



The Port Wheel

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The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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

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SEPTEMBER IS



BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."*

- Dr. Seuss, *I can Read with My Eyes Shut*



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Why I Am a Rotarian?

by John Oxley - (member of our club 2005 - 2021)

I am a Rotarian because I believe in helping people less fortunate than me. In my first year as a President the theme was "Real Happiness is Helping Others". I found this to be inspiring. Another reason is that I enjoy being part of a group of people who have the same values and the fellowship that follows that.



One of my main comments about our club in the past is that we rarely see the results of fundraising. I suggested that when the hospital in Nepal is built and the equipment Rotary has donated funds for, that we get a video of the hospital in Nepal using this equipment. Hopefully, that will help members see the results of their efforts. I think we need to encourage our board to appoint someone to video the activities of the organisations to which we have donated. We might then be able to see how much our contributions are appreciated.

Wanted - more members to tell their reasons of why they joined Rotary? Please send your story approx. two paragraphs to - Editor Kerry ASAP. Thanks John for kicking off the first.



THE HOME OF OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

In Our 74th Year

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

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chr	Welcomer	Community Spotlight	InterToast	Sergeant
Sep 15th	CSU Cultural Exchange Night	Or ZOOM ????	Ray Hodgson				
Sep 22nd	Zoom meeting Bob Cleland	Plus Charlotte Moore RYLA	Phil Perry			Lorryl Rumble Fuller	Neil Porter
Sep 29th	Zoom	Dave Pearson Geologist - Illegal mining PNG	Diana Gammon			Mavis Wallace	Kerry Medway

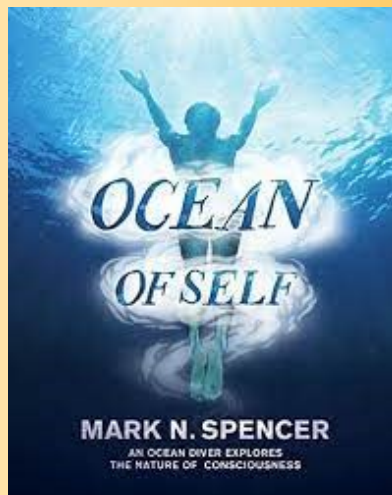
Underwater Photographer & Diver Mark Spencer

Was our guest speaker via Zoom tonight. Mark is a Rotarian & dental surgeon in Coffs Harbour with a passion for underwater exploration and photography.

In 1998 Mark led an expedition to the Dardanelle Strait near Turkey & the site of Gallipoli in WW1 to dive to the wreck of Australia's second submarine AE2 which was scuttled in 1915. Mark showed us some remarkable pictures of the submarine (pictured below at the dock).



In 2010 Mark was part of another expedition back to Gallipoli to dive in Anzac Cove. Here they discovered sunken barges used in the Gallipoli campaign. Mark also got to stand at the very site where his great uncle stood in 1915.



In 1996 Mark and his wife travelled to an island off Mexico and dived with manna rays. Mark showed us some amazing photos of swimming with and riding these gigantic rays. This adventure was featured in the National Geographic magazine. This led to Mark being invited to meet a young boy in Sydney Hospital dying from a rare disease who had adopted the manna ray as his special animal. When Mark visited him in the hospital he had manna ray blankets and was fascinated by Mark's photos and stories. Sadly, the boy died the next day.

Mark has written a book "OCEAN OF SELF" which tells many of his adventures and the discovery of one's inner self in the depths of the ocean. Copies can be purchased on-line.

Thanks Mark for a great presentation.

Lorryl's Inspirational Quote of the Week

"You are never asked to do more than you are able without being given the strength and ability to do it."

- Lorryl Rumble-Fuller



Note this date in your Diary

Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Tonight's International Toast was made by **Brian Calford** on Zoom to the **R/C of ONE**. The first R/C founded by Paul White in Chicago in 1905.
- We had 20 members & guests on our ZOOM meeting tonight, hosted by Club Sergeant Glenda Barber.
- Our rookie bulletin editor PDG Deb Loveday did a great job with the Port Wheel BUT I hope our Dr Ray can find his way to speak at— 'Bowgolah' & 'Manley' & Dee Why in October!!!!!!
- Our **golf day has been cancelled** due to Covid restrictions.
- Sadly our **Public Speaking has had to be cancelled** for September 29th due to covid restrictions. We are still awaiting confirmation for the go-ahead of the club visit to CSU (Charles Sturt University) on September 15th.

Husband and I went grocery shopping with masks, got home, took off masks, brought home wrong husband! Stay alert people!

Birthdays - September 2021

13/09 - Laurie Barber
14/09 - Lorryl Rumble-Fuller
28/09 - Tamara Rumble

Anniversaries - September 2021

September- nil

