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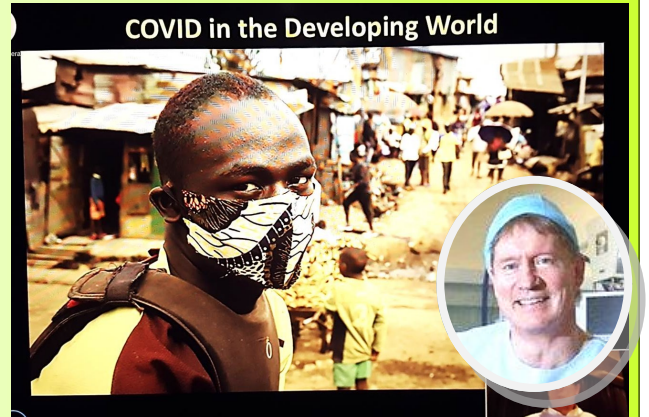
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- **President-Elect** - Elizabeth Fielding
- **Vice President** - Glenda Barber
 - **Secretary** - Geoff Slack
 - **Treasurer** - Frank Moxon
 - **Club Service Director** - Debbie Loveday (acting)
- **Community Service Director** - Elizabeth Fielding
- **International Service Director** - Ray Hodgson
- **Vocational Service Director** - Neil Porter
- **Youth Service Director** - Gil Padarin-Innes
- **Membership Director** - vacant
 - Club Meetings each Wednesday @ Port Panthers 6pm for 6-30pm start.
- **Apologies or bookings to - Elizabeth Fielding**
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- **Past District Governors -**
 Roger Dulhunty 1969-70;
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District Governor Elect -
 2020-21 Debbie Loveday
District Governor Nominee -
 2021-22 David Mayne
 - **Bulletin Editor -**
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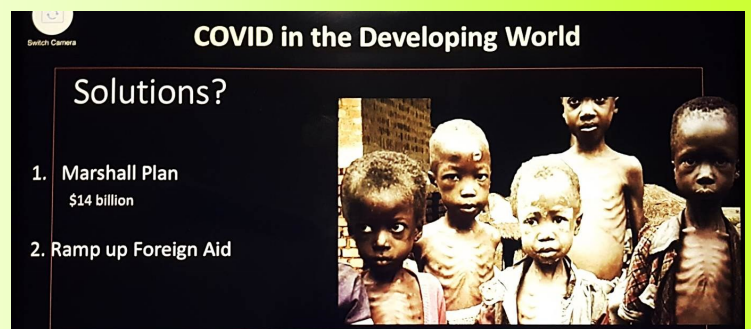
Dr Ray Presents a Sobering Zoom message



Dr Ray Hodgson, our club's International Director had to step-in when our guest speaker was unable to appear at last Wednesday's ZOOM club meet. Ray is one of Port Macquarie's specialist gynaecologists, and Director of the Port Macquarie Campus of the University of NSW School of Medicine.

Ray spoke on the dangers of COVID-19 in the developing world. He said that whilst we have done very well here in Australia in handling the crisis, he fears the dangers of a Covid-19 break out in the poorer countries of the world.

Ray focused on Africa as an example. The population on this continent is 1.2 billion, and at present they have only 2,000 ventilators (compared to 170,000 in USA with a population of one quarter that of Africa's). In many of the African countries with large populations, preventive activities like 'social distancing' and effective hand washing are virtually impossible for most of the population. Furthermore, most African countries have very limited medical resources and little or no access to social welfare. As a result, they are highly likely to suffer massive economic decline once the virus hits them. A 1% fall in GDP in African countries will see 50,000 infants die, not from the virus, but from other medical problems and starvation! If GDP falls to the predicted 3.7%, the infant death toll could reach a devastating 185,000.



Ray admitted it will be almost impossible to stop much of the devastation from Covid-19 in developing countries. He advocated for something like the Marshall Plan, where after WW2 \$14 billion was provided by the USA to help rebuild Western European countries ravaged by war. He pleaded for Western countries to wipe-off the \$44 billion debt to struggling African countries. He appealed to affluent countries like ours to ramp-up foreign aid. He hoped Rotary may be able to offer support & RAWCS could come to the fore.

Ray appealed for us - *to show solidarity to people beyond our borders.*

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	Speak-	er	Pro-
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; transform: rotate(-5deg); background-color: #90EE90;"> <p>Club meetings will be via ZOOM on internet in May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 13th - 6pm Dr Sharon Sykes - Domestic Violence • May 20th - Board meeting - including incoming board members • May 27th - </div>				

Rotary Meeting Today.... Zoom 2020

Thanks Brian Calford for this pic from Wednesday 6th May 2020



Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **August 15 - 22 - RYLA (new date)**
- **September 18 - Rotary Golf Day**

Club NEWS

- **Community Centre Working Bee** - Julie Constable thanked the 10 members from three local clubs who worked last Wednesday. Mulching & painting.
- **Rotary Bookshop** is now re-open on Saturdays from 9am to 1pm. Thanks to Valda, Bob & Gil for manning the bookshop last Saturday & raised \$500. Thanks also to all who dropped in books. Valda has a roster for the next 4 weeks.

How it used to be?

A visit to the Black Duck Brewery in 2018



A belated >

Happy Mother's Day



This week's Mystery Sayings ???

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Give Give Give
Get Get Get

12.

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THE THE END

IMAGINE THESE MOTHERS SAYING THIS TO THEIR SONS -

MICHELANGELO - Michel, why can't you paint on the walls like other children. Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS - Christopher, I don't care what you have discovered, you still should have written!!!

THOMAS EDISON - Thomas, of course I am proud that you invented the light bulb. Now turn it off and go to sleep!!!!

JONAH - Jonah, that's a nice story. Now tell me where you have really been for the last 40 days?



Last week's MYSTERY SAYING ANSWWERS

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pudding

9. Rice pudding
10. Police force

Sadly, no winners.
Thanks to those who tried

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BIRTHDAYS May 2020

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- 13/05 - Frank Urban
- 15/05 - Jill Heagney

ANNIVERSARIES May 2020

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