

# The PORT WHEEL

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## Meeting notes

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- **Quiet Achiever Awards** next Wednesday 1st. We will be hosting several members from the ROYAL FAR WEST & presenting them with a cheque for \$1000.
- 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!**
- **Come dressed in something from the 1940-50s.**
- Note this date for next years diary - **Rotary Book Sale @ Panthers - March 26 - 29, 2019**

## Anzac Cluster

108 Rotarians & friends joined for an inspiring evening last night at the Westport Bowling Club to commemorate ANZAC.

President Julie Constable (assisted by Kieren Freeman & Brian Hutchison) & members of the Port Macquarie West Rotary Club hosted the evening with members from the four Rotary Clubs in the cluster, plus returned servicemen & Rotoractors & other guests.

Special guests were the President of the RSL-Greg Laird & his wife Lyn, Mayor Peta Pinson & MP Leslie Williams & husband Don. Also attending was a rep from Soldier On.

One of the stars of the evening was a Year 12 student from Wingham, Stephen Smith who made the finals of the Rotary Public Speaking Comp. Julie was so impressed with his speech on the Invictus Games that she invited him to re-share his talk. It was brilliant.

The keynote speaker was Major Murray Gough who served for 46 years in the military, 24 in fulltime army service & 22 in Standby Reserve. Major Murray served in Vietnam (Vung Tau & Nui Dat), Malaysia, Papua New Guinea & many other locations. He taught at the Royal Military College Duntroon, HMAS Cerberus & established the PNG Defence Force College.

A remarkable distinguished career in the military.



Westport President Julie Constable & her 'little' brother Major Murray Gough

Major Murray prefaced his talk by saying he has not made a habit of speaking of his military experiences because of the split in his life between military & civilian. He has found this dichotomy difficult. He then went on to speak about some of his experiences in serving our country.

Julie Constable had her sister present from Gloucester & three of her four children who said they had never heard Uncle Murray talk about his military experiences before. Greg Laird our local RSL President discovered that he had served in Vietnam at the same time as Major Murray, but in different divisions.

It was a truly inspiring night & thanks to President Julie & Westport Rotary for hosting the cluster evening.



**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** - 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
May 1	Quiet Achievers Award	Alice Miller Royal Far West 85th Anniversary	Kerry Medway	Doug Heagney & Brittani Michelle	_____	Elizabeth Fielding	Neil Porter
May 8	Food Plant Solutions	Karalyn Hingston	Stephen Kenworthy	Ray Hodgson & Gerald Haynes	Neil Porter	Frank Urban	Lyn Bowen (Lyn's swan song - final Sgnt session)
May 15	Our 71st Anniversary	Phil Brown	Kerry Medway	Ted Giblin & Gerald Haynes	_____	David Mayne	Kerry Medway
May 22	_____	Combined Board Meeting	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



## Brittani's Health Centre in Nepal

Brittani Michelle has launched her most ambitious project yet, to raise funds to construct a HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRE for women & girls in remote parts of Nepal.

The building will be multi-functional & be built at Fisherman's Village, a place where Brittani has already established a connection with the people in this rural isolated region. She hopes this will be a 'safe-place' for women & teens where issues can be raised & the welfare & livelihood of each person can be addressed.

Brittani is hoping to raise \$50,000.

To make a tax deductible donation to the FISHERMAN VILLAGE PROJECT (ROAF) Rotary Overseas Aid Fund, go to Brittani Michelle's facebook page.

## Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **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**
- **March 26 - 29th, 2020. Rotary Book Sale**

## HEARTBREAK IN THE HIMALAYAS

By Ray Hodgson

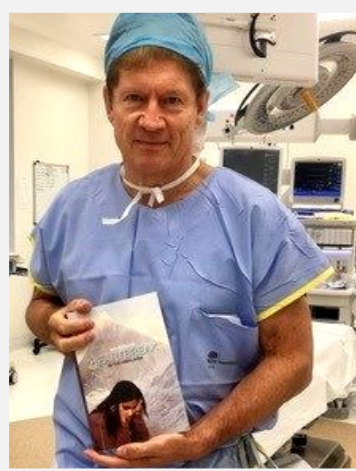
A review by Kerry Medway

What an amazing read. I thought when I started I would skip pages & simply get the gist of the story. Amazingly, I found that I was gripped by Ray's story of his care for women in Nepal.

I found myself going through a gamut of emotions as I read, moving from anger to frustration at the archaic traditions, laughing & crying. Feeling helpless for the unfairness of the plight of so many women & young girls in rural & isolated areas of Nepal.

Ray's daily accounts of the four week clinic assisting women with prolapse & other ailments opened my eyes. I found myself becoming quite attached to some of the co-workers with Dr Ray & the braveness of the women they were treating.. Ray's style of writing is easy to read and the chapters short, so you can stop & take a breather. Grab a copy or donate to this great work

[www.a4wh.org](http://www.a4wh.org)



## Celebrity Birthday Matches

### April 28th - Sam Openshaw

Sam shares a birthday with the great Australian explorer Charles Sturt 1795 & actresses Ann Margaret & Penelope Cruz.



### April 29th - Debbie Loveday

Debbie shares a birthday with 'the body' Elle McPherson 1964 & also Billy Thorpe & the famous American racehorse 'Man O' War'.

### April 30th - Jim Krahe

Jim shares a birthday with former Australian cricketer Ian Healy & two Queens - Queen Mary 2nd & Queen Juliana of the Netherlands.



## BIRTHDAYS April/May 2019

- 09/05 - Julie Brown
- 11/05 - Helen Brown
- 28/04 - Sam Openshaw
- 13/05 - Frank Urban
- 29/04 - Debbie Loveday
- 15/05 - Jill Heagney
- 30/04 - Jim Krahe

## ANNIVERSARIES May 2019

- 01/05 - David Mayne
- 01/05 - Talon Buxton
- 04/05 - Lynn Slack
- 03/05 - Geoff & Lyn Slack