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Club Meetings Wednesdays @ Port
Panthers 5-30pm for 6pm start. BUT
check program on page 2 for what is
happening.

Club bank details - BSB 932-000
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*Wishing all
Rotarians & families a
VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and a successful
Rotary 2023.*



Christmas party at Garden

Village - more than 35 Rotarians & partners

had a great night. Each brought a gift for the
residents of the village. Craig Wearne CEO of
G/V said that there were many residents who
had no family & thus received no presents & so
these gifts would be a blessing to many. >>>



75 YEARS
Making a
difference.

Club program - If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Port Wheel Editor Kerry.

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chr	Welcomer	3 ON ME	InterToast	Sergeant
December 21st & 28th & January 4th.... Christmas/ New Year break - no meetings							

January 2023 - club holiday program

- **Wednesday 11th January** - Sundowner BBQ at Shelley Beach @ 5-30pm - bring a plate to share, BBQ meat provided, BYO drinks & chairs
- **Tuesday 17th January** - Cluster BBQ at Mcinherney Park - hosted by R/C of Port Macquarie West. (more info to come)
- **Wednesday 25th January** - Starters & Finishers..... TBC ????
- **Wednesday 1st February** - 1st club meeting for 2023. One hour business meet 6pm - 7pm, with optional bistro meal following

Kerry's Christmas message

Shared at tonight's Christmas Party

This year, Julie and I had the thrill of leading a CFT tour to Germany for three weeks. Among many hi-lites was crossing over the border to Salzburg in Austria. We visited a little town called Obernorf near Salzburg where the



Christmas Carol "Silent Night" was first sung. As Christmas approached in 1818, the local priest Joseph Moir found that his church organ was broken. He had written a verse and asked the local schoolteacher Franz Gruber if he could compose a tune suitable for playing on a guitar. So on Christmas Eve "Silent Night" was first sung in the little chapel.



One of the members of our tour knew a little German & she wrote the first verse in German onto our song-sheets. We checked the translation & pronunciation with our German tour guide and met in the restored front of the 1818 chapel and sang in both German & English the first verse of "Silent Night". It was a

'goosebump' experience.

It's ironic that the first Christmas night was anything but quiet - firstly Bethlehem was abuzz with lots of visitors having come for the census. Secondly, the baby Jesus was born in a stable sharing the space with noisy sheep, goats and cows! (And Mary's birth screams..thanks Robbie Giblin) I tried to sleep in a shearing shed full of sheep some years ago near Coober Pedy. During the night, the sheep bleated and stamped their feet repeatedly. I and my friends left the shed before midnight and slept outside on the ground.

Thirdly, we read in Luke chapter 2, that down the road from the stable in Bethlehem, a group of shepherds were woken by a loud chorus of angels singing - "Glory to God on the highest and peace on earth.." These shepherds left their sheep and toddled up the road to see what had happened in the local Inn's stable.



Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Rotary in Christmas/New Year recess from December 15th - January 10th 2023
- **Next edition of the Port Wheel will be on February 1st**, unless an earlier issue is needed!!!
- *I know, I know, your weeks will not be the same. What is even sadder is that there are now no comics in the Daily Telegraph to entertain us!!! Sob, sob!!!*

SOME DATES TO NOTE IN 2023

- **March 24-26th** District 9660 Conference in Tamworth
- **April 9-10th** PETS
- **April 13-16th** Rotary Giant Book Sale in Panthers
- **April 29 - May 6th** RYLA

<< Kerry riding a rocking horse donkey in the creche at the church in Salzburg where they filmed the wedding scene in the Sound of Music.

**Birthdays
December 2022
& January 2023**

26/12 - Phil Perry
28/12 - Kerry
Medway

23/01 - Neil Porter
31/01 - Narelle
Moxon
31/01 - Peter Coulon

**Wedding
Anniversaries
January 2023**

15/01 - Darryl &
Barbara McMahon