



# The Port Wheel

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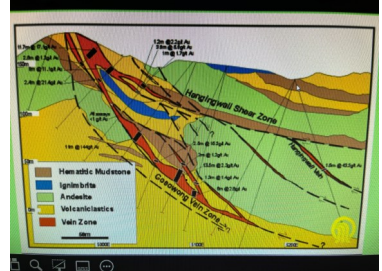


**Guest Speaker tonight was David Pearson – Deputy Chair RAWCS Ltd.**

Dave is a professional Geologist with a 25-year career in Mining and Mineral Exploration, working in every state of Australia, PNG and Indonesia before moving to Guyra in year 2000 to become a full time Grazier. Dave joined Rotary 1992 with the Rotary Club of Sunnybank Hills in District 9630 and subsequently transferred to The Rotary Club of Guyra where he is a two times Past President. His District 9650 roles included founding Secretary of RYAG Sheep 2004 to 2007 and District Chair for Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) 2012 to 2015. In 2015 Dave was appointed to the Board of RAWCS Ltd as National Manager for RAM and served in this role for four years. In

2019 he was invited to remain on the Board as Deputy National Chair. In addition to being an active member of the RAWCS Executive, he has taken the lead in organising the Rotary Drought Fodder Project, Drought Community Outreach Project and Chairs the RAWCS Philanthropy Committee. Dave receives great support from his wife of 44 years Judi and together they have two Daughters and six Grandchildren .

Dave spoke about the volcanoes in the Indonesian area and how they form, together with the difference between regulated vs artisanal mining in PNG. Volcanoes areas are rich in valuable minerals. The regulated mine @ Gosowong is known as a bonanza mine producing 30 to 60grms of gold per tonne of ore.



The fallout from unregulated mining was a lack of safety plus enormous environmental impact . Dave compared the unregulated mining to that of a 'wild west show' with gold towns being set up with shady dealers in gold and not a lot of law enforcement.

**Breaking News!** Following the board meeting last Wednesday, it was resolved that the club would support a flood relief project, in our area. We have partnered with the Rotary Club of Laurieton and the RACG program to provide Flood Recovery Relief to people impacted by the floods in March 2021. Many homes in our area were made uninhabitable after flood waters reached over 1.5 metres.. The RACG project committee will identify people who will, with this additional assistance, be able to return to their previous homes. Many of these people have been relying on charity and friends for nearly 6 months. Club and other donations totalling \$10,000 will be matched by the RACG, enabling \$20,000 to be utilised to support these people in our communities. The Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants Program came into being when Dick Smith donated \$1



million dollars to aid Australians in necessitous circumstances. Since then Dick donated another \$1 million dollars to continue this good work. Bob Cleland and Debbie Loveday received the second cheque in Sydney a couple of years ago and most of this has now been spent.

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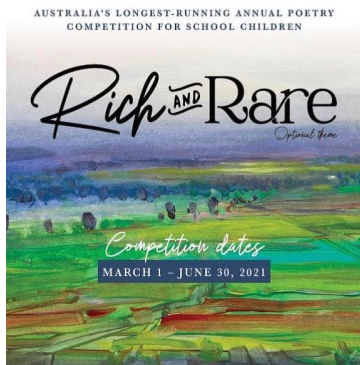
## In Our 74th Year



## 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 Spotlite	InterToast	Sergeant
Oct 6th	Zoom - Dorothy Mackellar	Owen Hasler-Gunnedah	Diana Gammon	_____		Robert Ruitshausen	Glenda Barber
Oct 13th	Zoom - Australian Rotary Health	Dr Bree Hobden	Glenda Barber	_____		Geoff Slack	Kerry Medway
Oct 20th	Zoom - Cotton Australia	Adam Kay CEO Cotton Australia	Neil Porter	_____		Mavis Wallace	Neil Porter

**Next weeks zoom** is our Dorothea McKellar evening with guest speaker Owen Hasler from Gunnedah.



This year's theme for the competition was Rich and Rare. We look forward to hearing from Owen and our students who competed in the competition this year from our schools.

The poetry competition has grown from 300 entries in 1984 to tens of thousands of entries each year from school students across the nation. The competition also has a dedicated following from teachers whose support is integral to its continued success. Jean Isherwood was also deeply touched by *My Country* and in 1983 set herself the task of painting a series of water-colours that she hoped would reflect the beauty described in the verses. This collection can be viewed at the Mackellar Centre.



### Your mental Health has never been more important—October is Lift the Lid on Mental Health fundraising support month.

Half of all the mental health conditions we experience at some point in our lives will have started by age 14. ARH are funding research that intervenes even earlier.. Intervening early means we can prevent mental illness from occurring in later life.. October 13th we will celebrate Hat Day. Please wear a hat to show support. Our guest speaker is Dr Breanne Hobden a PhD scholar from ARH.

### New areas of focus icons

Rotary's area of focus icons promote the causes that reflect the critical humanitarian issues that our members address worldwide. The seven areas of focus include the Environment which was added recently.



### Gordon R. McNally of Scotland selected to be 2023-24 Rotary International President

Gordon R. McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2023-24. A Rotary member since 1984, McNally has been president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He has also served Rotary International as a director and as member or chair of several committees. He is currently an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and chair of the Operations Review Committee. McNally and his wife, Heather, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society. McNally says "Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. I would encourage the use of the flexibility now available to establish new-style clubs that would appeal to a different demographic."



## Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Tonight's **International Toast** was made by Mavis Wallace. Her toast was to our club. Mavis saluted our passion and integrity. She talked about the volunteers hours that Rotarians give, sating that no challenge was too big. Be proud of our club and what we do was the parting message
- President Frank welcomed the 21 people online and especially our guest speaker Dave Pearson, Joan Moss and Brian Calford. He commiserated with Bob Cleland and Diana Gammon whose birthdays are on the 1st October. The will be celebrating at home in lockdown.
- He encouraged us to listen to the recorded zoom meeting regarding the merger of our district and the development of the constitution for the new district 9660.
- Friday 24th—Vale Pam Schubert. The family and friends of Pam Schubert celebrated her life at the Hastings Chapel. Pat was a member of Inner Wheel her late husband Kevin , DG in 1989-1990. Service celebrant was Kerry Medway.
- October is Mental Health Month. We will celebrate Hat Day and Lift the Lid on Mental Health on October 13th.
- October 24th is World Polio Day
- Nov 10th—Club Public Speaking
- Vocational Visit Nov 17th— our host Rod McCormick Hastings Funerals.
- Nov 24th—Cluster Public Speaking
- Tamworth Showcase Nov 27th
- Dec 8—AGM
- Christmas Party Dec 15th Westport Club \$40pp

Stay Safe Everyone!

## Inspirational Quote of the Week



*"You can make more friends in two weeks by becoming interested in other people, than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you"*

By Terry Crossley

### Birthdays - October 2021

01/10 - Diana Gammon  
01/10 - Bob Cleland  
11/10 - Julie Medway  
15/10 - Josi Rutishausen  
24/10 - Donne Wearne

### Anniversaries October 2021

16/10 - David & Heather Mayne

