



The Port Wheel

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The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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Club Service Director - PDG Debbie Loveday

Community Service Director - Phil Perry

International Service Director - Ray Hodgson

Vocational Service Director - Neil Porter

Youth Service Director - Diana Gammon

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

Apologies for Week's Meet to - Frank Moxon

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Past/Present District Governors

Roger Dulhunty 1969-70
 Ivan Meldrum 1975-76
 Laurie Barber 2006-07
 Debbie Loveday 2020-21
 David Mayne 2021-22



This weeks fantastic speaker was **Rosie Lotawa — Eastern Region ROMAC Ambassador - What an inspiration!**

Rosie first came to Australia as a ROMAC patient (Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children). She was patient no. 5 in 1991, just a frightened nine year old Fijian girl. In total she returned to Australia for six surgical visits. Her challenges since birth included facial deformities hypertelorism, (abnormally increased distance between two organs or bodily parts, usually referring to an increased distance between the orbits (eyes), bilateral lip and palette and deformed hands. Her left hand contained three fingers, and the right hand had a short arm. She was also fitted with a prosthesis which greatly added to her confidence. Now as a thirty three year old, happily living in Australia, Rosie is humbled and overjoyed at the opportunity and recognition of being a ROMAC Ambassador. She enjoys visiting the babies, children and parents from the islands, who are also being assisted by ROMAC.

ROMAC History — ROMAC commenced in March 1988 out of the actions of an Australian Rotarian who, with a group of surgeons, visited Lambasa in Fiji. They found the child mortality rate as high as 25% in some places. They quickly identified that lack of medical and surgical facilities and skills for children of the island nations in Oceania, was a major cause. Rotary faced the challenge to assist an 18-year-old Fijian girl whose right leg was threatened if immediate surgery was not performed. During the next four years, eight children were brought to Australia for major, often lifesaving, surgery. Soon 20 Australian Rotary clubs were caught up in the success of each case and assisted in various ways. ROMAC established five regions representing clubs in the west, east, south, north and centre of the country.



Next Week is our Mix N Mingle Night—see flier and bring a crowd. Let's reconnect with our business community, educators, health workers, Rotarians, Rotaractors and friends. This is a one hour event, 6-7pm buy yourself a drink, nibbles are on us! Come along and celebrate freedom from lockdown.

Book Store News—Book Sales exceeded \$1000 last Saturday at the book store. This is a record for one day takings and congratulations go to Bob and Valda and the books teams who made it happen. Amazing effort—well done everyone. Book sales are our major fundraiser and its through these sales that we are able to give back to the community.



THE HOME OF OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR
 In Our 74th Year



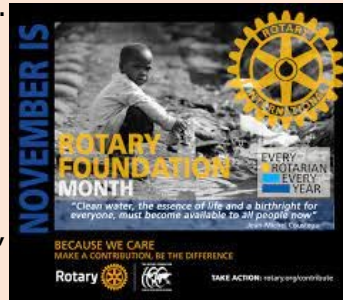
Club program - If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Port Wheel Editor Kerry.

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chr	Welcomer	Community	InterToast	Sergeant
Nov	Mix N Mingle Night See flier	6pm - 7pm					
Nov	Dinner Meeting at Panthers	Public Speaking	Diana G/ Deb				Kerry
Nov 17th	New Venue TBC		Neil Porter				

Malaria Project—We have completed an application for a District Grant to support our friends in the Rotary Club of Kampala Kawempe, Uganda, in their goal to eradicate Malaria from their village. In 2019, an estimated 409,000 people died of malaria, most were young



children in sub-Saharan Africa. Malaria occurs mostly in poor tropical and subtropical areas of the world. In many of the countries affected by malaria, it is a leading cause of illness and death. In areas with high transmission, the most vulnerable groups are young children, who have not developed immunity to malaria yet, and pregnant women, whose immunity has been decreased by pregnancy. The costs of malaria – to individuals, families, communities, nations – are enormous.



Youth Update: In response to this year's DG's Partners Project, our Club proposed to set aside \$2000 to increase its relationship with Nautilus College. This local College provides an opportunity for students not suited to or disengaged from mainstream education to enter year 10 and complete a Record of School Achievement (RoSA.). Nautilus is under the auspices of Hastings Community College. PDG Debbie Loveday and I were invited to afternoon tea by John Beaumont, Principal, to view the College's expansion and discuss ideas about student support. We visited the College on Friday 8th October, looked around the new buildings and talked about possibilities of a relationship with Insearch. The first suggestion was to invite a well known student who has "been through the mill and come through the other side" to talk with students. Mal McPherson of the Insearch Team is following that up at present." *Article by Diana Gammon*

Rotary International Fellowships— Currently RI recognizes over 90 active Rotary Fellowships, groups of individuals who globally unite around a common hobby, profession, or shared identity with the primary purpose to network and further friendship. Membership in a fellowship is open to any interested individual.

