



Rotary Opens Opportunities



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NEPAL'S COVID-19 CRISIS THREATENS TO TOP INDIA'S

Ray cries out for urgent help for Nepal

Nepal is suffering a medical humanitarian disaster. This is as fierce in severity as the crisis of its immediate neighbour,

India. The second Covid wave began in Nepal in mid-April this year with an exponential rise of deadly infections of the new Covid variant, B19167. Currently in Nepal there is one death from Covid infection every 10 minutes. Hospital and medical staff throughout the country are overrun with patients suffering from the effects of Covid.

Dhulikhel Hospital is the third largest medical institution in Nepal and serves a large proportion of the population. As with all Nepalese hospitals, Dhulikhel is unable to cope with the overwhelming numbers of Covid-infected patients arriving each day. In particular they have acute shortages of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other medical supplies to combat this alarming wave of infection; they are in desperate need of further medical equipment to treat patients, and literally to save their lives.

Our solid connections in Nepal and impressive, swift work from Debbie Loveday have allowed us to rapidly set up a Rotary Global Grant to purchase essential medical equipment for Dhulikhel Hospital. We need to secure approximately \$10,000 from our club in order to allow matching Rotary funds for this Global Grant. The best way for Rotarians to contribute to this cause is to donate directly to the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie, with a covering letter stating that their donation is to "contribute to the Global Grant for the Rotary Dhulikhel Hospital Covid Appeal".

Our prompt response to this crisis will save many lives. Thanks you for your critical support....Ray Hodgson



Please send donations via our club's Service account & note the deposit - NEPAL COVID.

*Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Service Account
Bank Regional Australia*

*BSB 932 000
a/c 500186796 Thanks.*

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Club Meetings each Wednesday @
Port Panthers 5-30pm for 6pm start.

Apologies or bookings to - Sam
Openshaw. Phone 0408 235 870 or
email to -
mentalhealthsupport@hotmail.com

Club bank details - BSB 932-000
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In our 73rd Year

THE HOME OF OUR
DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Club program - If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Port Wheel Editor Kerry.

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chr	Welcomer	Fasc. Facts	InterToast	Sergeant
June 16th	Lifeline at Shop in Gordon Street	Mgr Kurt Russell	Neil Porter				
June 23rd	Club Changeover BIG surprises		Elizabeth & Frank Moxon				Neil Porter
June 30th	Regenatative Agriculture	Digby Horne	Geoff Slack	Ted Giblin	Ray Hodgson	Mavis Wallace	Kerry Medway



Tonight's guest speaker was James Thomas from Feel the Magic a charity that is helping young people who have lost a close 'loved one' to know how to grieve.

One of the great events in this group is the 3-day Camp Magic. Sixty young people who have lost someone special spend the long weekend away together with mentors and learn some grieving skills. They also work with grieving youth via the internet.

The charity is based on four values - EMPATHY, EMPOWERMENT, GROWTH & CONNECTION. Go to the Camp Magic website & view the most moving video clip. Thanks James. A wonderful support group.

Dates for Changeovers

June 15 - Port West R/C
RSVP kittyhawk1@bigpond.com

June 19 - Sunrise R/C
6-30pm @ Mercure Centro - RSVP by 14/6 Bookings on line - <https://www.trybooking.com/BOVGS>

June 21 - Laurieton R/C
6-30 for 7pm Cost \$30 RSVP to Noel Hifferman 0432 683 237 by 11/6/21 or scotsmangray@ecoport.com.au

June 23 - Our Club at Panthers
6pm for 6-30pm \$35 p/p
RSVP.. 18/6/21 to Sam Openshaw mentalhealthsupport@hotmail.com

June 26 - District Changeover
@ Panthers RSVP 13/6/21 to - patti.mach@bigpond.com
Cost \$40 6pm for 6-30pm

Note these dates in your Diary

- June 11th - 13th - Rotary's Giant Book Sale at Panthers
- June 23rd - Our Club's Changeover
- June 26th - District Changeover
- September 17th - Rotary Golf Day

Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Tonight's International Toast by Gai Nixon to the R/C of Interlark in Switzerland
- Congratulations to the R/C of PMQ West on breaking the Guinness Records for hanging 10 kilometres of socks.
- Thanks to Frank & Sue Gaukroger who have postponed their big fishing trip by a couple of weeks to assist us at the Rotary Book Sale this wknd. Thanks to all who will be helping.
- Tonight's Fascinating Fact was presented by Sam Openshaw on FAILURE.. Sam shared 13 steps to overcome failure. Thanks Sam.
- President Elizabeth is hoping we will have a good attendance at our Changeover on June 23. There are some exciting surprises planned. Book now.

Former Rotarian Died



Former member of our club **Ron Limbert** (1976-81 & 19085-91) died this week. Ron served on our club board as Treasurer and a Director. His eldest son Dennis was a Rotaractor & met his wife Jeanette at a RYLA week. Ron's funeral will be on Friday at 1-30pm at the Innes Gardens Chapel. Do remember Joan & family at this sad time.

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GIANT BOOK SALE

3 DAYS ONLY!

Fiction, Non-Fiction & Antiquarian Books

Friday June 11
9:00am to 6:00pm

Saturday June 12
9:00am to 6:00pm

Sunday June 13
9:00am to 1:00pm

PANTHERS AUDITORIUM


PANTHERS PORT MACQUARIE

<u>Birthdays</u> <u>June 2021</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u> <u>June 2021</u>
11/06 - Fred O'Toole 13/06 - Robert Rutishauser 23/06 - June O'Toole 25/06 - Geoff Slack 30/06 - Patricia Urban	24/06 - Bill & Gai Nixon
30/06 - Darryl McMahon	