



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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President Frank's Monthly Insight -

If you were to ask me what my favourite genre of music is, I would say Folk Music. As a teenager I grew up during the time when lyrics made sense and contained a message for the listeners to hear. My favourites were the Australian group The Seekers, who sang folk ballads like "Lemon Tree" containing the message to put your trust in what you feel and not in what you see. They also sang Pete Seager's song "Turn, turn, turn" inspired by words taken from the book of Ecclesiastes.



TURN TURN TURN

Part of the lyrics state, "There is a season, turn, turn, turn and a time for every purpose under heaven." Which leads me to ask the questions, "in this season of Covid 19, what is the purpose? What have we learnt? How have we changed? What lies ahead?"

When I cast my vision for our Rotary Club, I said, let's all lean forward to see what's coming. I had no idea that Covid restrictions would again impact on the Club's program the way it has done. Many of the plans that were so well put together by PDG Debbie and the Club Directors could not happen. So how did we change? We reverted to the use of today's technology and met on screen and developed fellowship at a distance.

We have learnt that meeting via Zoom has given us greater opportunity to hear speakers on dynamic subjects such as RAMs from Gloucester, DNA from Maitland, Mysteries of the Deep from Coffs Harbour and this week we will hear from Nepal. What lies ahead? I say with Bob Dylan, "the answer my friend is blowing in the wind!" However, I perceive that we will be changed. With the wealth of knowledge possessed in this Rotary Club, we will adapt to meet the needs of our community. "To serve to Change Lives."
 - President Frank Moxon

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 22nd	Zoom meeting Bob Cleland	Plus Charlotte Moore RYLA	Phil Perry			Lorryl Rumble-Fuller	Neil Porter
Sep 29th	Zoom	Dave Pearson Geologist	Diana Gammon			Mavis Wallace	Kerry Medway
Oct 6th	On Zoom Dorothy McKellar	A speaker from Gunnedah	Diana Gammon			?????	Glenda Barber

Bob Cleland in the dumpster!

The lengths our bookshop personnel will go for our customers!!!! Last Saturday someone came in and said they had donated two books by mistake! Bob climbed into the dumpster and after wrestling with the rats & cockroaches found one of the books. We are hoping the second book may be found in Thursday's book sorting.

Now that is Rotary service!!!!!!



Note this date in your Diary

Club News

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Ray Hodgson - MAKING AID BETTER - Why we're making things worse?

Tonights guest speaker via Zoom, a doctor from Nepal was unable to join us, so our International Director, Dr Ray Hodgson stepped in and gave an amazing address on the troubles with aid to 3rd world countries.

Ray was very disturbed on the issue of Foreign Aid (80% of which comes from governments like our own) that miss the mark of enabling 3rd world countries to see a growth in their national GDP, but sadly instead, make people become dependant on 'hand-outs'! He gave several examples of how much of the world aid treats chronic diseases like emergency aid. When there is a crisis and people are in huge trouble, it is essential for world aid to pour in to assist. But this is not a good model for regular support of human aid.

Ray spoke of the way forward with Behavioural Economics; & Evidence Based Research. Ray gave three examples of how this is working in the challenges with Malaria and the use of bed nets (of which Rotary is at the forefront of promoting). He gave another example on Maternal Deaths from his experience in working in Nepal. The use of ultra sounds to break through paternal culture restrictions and seek treatment for pregnant women. He also gave an example of immunisation and the use of incentives to encourage people to seek immunisation for their children against measles, etc.

A great message Ray. Challenging for us all, but needs to be stated. Thanks.

- Tonight's International Toast was made by **PDG Debbie Loveday** to the **R/C of Oklahoma City in the USA**. This is the biggest R/C in the world with 615 members.
- **President Frank led us on a very challenging World Trivia Quiz**. Some said it was worse than the quizzes Kerry imposes upon members. Wow, it must have been tough!!! Winner was Bob Cleland's brother, Barry who joined us from Sydney who won with an outstanding result of 7/12. Gai Nixon didn't feel so bad, as most of us scored 5 or less!!!
- **Our speakers on Zoom** next week are Bob Cleland who will give his pre-prepared talk on My Vocation (Bob was unable to share this previously as he was a guest at the local hospital!!) Our second speaker will be Charlotte Moore who was our RYLA sponsor. We are looking forward to both Bob & Charlotte sharing.
- **President Frank & PDG Debbie** have decided to run our meetings in October via Zoom. Hopefully, we will meet back together again in November when we have 80% double vaccinations. Members supported this move to revert to Zoom. PDG Deb has and is done a great job in finding some quality speakers to share with us via Zoom.



Diana's Inspirational Quote of the Week

"No-one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another"

- Charles Dickens

- Diana Gammon

Birthdays - September 2021

28/09 - Tamara Rumble

Anniversaries - September 2021

September- nil

