



Rotary Opens Opportunities



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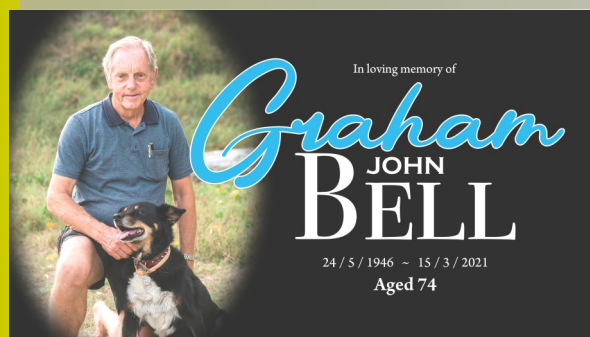
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## Diana jointly wins Youth Shield at 9650 Conference



Our club shared the Youth Service Shield with the E-Club. The shield is named in honour of PDG Warren Newman (1987-88). The judges couldn't separate our two clubs with our 2020-21 youth projects. The E-Club will hold the shield for the first 6 months & our club will hold it for the second 6 months. Congratulations to Diana Gammon & our Youth Team.



On Tuesday we farewelled one of our former members Graham Bell. It was great to see

Rotarians together with Flying Club members form a guard-of-honour and to hear Terry Crossley playing "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

Graham's wife Tina and his daughters Lynette & Deb gave great tributes to Graham. They spoke of his love language being 'acts of service' & how Graham displayed this with over 200 Angel Flights & many hours working with fellow Rotarians on BBQs & other fund-raisers.

At the wake following at Settlers Inn some great stories were told about Graham's 'flying exploits' ! One story that had us all in stitches laughing was told by one of the flying club pilots. On Graham's casket there were all sorts of odd things including a pair of long socks (he always wore shot/shorts & long socks) and there was also a can of Coca Cola. Graham loved his coke. On Friday evenings at the Flying Club he always had a coke. One Friday he arrived & they had put up the price of a can of coke. Graham was upset & didn't buy a can of coke for six months. He was Scottish!



In our 73rd Year

THE HOME OF OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR



# Club program

If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Bull Editor - Kerry Medway

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chair	Welcomer	My Story/Fascinating Facts	International Toast	Sergeant
Mar. 31st	International	Joseph Nyugen Growing up in Vietnam	Ray Hodgson	Gerald Haynes	Sandra Adams	Fred O'Toole	Neil Porter
April 7th	Zoom	OzHarvest Ronnie Khan M/D	Elizabeth Fielding				
April 14th	200 Years of Port Macquarie	Four members to share 5 mins	Ted Giblin	Ray Hodgson	John Oxley	Robert Ruitshausen	Kerry Medway

## Shane Fitzsimmons Commissioner of Resilience NSW

The following summary of Shane's talk at the District Conference has been reproduced from the Port Macquarie SUNRISE Rotary bulletin. 17/3/21



### Shane Fitzsimmons

spoke of his pride in volunteers. Australia has over 300,000 volunteers who work selflessly with a professional approach. He described the plight of Australian volunteer fire fighters who assisted in the US and Canadian fires. Firefighters in these countries are paid which led to a dilemma in sending Australian volunteer firefighters - Solution - a stipend was given to our volunteers so that they could enter the firegrounds.

He also spoke of the mental health challenges which continue to be at the heart of rebuilding communities after the unprecedented fire season. These challenges will continue for months and years.

We all need to keep our eyes and ears open for opportunities to help affected areas to heal. The Government cannot build resilience, but communities together can.

NSW stepped up as a state, as 'doing nothing' was not an option.

Shane offered some key strategies for leadership success by which he lives -

- Be authentic - *Don't give people a 'dog poo sandwich' and tell them it's fairy bread!*
- Leaders must lead for others - *Don't take yourself seriously but take the role seriously.*
- Mutual respect for all - we come from different backgrounds - *Manners cost you nothing but lack of them costs you everything.*
- Communication - need to be authentic - *If you don't know, say so. Be open and honest.*
- Care for all - yourself, your team, & community.

### BIRTHDAYS March/April 2021

- 30/03 - Charles Craddock
- 31/03 - John Oxley
- 31/03 - Helen Crossley
- 04/05 - Lynn Slack
- 11/05 - Helen Brown
- 13/05 - Frank Urban
- 15/05 - Jill Heagney

### ANNIVERSARIES March/April 2021

- 31/03 - Philip & Helen Brown
- 03/04 - Gerald & Hazel Haynes
- 11/04 - Frank & Patricia Urban
- 19/04 - John & Mary Oxley

## Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **April 10 - Working Bee at the Community Centre**
- **April 21st - Rotary Anzac Day meet**
- **May 1 - 8th - RYLA at Lake Keepit**
- **September 17th - Rotary Golf Day**



### A note from President Elizabeth

I hope this finds you all well and that the flood disruption has been kept to a minimum in your home. Given that it will be 3 weeks between meetings I wanted to touch base and keep you all up to date.

I wanted to thank all our members who contributed to the success of Debbie's conference. From those who volunteered their time to those who attended the sessions over the weekend and those who were instrumental with the planning of the event I say thank you. Can I make particular mention of 2 great Rotarians, Laurie Barber and Bill Nixon who were present on all days of the conference. You are both an inspiration to us all.

Thank you to the Rotarians who attended Graham Bells funeral today in trying conditions. It was a lovely service conducted by our own Kerry Medway and the bagpipe solo by Terry Crossley at the end was very moving. I know Tina was very grateful for our attendance.

We are naturally very disappointed that we have had to once again postpone the book sale but it was the only decision we could make under the current circumstances. We are working with Panthers to reschedule in the near future and will keep you all up to date with updates as soon as they are available.

Likewise with tomorrow nights meeting, Panthers have enough on their plates with evacuees at the moment and don't need the added stress of cooking our dinner. I think our priority at the moment should be looking after our own families and homes and I didn't want people travelling on unsafe roads at night.

I have attached a flyer for a personal item donation scheme by Port West and if you can help it would be much appreciated. If collection is a problem let me know and I will organise something.

I will also be speaking to the Neighbourhood Centre tomorrow and offering any assistance we can provide. I would welcome any suggestions you may have.

Please reach out if there is anything you need and keep in touch with each other for support. ....Elizabeth.