



The Port Wheel

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- Club Meetings each Wednesday @ Port Panthers 6pm for 6-30pm start.
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- **Past District Governors -**
Roger Dulhunty 1969-70;
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2021-22 David Mayne
 - **Bulletin Editors -**
Kerry Medway & Brittani Michelle



A milestone for humanity: Two strains of polio are now eradicated



In a historic milestone to mark World Polio Day on 24 October, type 3 of the wild poliovirus has been declared eradicated. Following the eradication of smallpox and wild poliovirus type 2, this news represents a new achievement for humanity.

"The achievement of polio eradication will be a milestone for global health. Commitment from partners and countries, coupled with innovation, means of the three wild polio serotypes, only type one remains," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization and Chair of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) Polio Oversight Board "We remain fully committed to ensuring that all necessary resources are made available to eradicate all poliovirus strains. We urge all our other stakeholders and partners to also stay the course until final success is achieved," he added.

There are three individual and immunologically-distinct wild poliovirus strains: wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1), wild poliovirus type 2 (WPV2) and wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3). Symptomatically, all three strains are identical, in that they cause irreversible paralysis or even death. But there are genetic and virological differences which make these three strains three separate viruses that must each be eradicated individually.

WPV3 is the second strain of the poliovirus to be wiped out, following the certification of the eradication of WPV2 in 2015. The last case of WPV3 was detected in northern Nigeria in 2012. Since then, the strength and reach of the eradication programme's global surveillance system has been critical to verify that this strain is truly gone. Investments in skilled workers, innovative tools and a global network of laboratories have helped determine that no WPV3 exists anywhere in the world, apart from specimens locked in secure containment.

Eradicating WPV3 proves that a polio-free world is achievable.

Key to success will be the ongoing commitment of the international development

Thanks to former member Lyn Bowen for sending us this W.H.O. bulletin



& to ROTARY for the amazing efforts being done to win the battle over POLIO.



Rotary Citation to Reg Pierce

Pictured left - a Presidential Citation being presented by PDG Lorraine Coffey to Past President Reg Pierce for drought efforts. Well done Reg.

Thanks to Annette Melberzs & the Wauchope Rotary Bulletin for photo.

Winner of the PDG Barrie Titcume (1971-72) Trophy for best club bulletin in 2018-2019 in Rotary District 9650, Australia.

Club program

If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Brittani Michelle & Bull Editor-

Date	Program	Speaker	Program chair	Welcomers	3 on Me	Inter. Toast	Sergeant
Nov. 6	Melb.Cup - Derby Night	'Neil the Punter'	Neil Porter	John Sheppard	Gerald Haynes	John Oxley	Sandra Adams
Nov. 13	Cluster Public Speaking Final	Cluster winners	Gil Padarin-Innes	Frank Urban	_____	_____	Sandra Adams
Nov.20	Social Outing Blue Water Bar & Restaurant	6pm for 6-30pm	Glenda Barber	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nov. 27	Rotary Foundation	Ian Simpson	Sandra Adams	Debbie Loveday	Robert Rutishauser	Glenda Barber	Kerry Medway



HOW HASTINGS SECONDARY COLLEGE WORKS?

Executive Principal Willem Holvast (pictured) gave an inspiring insight into the new vision and workings of our two High Schools - Port Macquarie High & Westport High. They have now been amalgamated into one SUPER COLLEGE. He was assisted by the College Community Liaison Leanne Jeffery. Each school remains autonomous with approx. 800 pupils each, but when the students reach Years 11-12, they can choose subjects from

either school & be maxi-taxed to classes, campus to campus.

The college has some exciting & innovative learning modules - for the brilliantly academic to the young people who wish to pursue trades & local jobs, plus a brilliant alternate school program for those who don't fit & a Clontarf program for aboriginal boys. Thanks Willem & Leanne.



Aiden & Jared

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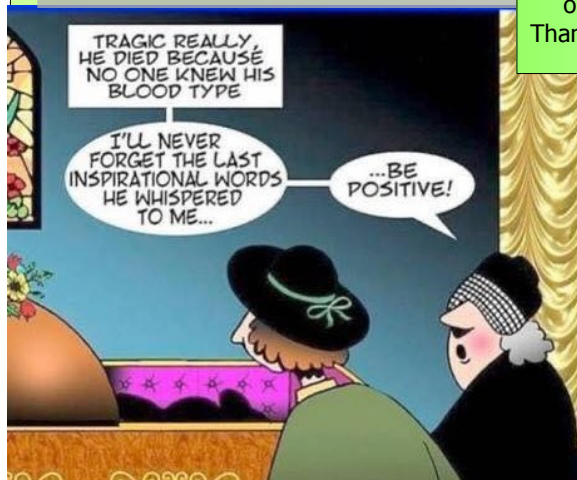
Tonight Aiden Freeman & Jared Waters, two young men from McKillop College shared some of their experience from attending Rotary's Rymarine at Coffs Harbour last weekend. Both are hoping for careers in marine science or as water police. Thanks boys for sharing.

Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **December 6-7-8 - Junior Touch Football car parking**
- **February 14-15-16 - Senior Touch Football parking**
- **March 20-22, 2020 - District Conference at South West Rocks**
- **March 26 - 29th, 2020. Rotary Book Sale**
 - **May 2nd - 9th - RYLA**
- **June 12-14 - District MUNA @ Bonny Hills**



- Tonight's International Toast was presented by **Ray Hodgson to the R/C of Charlotte, North Carolina**. Ray attended this club of 300 members on his recent Nepal Hospital promotion tour of USA. One of 13 Rotary Clubs who gave Ray an enthusiastic reception. He raised \$30,000 in donations & book sales from the USA & a Conference in New Zealand.
- Apology to PMQ High School Principal Meaghan Cook for the misspelling of her name in last weeks bulletin.
- **District 9650 SHOWCASE at Tamworth** on Saturday 23rd November. Host DG Phil Hafey. A chance to hear some excellent projects & update your information about Rotary. Contact Debbie if interested in attending.
- **Phil Perry & Debbie Loveday** are seeking volunteers for car parking for the Touch Footie weekend - December 6-7-8. Give them a call.



BIRTHDAYS November 2019

- 01/11 - Hazel Haynes
- 08/11 - Robyn Giblin
- 10/11 - Sue Porter
- 10/11 - Brian Calford
- 12/11 - Gerald Haynes
- 22/11 - Bill Nixon
- 22/11 - Terry Crossley
- 25/11 - Ray Hodgson

ANNIVERSARIES November 2019

- 03/11 - Brian & Bett Calford
- 17/11 - Adam & Tamara Rumble
- 25/11 - Frank & Narelle Moxon