

The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

- **Tonight's International Toast** was proposed by - **Geoff Slack** to the Rotary Club of **Thurso in Scotland**.
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- **WANTED URGENTLY** - Volunteers to man the parking at the Touch Football on wknd Dec. 1, 2, 3rd. See Graham Wiggins & Frank Gaukroger to assist.
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- Next Wednesday (November 22nd) is our **Club's AGM**. The meeting will be held, but due to the late election of Pres-Elect John Sheppard the election of Office Bearers & Board members for 2018-19 will be postponed until a special General Meeting early in 2018. Members wishing to be nominated for a position on the new board please see Pres. John.
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- **Cluster Public Speaking @** Westport Rotary Tues. 21st Nov @6-30pm. Cost \$20. Our club's rep is - Kyden Power-O'Toole from McKillop. Ten members attending. See Diana asap if intending to go.
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- **DG Bob Ryan's partner Margaret** spoke on her project to raise \$40,000 to create a PhD Scholarship for Research into Stem Cell Regeneration in the muscle tissue of the heart. Pres. John presented Margaret with a cheque for \$500-00 from our club towards her project.

Our Club is Doing Alright!

District Governor Bob Ryan (pictured right with President John Sheppard & Vice President Gai Nixon) was encouraged by the number of club projects our club is engaged in and the obvious friendliness in the club between members. He showed a DVD clip of Rotary's INT Pres Ian Riseley & his theme for the year on **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**.

Counting our volunteer hours & giving it a monetary value & each member planting a tree by April 22, 2018.

The DG spoke on Membership & some innovative ideas from some clubs in our district. Uralla Club down to only 11 members decided to meet every fortnight & only for ONE hour as a business meeting & then to adjourn to a pub or club for a meal. They now have 40 members!!! Quirindi Club struggling with an aging membership began to focus on RYLA & encouraged their RYLEES to join Rotary. Today the average age of their club is 27 & their President is only 26 years old. Taree Club has met prospective members over coffee with a cell of 3 members. One out of four from these interviews has joined Rotary & their club numbers are rising. Bob concluded by promoting his conference in Armidale on March 9-11, 2018 & emphasised it was a New England Region Conference including Uralla, Walcha, Guyra & Glen Innes as well as Armidale. Note the date & join Bob & Margaret for a great weekend.



Induction of a New Member

DG Bob Ryan inducted the new Manager of K-Mart Michael Lawrence at tonight's meeting.

We will feature a resume of Michael's career in next weeks bulletin. Pictured - I/r Glenda Barber (Club Director), Neil Porter (Michael's mentor), Diana & Michael Lawrence & DG Bob Ryan.

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 Frank Beukers...

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President - John Sheppard; **President-elect** - John Sheppard; **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.

Club - 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
Nov. 22	AGM & Assembly		President John Sheppard	Lloyd Cross			Kerry Medway
Nov. 29	Vocational - High School Business Challenge	H/S Principals & Students	John Oxley	Graham Wiggins		Sandra Adams	Kerry Medway
December 1 - 2 - 3 - Parking at Touch Football. Shifts 6am - 8am & 8am - 10am - See Frank Gaukroger & Graham Wiggins for roster.							
Dec 6	Alumni BBQ @ McInerney Park	tba	Diana Gammon	Frank Gaukroger			Lyn Bowen

Melbourne Cup Fun on November 1st



Some more pictures from Neil Porter's Melbourne Cup fun night on November 1st - Pictures taken by Sam Openshaw.
Left - Debbie Loveday (alias Michelle Payne) on her Cup winner "Rock-a-Bye Baby". Above - Glenda Barber donating to Frank Moxon's Salvo appeal. Right - Stunning filly, Sue Porter at the starting gate.



POLIO PLUS MOVIE NIGHT

The MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS movie premier was a great success both financially and socially. The fellowship enjoyed by the three local clubs (Port Sunrise, Port Macquarie West & Port Macquarie Rotary Clubs) was most apparent. 136 people attended with 52 members & friends from our club attending. The net result was \$1354-80 for the Polio Plus Project. The pre-movie snacks were a hit & responsible for much of the fund-raising. The film was gripping & kept everyone guessing until the end. Thanks to all who participated & **a BIG THANKS to Lorraine Beukers who organised this wonderful event.**

Quotation of the week -



"Smile, it is the key that fits the lock of everybody's heart."

- Anthony J. D'Angelo

(Another f/b post from David Plews)

BIRTHDAYS November 2017

- 22/11 - Bill Nixon
- 22/11 - Terry Crossley
- 25/11 - Ray Hodgson
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES November 2017

- 17/11 - Adam & Tamara Rumble
- 25/11 - Frank & Narelle Moxon
- 30/11 - Lyn Bowen & David Meidling
- 30/11 - Graham & Val Wiggins