



Rotary Opens Opportunities



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Rotary Supports Stem-Robotics



Pictured left to right - Rotarian Diana Gammon; Principal of Port High School, Meaghan Cook; Rotarian Glenda Barber; Acting Executive Principal of the Hastings Secondary Campus, Ian Ross; Rotarian Julie Constable; Acting principal of Westport High School, Duncan Kirkland; Rotarian Fred O'Toole; President of the PMQ West R/C, Heather Mayne; & President of the PMQ Rotary Club, Elizabeth Fielding discussing the STEM/Robotics Partnership.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics education. This is seen as the future for education and this partnership will champion a national

effort in our schools to attract more girls, aboriginal students and any student who has not considered STEM as a future pathway.

A report from Diana Gammon -

"Our Club has been discussing this STEM/ Robotics Project since last September and with the help of a District Designated Grant (DDF) commenced the first STEM/ Robotics Hub over Christmas. We then ran aground with the arrival of the Corona-virus and disappointingly were not even able to attend the opening. In the meantime Incoming Westport R/C President Heather Mayne applied for a Community Grant. (The success of this application for a grant will be known by November 2020). This joint Westport and Rotary Club of Port Macquarie project is now back on track and there is a great amount of enthusiasm all round.

Two specialist "grant writers" Fred O'Toole Port Macquarie Club and Rick Eller of Westport Club will work with a very small team and partner with Hastings Secondary College to try to attract as many further grants as possible during the 20/21 year. BEST OF LUCK TO THE GRANT WRITERS!

In the meantime there is a rumour that later in the year our club's Vocational Committee led by Neil Porter will be taking us to the school to have a look at the Robotics program and maybe meet some of the students who love these new "toys". "

Footnote - This exciting joint project between the Hastings Secondary School Campus & the two local Rotary Clubs was a feature on page 5 of today's Port Macquarie News.

(Wednesday 5th August 2020).



In our 73rd Year



Club program

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

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chair	Welcomer	My Story	Inter.Toast	Fascinating Fact	Sergeant
Aug 12th	Aquatic Centre	Greg Freeman	Frank Moxon	Ray Hodgson	Robert Rutishauser	John Oxley	Brian Calford	Sandra Adams
Aug 19th	Social Dinner	GAMES NIGHT	Glenda Barber					
Aug 26th	Living with Dementia	Sarah Ashton	Gai Nixon	David Mayne	Geoff Slack	Phil Perry	Bob Cleland	Neil Porter
Sep 2nd	ZOOM meeting	Ted Giblin Birds of region Bushfire Recov-	Elizabeth Fielding					



Daniel Maxwell in Norway - Update



Club Members caught on candid camera -

Hello All! Sorry for no recent updates. I've been rather busy as I'm on summer holidays now! I changed host families at the start of July and we've been staying at their summer house which has a fantastic view. I've been doing a lot of travelling this month to different cities and islands. I'm enjoying the European summer holiday so much that I don't want to go back to school just yet!

Whoa.... Daniel, who is this lovely young Norwegian lass???



Geoff Slack is intrigued by whatever Alastair Moss is doing with his meal! Can he see something Alastair can't see????

Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **August 15 - 22 - RYLA**
- **October 3rd - 9th - Spring Rotary Book Sale @ Bay Park Plaza.**
- **March 12 - 14, 2021 - District 9650 Conference in Port Macquarie**

Club NEWS

- Tonight's **ZOOM meeting** saw 17 members with our host President Elizabeth. Our guest speaker was **Nicole Rowe** speaking from a Motel room in Sawtell. She is the northern area rep for **MISSION AUSTRALIA** (formerly Sydney City Mission). Nicole told us of the many welfare assistance programs of MA in the areas of mental health, caring for families, young offenders from ages 10-17, community housing, etc.
- It was announced that Panthers are requesting that according to the Covid directions we are **no longer allowed to stand** when making toasts, nor stand whilst singing the National Anthem. This will be commence next week & at all future meetings.
- President Elizabeth gave a report on the progress (or lack of) of the **MENTAL HEALTH GARDEN** in the grounds of the Base Hospital. Things are moving slowly due to Covid restrictions.
- Elizabeth also reported that the local Club Cluster are looking at a **major fund raiser** to be organised in April 2021 celebrating Port Macquarie's Bi-Centenary & Rotary's 100th Anniversary in Australia.
- **Lyn Slack** is off to Sydney for a major knee operation this week. Also **Bill Nixon** was taken to hospital during the week with a serious leg problem. We wish them both a good recovery.

BIRTHDAYS August 2020

- 07/08 - Craig Wearne
- 12/08 - Joan Moss
- 23/08 - Ian Cropper
- 29/08 - Alan Openshaw
- 29/08 - Glyn Fuller

ANNIVERSARIES August 2020

- 21/08 - Alastair & Joan Moss
- 28/08 - Robert & Josi Rutishauser
- 28/08 - Sheila & Alan Openshaw