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- **Membership Director** - vacant
 - Club Meetings each Wednesday @ Port Panthers 6pm for 6-30pm start.
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- **Past District Governors -**
Roger Dulhunty 1969-70;
Ivan Meldrum 1975-76;
Laurie Barber 2006-07;
District Governor Elect -
2020-21 Debbie Loveday
District Governor Nominee -
2021-22 David Mayne
 - **Bulletin Editor** - Kerry Medway

Rotary Foundation Grants over \$US 265,000 for Medical Equipment for the Mother's & Babies Hospital in Nepal

An edited report by DGE Debbie Loveday -

Six years ago, Dr Ray Hodgson, Director of Australians for Women's Health said: "My dream is to build a Mothers and Babies Hospital in Nepal". Dr Ray had recognised the appalling state of women's health in Nepal, and the alarmingly high prevalence of severe genital prolapse. He had been travelling to remote areas of Nepal to perform prolapse surgery on women, as there were very few surgeons trained to perform this type of surgery in these parts of the country. In addition to the disfiguring genital problems, the maternal mortality rate in Nepal is one of the highest in world. Dr Ray was invited to join Rotary and has since become the International Director for the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie. In 2019 he was awarded Zone 8 Rotary Humanitarian of the Year.

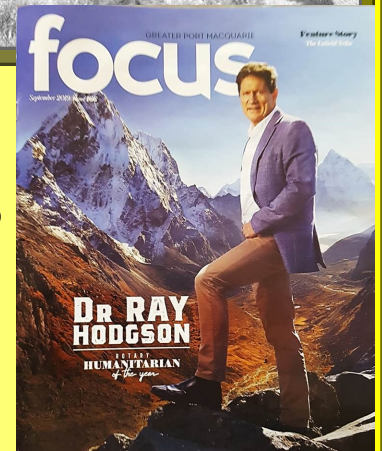
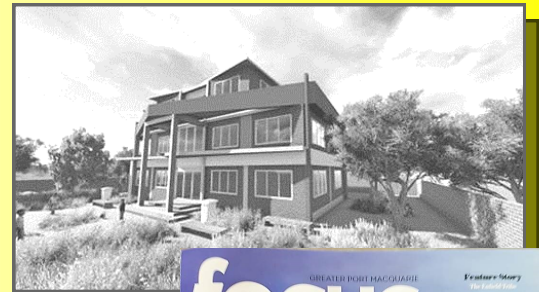
The Mothers and Babies Hospital will be constructed at a site in the district of Dolakha, five hours east of Kathmandu. Its model will be based on Dhulikhel Hospital – a general hospital situated one hour from Kathmandu. Dhulikhel Hospital is the 3rd largest hospital in Nepal with staff highly experienced in rural medical and community work. The Mothers and Babies Hospital will service over 100,00 people in the Dolakha region and provide lifesaving care for mothers and their children. The top floor of the hospital will be entirely devoted to the ongoing training of local doctors, midwives and allied health professionals, making the project sustainable for years to come.

DGE Debbie Loveday and Dr Ray Hodgson commenced the application for a global grant in 2018.

The grant application enlisted the help of PP Ranjeev Shrestha from the Rotary Club of Dhulikhel District 3292, supporting documentation with a community needs assessment, letters of recommendation from Dhulikhel Hospital. At 8.20am on 26 March 2020 we received an email from Laura Bradley, Rotary International, entitled **Rotary Global Grant GG1983109: Application approved.**

The following is an excerpt from that email.

*Congratulations! Your global grant application for funding to provide medical equipment to Gaurishanker General Hospital in Dolakha, Nepal, submitted by the Rotary Club of Dhulikhel and the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie, has been approved by The Rotary Foundation. **The award is in the amount of \$US 265,745.00.***



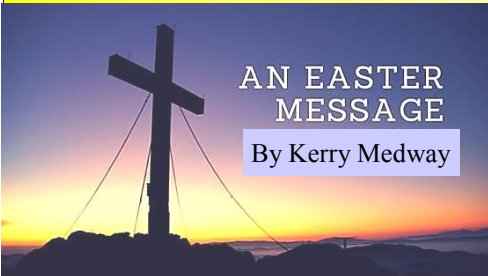
Winner of the PDG Barrie Titcume (1971-72) Trophy for best club bulletin in 2018-2019 in Rotary District 9650, Australia.

Club program

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

Date	Program	Speaker	Program chair	Welcomers	3 on Me	Inter. Toast	Sergeant
Apr. 1st	Youth Exchange in New Orleans	Glen Freeman	Elizabeth Fielding	Diana Gammon			Sandra Adams Kerry Medway & PRE-EASTER MINUTE
Apr. 8th	Tidal Pool						
Apr. 15th							
		Kathryn Butler	Sheila Openshaw	Mavis Wallace	Padarin Innes Darryl McMahon	Gil Debbie Loveday Geoff Slack	

All club meetings are CANCELLED for the month of April



AN EASTER MESSAGE

By Kerry Medway

For thirty years I have been invited to share a two minute Easter message at our club's meeting just prior to Easter. The messages have been well received, even by those who don't profess to any Christian

faith. On many occasions I have been thanked for the interesting talks. Only one Rotarian ever expressed his distaste for the Easter talks. He would walk out of the room whilst I spoke. He confessed to me later that he had to listen behind the closed door, so he would know when I had finished & would come back into the room!!! Ha Ha.

With no Rotary meeting this week due to the Corona virus I share these thoughts.

The focus this year is on PRAYER. Jesus taught His disciples to pray - the Lords Prayer (Matthew 6), a detailed prayer in John 17 & His amazing prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane before His crucifixion - *"Lord not my will, but yours be done."*

In this time of crisis many have found prayer to be a great source of comfort. Julia Baird, writing in Saturday's Sydney Morning Herald spoke about our Prime Minister Scott Morrison's earnest prayer as he prayed for our nation's protection. Julia quoted a prayer by Brother Richard Hendrick, a Capuchin Franciscan living in Ireland - *So we pray and we remember that: Yes there is fear/ But there does not have to be hate./ Yes there is isolation./ But there does not have to be loneliness./ Yes there is panic buying./ But there does not have to be meanness./ Yes there is sickness./ But there does not have to be disease of the soul./ Yes there is even death./ But there can always be a rebirth of love.*

Julie concludes - Let's not scoff at prayer; millions are reaching to God and the good, hoping we can somehow survive. Lets be gentle with each other. Stay safe this Easter.

Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **May 2nd - 9th - RYLA**
- **June 12-14 - District MUNA @ Bonny Hills**
- **September 18 - Rotary Golf Day**

Club NEWS

- In next weeks Port Wheel we will feature an excellent article by Dr Ray Hodgson - SOCIAL DISTANCING IS A PRIVILEGE.
- Stay safe - STAY SAFE...Rotarians.

MYSTERY SAYINGS - Have a go & send in your answers to the Bull Ed. The winner will receive two sheets of toilet paper!!!



BIRTHDAYS April 2020

- 09/04 - Gai Nixon
- 18/04 - Mary Oxley
- 28/04 - Sheila Openshaw
- 29/04 - Debbie Loveday

ANNIVERSARIES April 2020

- 11/04 - Frank & Patricia Urban
- 19/04 - John & Mary Oxley