

The PORT WHEEL

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Meeting notes

Rotary Emergency Services 'Volunteer of the Year' - past winners

- **2014 - Paul Rayner**
(Surf Life Saving)
- **2015 - Joint winners - Michael Ward**
(State Emergency Services) & **John Davison**
(Rural Fire Service)
- **2016 - Shane Hughes**
(State Emergency Services)
- **2017 - Joint winners - Kim Rayner**
(Surf Life Saving) & **Bruce Blackburn**
(Rural Fire Service)

- Tonight's International Toast was to The Rotary Club of **Montargis et du Gatinais in France** by **Lee Krahe**.
- Rotary roster for **Meals on Wheels** on Tuesdays of this month. Please contact Valda Sturrock (Cleland) for more information.
- **BBQ at Hospital for Mid Wives & Maternity Nurses Award** Friday 11th May. See Ray White for help.

Rotary Emergency Services 'Volunteer of the Year' Winner Kevin Sherwood

Kevin is the immediate-past Unit Controller of Port Macquarie SES & held this position from 2011 to 2017. He has been instrumental in raising the profile & professionalism of the Port Macquarie State Emergency Service. He is accredited with the State Rescue Board as a General and Rescue Operator (including road crash rescue) & vehicular rescue. He is qualified in Flood Rescue & Rescue Boats. He has been the Incident Controller for numerous storms & floods.

He has received many awards & completed numerous training courses & is a qualified Trainer & Assessor. He is actively involved in training the members of the Port Macquarie SES. He has been deployed to numerous 'out of area' operations & was recently a judge of an SES Road Crash Rescue Competition. In 2013, Kevin successfully led the PMQ SES to be winners of the State Disaster Rescue Competition & National Disaster Rescue Competition. For both competitions Kevin was judged the 'best team leader.' Despite stepping down as Unit Controller last year, Kevin is still actively involved in the local SES in training & operational activities. Kevin was unable to be present at the Award night due to work commitments (he is a volunteer in SES) & so was represented by SES members - Michael Brumby & Michael Ward who received his award from President John Sheppard & Police Commander Paul Fehan.



Kevin Sherwood

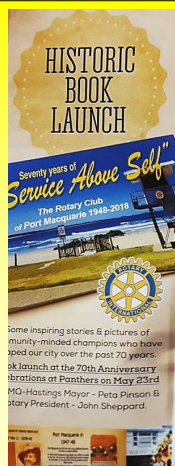
Check out the May issue of FOCUS

Pages 18 & 19.

Thanks Jo Robinson for a great interview & to Jay & Louise Beaumont @ FOCUS for once again giving ROTARY a good promotion.

RSVP by May 9

If you are attending the 70th Celebration dinner @ Panthers on May 23rd. Send RSVP to Elizabeth Fielding details below -



Rotary Club
70th
Anniversary

Seventy years of serving the community is no small feat... and it's a fantastic opportunity for the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie to celebrate its amazing achievements. May 23rd will mark an anniversary dinner and the presentation of a special book, *Seventy Years of Service Above Self*, that's been compiled by Kerry Medway...

H Kerry, why did you join the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie, and how long have you been a member?

Finis in the 1950-60s, that now stand as 'monuments' to Rotary' on our headland.

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President: John Sheppard; **Secretary:** Terry Crossley
P. O. Box 136, Port Macquarie... NSW... 2444
CLUB MEETINGS, EACH WEDNESDAY @ Port Panthers,
5-30pm for 6pm start.

Apologies or bookings to Elizabeth Fielding...
Email - efielding@csr.com.au or Text - 0407 369 512

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 bulletin editor

Date	Program	Speaker	Program chair	Welcomer	3 on Me	Inter. Toast	Sergeant
May 9th	Joint Board Meet						
May 16th	Hastings Education Fund	Jim O'Brien	Neil Porter	Mavis Wallace	Debra Kenworthy	Debra Kenworthy	Kerry Medway
May 23rd	Ours club's 70th Anniversary Celebrations - RSVPs for dinner by 9th May 2018 - Thanks.						
May 30th	International Dinner @ Saltys	German Speaker (speaking in English we hope!)	Gai Nixon	Inter committee			

Commander Paul Fehon

Our local Police Commander Paul Fehon gave a very relaxed & interesting talk tonight at the Emergency Service 'Volunteer of the Year' Award. Paul commended the local Emergency Services & especially the SES for the great work in rescue they perform. He also spoke on the importance of high-level training that all service crews undergo. He told some good stories about policing & answered a number of questions on the local police & the state of crime in this area. Thanks Paul.



Presentation of the Rotary Emergency Service 'Volunteer of the Year' Award to SES Michael Ward & Michael Brumby by Commander Paul Fehon & President John Sheppard.

Quotation of the week -



“

When all the dust is settled and all the crowds are gone, the things that matter are faith, family and friends...We have been inordinately blessed, and we know that.”

- Barbara Bush

RSVP for our club's 70th Anniversary celebration on May 23rd 2018 By May 9th

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Hi-lites of the 70th Celebrations

As well as the book launch of SEVENTY YEARS OF 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF' by President John & the Mayor Peta Pinson & the premiere of a new club promo DVD - TRYING A LITTLE KINDNESS, there will be some special moments -

- The cutting of the 70th Anniversary Cake by PDG Laurie Barber (our club's current longest serving member) & Lyn Bowen (our first female President).
- The singing of a new Rotary Song written by John Oxley & sung by Ted Giblin, David Meidling & Neil Porter to the tune of "Little Brown Jug". A similar song was sung in 1948.
- The Toast to our Club by Brian Hole - a past President of the Taree R/C & son of Taree President Frank Hole who toasted our club in 1948 at the Charter.
 - Plus, plus - some more surprises!!!!

ROTARY MILESTONES in May 2018

- **1/5/1984 - Phil Brown** (33 years)
- **9/5/2012 - Doug Heagney** (5 years)
(Doug was a member of Uralla R/C for 27 years)
- **10/5/2000 - Neil Porter** (17 years)
- **28/5/2014 - Gai Nixon** (3 years)
(Gai was a member of Nerang R/C for 9 years)

BIRTHDAYS May 2018

- 04/05 - Lyn Slack
- 09/05 - Julie Brown
- 11/05 - Helen Brown
- 13/05 - Frank Urban
- 15/05 - Jill Heagney
- 24/05 - Graham Bell
- 25/05 - Kenn Brown
- 30/05 - Ray White
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES May 2018

- 03/05 - Geoff & Lyn Slack
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