

The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

*** Next Wednesday (9th August) will be a Board meeting at 6pm, preceded by Committee meetings at 5pm.** Any club member is welcome to attend & observe the Board meet with out having voting rites.

- Ray White is looking for more workers for the **BUNNINGS BBQ** on Saturday 12th August. Two shifts - 8am - 12 & 12noon - 4pm. Contact Ray if you can assist. Thanks.
- **Rotary Golf Day - September 15.** Note the date & if you can assist contact Col Pickering Phone 0428 831 665 or Email: annecol@midcoast.com.au

Rotary - Making a Difference



Our Club President John Sheppard & Lynn with the President of RI International - Ian Riseley

On Monday night more than 150 Rotarians & partners from the local clubs & far afield, gathered to meet & hear from the President of Rotary International - Ian Riseley.

It was an inspirational evening & thanks to the Westport Rotary Club & especially Trevor Gilson for hosting.

The IR President spoke on his theme for this Rotary year - **ROTARY MAKING A DIFFERENCE**. He commented that in his opinion we don't sell our organisation well to potential members of Rotary. To sell Rotary he is gathering the following information & hopes to have a world figure for presentation to the media & local clubs -

1. In one year - how much has your club spent (in Aus \$\$\$) on community projects?
2. In one year - how many work hours have our club members spent in doing good in the community?

Should be interesting to see the results of these two questions when the 35,000 Rotary clubs submit their answers.

RI President Ian has also introduced two new innovations -

1. **The Presidential Citation** - in the past it has been almost impossible for a local clubs to obtain one of there prestigious citations due to the almost unachievable criteria. Ian is simplifying this process.
2. He is requesting every member of Rotary to **plant a tree** this year. Imagine if 1.2million Rotarians worldwide each plant a tree! What a difference to our environment this would make.

The RI President is also holding **SIX** Presidential Conferences this year, aimed at building peace. One will be held in Sydney (date tba). What a humble & inspirational RI leader we have in Rotary this year.



Googik Heritage Walking Track Rotary Seating

PDG Laurie Barber sitting on a new Rotary bench along the Googik Heritage Walking Track. This was a suggestion from Laurie to provide a resting-spot for those walking the track. Our club was successful in applying for a District Grant for four seats. With this funding six benches were installed by NSW Parks & Wildlife. Ranger Andrew Marshall wrote - *"Many thanks again for the very generous donation from Rotary. I have absolutely no doubt they'll be enjoyed by many of the visitors to the Googik Heritage Walking Track, hopefully for many years."* - report submitted by PP Gil Padarin-Innes

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 Keith Innes...

Email - rpmclubsvcs@outlook.com

President - John Sheppard; **President-elect** - Vacant **Treasurer** - Bob Cleland **Vice-President** - Gai Nixon
Secretary - Terry Crossley;

Directors - Club - Glenda Barber, **Community** - Ray White; **Vocational** - Kerry Medway, **Past-President** - Gil Padarin-Innes - **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.



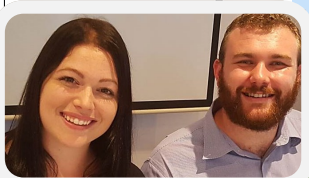
Club program

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
August 2	Meeting transferred to July 31						
August 9	5pm - Directors Committee meets 6pm - Board meeting	No club meeting, but members welcome to attend committees & also Board meeting					
August 16	Family History	Diane Gillespie	Sandra Adams	Ian Cropper & Elizabeth Fielding	Geoffrey Slack	Neil Porter	Lyn Bowen

Canal Garden Party

Raising Funds for Tim & Brittani's trip to Nepal



At Diana Gammon's -
28a The Promenade, PM
12noon, Sunday 13th Aug.

A fund-raiser for our Associate Members - Brittani & Tim's trip to Nepal in September. They will be volunteering their time at Sanjiwani Higher Secondary School & will meet PP Ranjeev of the Rotary Club of Dhulikell & the local Rotaract Club & will explore ideas with them. Some ideas are - providing lunches for a year to the students, making soaps, assisting with Ranjeev's women's projects.

Come & support Brittani & Tim & hear about their trip & join in the fun. Bring a folding-chair or a rug (if you wish)

Cost is \$20 p/p (Children Under 10 \$5-00)
(Your \$20-00 will pay for a picnic lunch & soft drinks will be provided)

RSVP by August 7th to Diana -
dianagammon@hotmail.com

Please pay prior to the event by Direct Deposit to -
a/c name - Timothy C Cook -
BSB 082-798 a/c 12-052-9463
& use your surname as a reference

If you can't make it (as the bull ed. can't, as he is in Brisbane) then make a donation in support of this venture. State your surname & add 'apology'.

Thanks Diana for hosting this event.



Meet our New Member Geoffrey Slack

Two weeks back we welcomed Geoffrey Slack

into our club, recently transferred from the Gloucester Rotary Club. Geoffrey has been a Rotarian for 27 years & was President of the Gloucester Rotary Club in 2001-2.

He is married to Lyn (48 years) & they have 3 sons - Benjamin 42 (married to Nicole), Alex 40 (married to Gil) & Chris 38 (married to Fiona) and four grandchildren.

Geoffrey was the MD & proprietor of "Berrico" Hereford cross cattle (crossed with Charlois bulls) & a Solicitor with Walker, Slack & Smith in Taree. He was also the MD & Proprietor of Fyson Nursing Home (recently sold to BUPA) He has been a director of several private companies involved in the rural sector, finance sector & investments.

Geoffrey was a Foundation member of the Gloucester Support Group for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter & has seen over \$250,000 raised in fund-raisers over the past 15 years. Geoffrey himself was rescued by a Westpac helicopter after a fall from a horse that broke his back.

He has been involved in many community groups including the Gloucester Rural Bush Fire service, a Councillor on the Gloucester Shire Council from 2008-2012, & Deputy Mayor & Mayor from 2007-2009. He was made an Honorary Life Member of the Association of Mining Related Councils & a Board member of MidCoast Water 2010-2012.

Geoffrey is also a Member of the SCG & attends a Sydney test every year. He played Sydney 1st grade cricket for Hawksbury & for Taree. He is a keen Rugby follower of the Waratahs (not so keen this year!!!) & Wallabies. Geoffrey also plays social bowls. Clearly we have an outstanding Rotarian joining us. Welcome.

Quotation of the week -



"I will come again and conquer you because as a mountain you can't grow, but as a human I can."

- Sir Edmund Hillary

(Hillary said this after he had failed his first climb of Everest & his favourite Sherpa was killed.)

BIRTHDAYS August 2017

- 12/08 - Joan Moss
- 28/08 - Frank Beukers
- 29/08 - Alan Openshaw
- 29/08 - Glyn Fuller

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES August 2017

- 21/08 - Alastair & Joan Moss
- 23/08 - Graham & Tina Bell
- 28/08 - Sheila (Sam) & Alan Openshaw