Announcing a new fellowship! - Urban Gardening – The purpose of the fellowship is to create and strengthen friendship locally and globally by creating and grooming urban spaces with fruit trees, vegetables, flowers and any other items that are beneficial for urban spaces. Read stories from Rotary Fellowships. Visit www.rotary.org/fellowships for more information on Rotary Fellowships, to join an existing group, or to propose a new one.

Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Tonight's **International Toast** was made by **Phil Perry. It was to the Rotary Club of Pago Pago in Samoa District 9920. Their major fundraising is for a swimming centre.**
- **Nov 3** Mix N Mingle Night bring some friends and family. Check out the attached flier.
- **Nov 24** Cluster Public Speaking Night
- **DEC 1**—International Night of Cultural Exchange at CSU TBC
- **DEC 8 AGM** Please let Debbie know if you would like to take on a role in the club/or you do not

Birthdays - November 2021

- 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

Anniversaries November 2021

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

John's Inspirational Quote of the Week



"It's a wonderful thing to be optimistic. It keeps you healthy and it keeps you resilient."
by Daniel Kahneman

Club Projects Update

Rotary Global Grant GG2128521: -Application approved

Congratulations! Your global grant application for funding to help provide a mobile X-Ray and ECG machine for Covid-19 support at Dhulikhel Hospital in Kavrepalanchok District, Nepal, submitted by the Rotary Club of Gongabu and the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie, has been approved by The Rotary Foundation. The award is in the amount of US\$33,223. Monies have now been transferred to the Rotary Foundation who will release funds to Nepal to purchase the equipment. Thanks to all our members who supported this. **Well done everyone!**



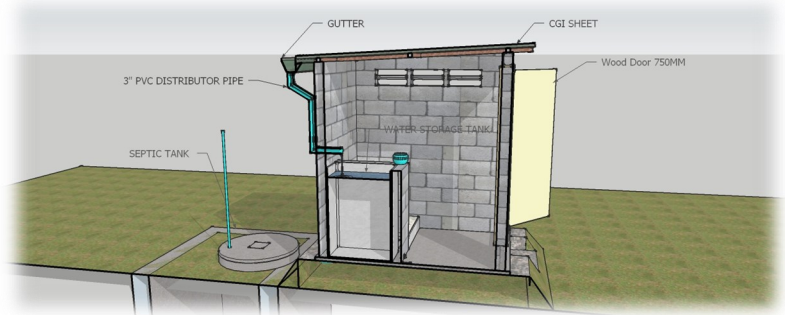
Application for District Grant—Malaria Project

Our application to assist our friends in the Rotary Club of Kampala Kawempe has been completed online and is now waiting for district approval.



Debbies Dunnies—RAWCS Project in DadaGaw-Palanchowk Nepal 51-2016-2017

25 Toilets have been constructed so far. Covid restrictions have stopped all further progress. Will recommence as soon as possible.



Construction Mums' and Babies Hospital RAWCS Project in Charikot Nepal 36-2015-2016

Fundraising continues for this project in association with Australians 4 Women's Health.

District Global Grant—supporting Equipment for the Hospital for Nepal GG1983109

Reports are being written to acquit the first phase of the grant money. 2nd phase will be transferred soon to complete the grant purchases.





PROFESSIONAL
NETWORKING

Mixer

Wednesday November 3rd | 6PM - 7PM

Appetizers • Networking

lucky door prize - bring a business card

at Panthers Port Macquarie

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie invites business leaders, teachers, health workers and community minded people to an hours social networking, at our Mix N Mingle. Celebrate getting back together with an after work drink. Nibbles are on us!

Welcome Back - Lockdown is Over!



ROTARY CLUB OF PORT MACQUARIE CLUB PROGRAM OCT/NOV/DEC 2021

Attendance: RSVP Frank Moxon

Phone – Email – pamoxy@gmail.com

DATE	VENUE	PROGRAM	GUEST SPEAKER	PROGRAM CHAIR	WELCOMER	Community Spotlight	INTERNATIONAL TOAST	SARGE NT
NOV 03	Panthers	NO MEAL	1 hr business Meeting – New Format Mix and Mingle 6pm-7pm Everyone Welcome					No
NOV 10	Panthers	Dinner Meeting	PUBLIC SPEAKING	Diana Gammon/Deb Loveday				YES
NOV 17	TBC	Avenue of Service Night TBC	VOCATIONAL VISIT	NEIL PORTER				
NOV 24	Panthers	Dinner Meeting	CLUSTER PUBLIC SPEAKING	Diana Gammon/Deb Loveday				YES
DEC 01	CSU	Avenue of Service Night	International night Cultural Exchange CSU Port Macquarie	Ray Hodgson				
DEC 08	Panthers Club	Dinner Meeting	AGM	FRANK MOXON				
DEC 15	Westport Club		CHRISTMAS PARTY Everyone Welcome					
JAN 5	Starters and Finishers							
JAN 12	Cluster BBQ – McInherney Park Hosted by The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West							
JAN 19	<p><i>Sundowner BBQ – Shelley Beach</i> <i>Bring a chair and a plate to share! BYO Drinks 5.30pm onwards</i> <i>Yours hosts Deb and Phil</i></p>							