



# The Port Wheel

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## The Heart of Rotary - No.1

Read this beautiful story extracted from the June/July 2021 edition of The Link - a magazine produced by the Anglican Diocese of Armidale.



Nine year old Simon with his 200 backpacks

A family in Walcha has supported foster care children since 2016. Their eldest son Simon had observed that when the children arrived to be cared for they had almost nothing except the clothes they wore. He said for his ninth birthday that he wanted no presents for himself, but would like to get some items to put in a backpack to give to the foster children. He set about collecting items to fill the backpacks - such as soft toys, toiletries, pyjamas, underwear, textas, books and hand balls. His goal was to pack ten backpacks. But the community and especially the **Walcha Rotary Club** stepped in to offer to assist Simon. By the end of last year Simon had collected and filled 200 backpacks and distributed them to foster care agencies in the New England area.

## The Heart of Rotary - No. 2

\$1320 raised by our club for  
 Mental Health Research

Last Saturday our Rotary Book Shop donated all its sales of \$690 to the Rotary Hat Day to raise funds for mental health.

It was suggested by Brian Calford that we also may consider donating the cost of our meals that we would normally pay, but haven't due to our recent meetings being on Zoom. Several of our members expressed their support and so at this date another \$630 has been donated for the Hat Day & mental health.



**LIFT THE LID**  
*on mental illness*



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In Our 74th Year

### The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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

#### **Apologies for Week's Meet to -**

Frank Moxon

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## 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 27th	Zoom - ROMAC	Rosie Lotawa ROMAC patient	Ted Giblin			Phil Perry	Neil Porter
Nov 3rd	Business meet at Panthers. No meal	6pm -7pm - Mix & Match					
Nov 10th	Dinner Meeting at Panthers	Public Speaking	Diana Gammon/Deb Loveday	????			Kerry Medway



### Cotton-pickin' with Adam Kay

Tonight's guest speaker via ZOOM was the CEO of COTTON AUSTRALIA Adam Kay.

Adam has been the CEO since 2007 and his group represents the interests of

1500 cotton producers in NSW and QLD. Adam was a District Agronomist with the NSW Dept of Agriculture for 30 years, based at Warren. Prior to Cotton Australia, Adam was GM of Cotton Seed Distributors at Wee Waa for 11 years. He has won a number of industry awards and also been awarded a Churchill Fellowship.

Adam gave us a very enlightening talk on the state of the cotton industry in Australia. 90% of cotton is grown on family-owned farms. Cotton Australia supports & advocates for them. Cotton provides 12,000 jobs and contributes over \$3 billion to the Australian economy. Despite crippling droughts and the loss of the China market, the industry is seeking new markets in Asia and with good rains expecting a bumper crop this year. Many manufacturers of cotton garments both overseas and home here in Australia are seeing how good the local cotton product is.

Since 1992 the cotton industry has made huge advances with environmental issues. Today it uses 48% less water and amazingly has reduced its use of insecticides by 97% thanks to genetically modified cotton being developed with a strong resistance to insects and other cotton crop destroyers. An experiment is also being carried out near Goondiwindi in shredding waste cotton garments & putting them back into the soil to rejuvenate it.

Adam answered a number of questions from members, but all were greatly impressed with his presentation. It is clear that the Cotton Industry needs to continue to tell their story, so the community can get a better chance to evaluate the value of growing cotton in Australia (from Emerald in Qld to Swan Hill near the bottom of the NSW border). THANKS ADAM.



## Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Tonight's **International Toast** was made by **Mavis Wallace to the R/C Lautoka in Fiji.**
- **Youth Directors report** - Diana Gammon reported that a story about Olivia McGahon who was highly commended for her poem in the recent Dorothea MacKellar poetry competition appeared in the MacKillop College Newsletter, with a big THANKYOU to Rotary. Support had been waning at McKillop in our poetry & science support for the school by Rotary, but with the appointment of two new teachers in the English & Science sections they have enthusiastically embraced the Rotary support for the school.... Thanks Diana.
- **Greetings from Canada ...** our club bulletin goes to lots of places including Alberta, Canada. Received this message via email - *Kerry, I appreciate you sending me the Port Wheel, Thank you. Don Rebus, Camrose, Alberta, Canada*
- Three of our members are doing it tough, health-wise. **Mavis Wallace's partner Peter** is battling pancreatic cancer & off to Sydney for treatment. **Gerald Haynes** is battling bowel cancer & trying to pull through, slow process. **Phil Brown** also has a rare form of cancer that is debilitating him and there is no known cure, Do lift these men & their families up in prayer.
- **Next weeks bulletin (October 27th)** will be done by our Assistant Editor - PDG Debbie Loveday. Looking forward to Deb's input.

### Robert's Inspirational Quote of the Week



*"In the realm of ideas, everything depends on enthusiasm.... in the real world, all rests on perseverance."*

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Submitted by Robert Rutishauser

#### Birthdays - Oct/Nov 2021

24/10 - Donna Wearne  
01/11 - Hazel Haynes  
08/11 - Robyn Giblin  
10/11 - Sue Porter  
10/11 - Brian Calford  
17/11 - Gerald Haynes  
22/11 - Bill Nixon  
22/11 - Terry Crossley  
25/11 - Ray Hodgson

#### Anniversaries November 2021

03/11 - Brian & Bet Calford  
17/11 - Adam & Tamara Rumble  
25/11 - Frank & Narelle Moxon

