



The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

This story will be featured in the February issue of ROTARY DOWN UNDER

- Tonight's International Toast was presented by **Neil Porter** to the **Rotary Club of Liverpool UK** (surprise, surprise!!!)
- Check out this month's issue of FOCUS - page 116. A great interview with **Geoff Workman** & the Rotary Book Sale - March 3-4-5th. Rotarians set-aside these dates for a mammoth book sale.
- Wauchope Rotarian **Phil Hafey** was named P/M/Hastings Citizen of the Year for 2017. Story & picture in next weeks bulletin.
- Debbies Dunnies for Dhulikel** in Nepal has been registered with RAWCS. You can donate a loo @ <https://directory.rawcs.com.au/ProjectDisplay.aspx?ProjectNo=51&YearRegistered=2016-17> Phew!!!! No spaces between all this. After typing in this address you will need to go to the loo!!!! Each toilet will cost \$200US If you can't handle that big address give a donation straight to Debbie. I will.
- Sam Openshaw** gave tonight's 3 ON ME talk on Volunteering. Thanks Sam. Also congrats Sam on your year as the Port Macquarie/Hastings Citizen of the Year 2016. Well done.
- Russell Holland** has resigned from our club. Russell has done a stack of work on Tanna & now lives out at Lorne. Thanks Russell.

Dick Gives Bob \$1million for Rotary

In July 2016, well known philanthropist Dick Smith was selling his aircraft and wanting to donate the proceeds to the aviation industry & other social causes in Australia. The plane was sold for over \$4million. Amongst the \$millions Dick & Pippa Smith allocated to various causes throughout Australia, one million dollars had been earmarked towards alleviating the suffering of Australians in need.

Club stalwart Bob Cleland had previously been asked by Dick Smith whether Rotary could be the means of seeing this vision fulfilled. Bob has had a long friendship with Dick. He agreed & the money is now set-up within the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society. The program will provide support for individuals suffering personal hardship. It will be up to Rotary Clubs to identify those recognised by the local community who need support and be willing to match the requested grant on a 50/50 basis.

Dick Smith presented to Rotary the one million dollars at the Rotary Club of Wahroonga in December last year. In presenting the cheque Dick highlighted the fact that many Australians suffer hardship, whether through accident, illness or misadventure. He considers Rotary one of the most trusted and respected charities in the world.

Rotary Clubs are invited to find a need in their community that fits the criteria & make an application to the Rotary Benevolent Society & be willing to match the grant dollar for dollar. For more information & how to make submissions go to: <http://rawcs.org.au/projects-2/rotary-australia-benevolent-society/dick-smith-matched-funding-grant/>

Dick & Pippa Smith have donated over \$4million to worthwhile projects from the sale of this

aeroplane. Some other recipients have been—The Wilberforce Award (for future young leaders), the Scouts, The Wayside Chapel, Weather Cam Research, the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society, Angel & Careflight & over 20 more charities.

Well done Bob Cleland & thank you Dick & Pippa Smith.



Bob Cleland



Dick Smith

President: Gil Padarin-Innes **Secretary:** Terry Crossley

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CLUB MEETINGS, EACH WEDNESDAY @ Port Panthers, 5-30pm for 6pm start.

Apologies or bookings to Keith Innes...

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President - Gil Padarin-Innes; **President-elect & Treasurer** - Frank Beukers; **Vice-President** - Lyn Bowen
Secretary - Terry Crossley;

Directors - **Club** - Keith Innes, **Vocational** - Kerry Medway/Vern Allen, **Past-President & Community** - Phil Perry - **International** - Gai Nixon, **Youth** - Diana Gammon. **Membership** - Fred O'Toole.

Past District Governors - Roger Dulhunty 1969-70, Ivan Meldrum 1975-76, Laurie Barber 2006-07.



Club program

If you are unable to fulfil your role, please swap with someone & advise

Date	Program	Speaker	Program chair	Welcomer	3 on Me	Inter. Toast	Sergeant
Feb.8th	Immunisation in India for Polio	Trish Afleck-Mooney	Pres. Gil Padarin -Innes	John Oxley	Mavis Wallace	Frank Beukers	Lyn Bowen
Feb.15th	Iceland to OZ	Three Icelandic Nurses	Phil Perry	Lorryl Rumble	Glenda Barber	Julie Brown	Kerry Medway
February 17-18-19 - NSW State Junior Touch Comp - Car Parking Volunteers—see Deb's roster - out now..... Spaces to be filled. THANKS							
Feb.22nd	International IRISH Night	Richard O'Brien Ex-Irish Ambassador Students from Rotary Youth pro-	Gai Nixon			Fred O'Toole	Neil Porter
March 1st	Science Night		Diana Gammon	Frank Gaukrog-		Graham Wiggins	Lyn Bowen

Brittani & Timothy

Our keynote speakers tonight were a dynamic young couple seeking to establish a Rotaract Club at the Charles Sturt University. Brittani Harris & Timothy Cook (pictured) told us a little of their story & of their soon trip to Nepal volunteering at Dhulikhell, Nepal for 2 weeks teaching English. They are having a fund-raiser at Bunnings this Saturday & we are all urged to go & buy a sausage or three. Brittani & Tim were inspiring and if anyone can get a Rotaract Club going, they will. We also felt they would make great Rotarians. Over to you Fred O'Toole.



They will finish their time in Nepal with a visit to Thailand & the world Rotaract Conference.. We will look forward to hearing from them again when they return.

Why Ted Townsend Left Rotary?

In last weeks bulletin we featured a story on 90 year old Ted Townsend who served in our Rotary Club for 22 years & stepped-in as acting President for 5 months when the elected President suddenly died in office. Then in 1976 Ted suddenly resigned from Rotary. I asked the question - WHY?

Last Saturday night at the Bago Tavern I met Andy Neil who has been a member of Wauchope Rotary for 52 years. Andy was friend of Teds. Ted said, as best as he could re-call - *"Ted had a difference of opinion with other members of the club on the way the club was heading and thought he'd be better off out of it."* Andy said, he cannot swear if this is all there was, but it's close to the reason. Thanks Andy.

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Alice from Paris

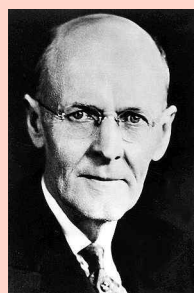
Tonight we also met our new Rotary Exchange Student Alice Clavert (pictured with her host parents in Lake Cathie - Jeff & Anne-Maree Rogers. Alice is here on a special 6 month exchange & will be attending McKillop High School. Thanks to Diana Gammon & David Meidling for liasing.



Beatles Festival - February 9-12
Support Neil Porter & the Beatles Festival . Go to the

web-site & see all the great events. Don't miss.

www.portmacquariebeatlesfestival.com



Rotary's Founder PAUL HARRIS

Quote - No.23

"Every worker who gives himself to a worthy cause is bound to realise some of its benefits."

- My Road to Rotary

Thanks to all who commented & said they appreciated this Paul Harris segment. You saved yourself from some lame Dad jokes !!!!!

BIRTHDAYS February. '17

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- 18/02 - Joan Moss

ANNIVERSARIES February 2017

- 10/02 - Kerry & Julie Medway
- 10/02 - Fred & June O'Toole
- 15/02 - Laurie & Glenda Barber
- 21/02 - Ted & Robbie Giblin
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