transferred to this meeting.

Advise Elizabeth if you are coming & we will make a club booking by Monday 15th

OR - RSVP by Monday 15th April to -
PMCQWestRotary@gmail.com

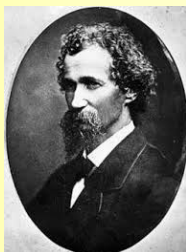


Celebrity Birthday Matches

April 18th - Mary Oxley

Mary shares a birthday with Australian poet Henry Kendall (b-1839) The town of Kendall is named after Henry.

She also shares a birthday with Jane Leeve (TVs Murphy Brown), Kourtney Kardashian & actress Hayley Mills.



BIRTHDAYS April 2019

- 18/04 - Mary Oxley
- 28/04 - Sam Openshaw
- 29/04 - Debbie Loveday
- 30/04 - Jim Krahe

ANNIVERSARIES April 2019

- 19/04 - John & Mary Oxley