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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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Young Leaders Charter Night

On Saturday 26th January this new Rotary club was chartered at Panthers in Port Macquarie.

Our club has sponsored the formation of this club and several members, including our President Frank Moxon and his wife Narelle attended. It was a joyful occasion with other club members in

attendance, Deb Loveday, Diana Gammon, DG David & Heather Mayne and former members, Gil Padarin Innes and Elizabeth Fielding.

The club chartered with 22 enthusiastic young members comprising mostly of RYLA participants.

The club has joint Presidents, Charlotte Moore and Caitlin Davey who couldn't resist giving DG David Mayne a BIG kiss as they were inducted.

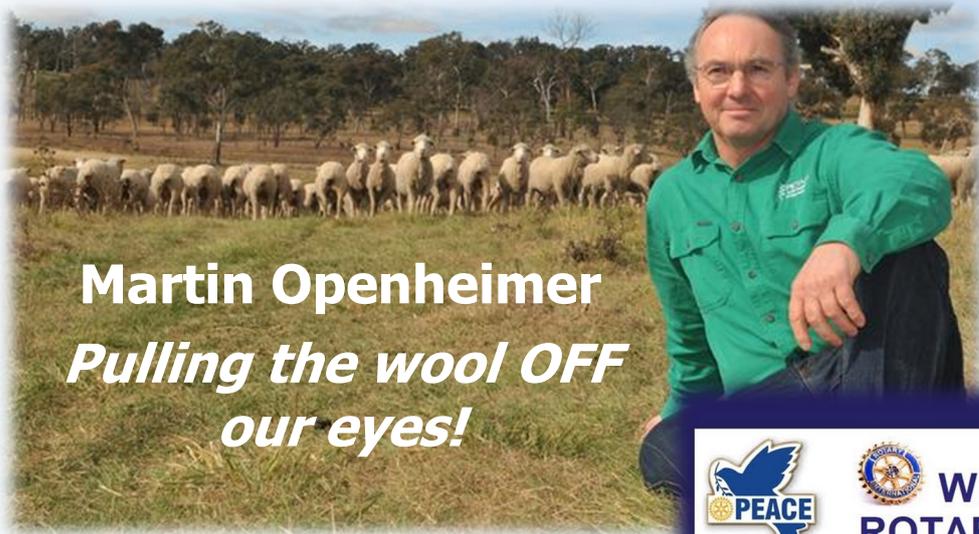
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In Our 74th Year



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 Spotlight	InterToast	Sergeant
Feb. 9th	Zoom - Norfolk Island	Sally Johnsonr	Terry Crossley	_____	_____	_____	Kerry Medway
Feb 16th	Zoom - Life as a Nepalese Doctor		Ray Hodgson	_____	_____	_____	Neil Porter
Feb 23rd	Zoom - Encounter with Sharks	Chantelle Doyle & Mark Rapley	Diana Gammon	_____	_____	_____	Glenda Barber



Martin Openheimer
Pulling the wool OFF our eyes!

Our guest speaker on ZOOM tonight was Martin Openheimer a farmer from Walcha. Martin has been a farm manager for 33 years and is a fifth generation wool grower, sheep breeder and lamb and beef producer. He trained at the University of New England and at the Melbourne College of Textiles and at TAFE. He is an early adopter of new concepts of Petali Poll Merino Stud White Suffolks at Walcha. Portali Holdings Director and Australian Wool Growers Association Director.

Martin gave a very enlightening talk on the Australian Wool Industry. Up to the 1960s fine wool production was responsible for 88% of Australia's exports. Then the mining industry began to make a huge impact on exports. Since then sheep numbers and wool exports has declined and lamb production has increased from 1990 to 2004.

There has been many changes to the type of merino sheep in Australia with today the poll merino being the standout. The Australian wool clip is today valued at \$3billion and the export sales of mutton/lamb is \$7million.

There have been some major changes in the type of garments that are being produced using wool. During covid there has been a huge shift from suits to casual and leisure wear.

Today there are over 200,000 people working in the sheep/wool industry

There is a lot of research occurring now with sheep genetics seeking to reduce mulesing, fly and worm problems in sheep as well as developing a poll merino with a few wrinkles and a solid body. The other interesting development in the wool industry is a trend towards shearing sheep every 6-8 months rather than once a year.

Once again Debbie has found a very interesting speaker for us to hear via ZOOM and Martin has enlightened us on an important industry in our nation.

Thanks Martin and Debbie.

Club News

Bob Cleland asked us to note the dates March 3rd-6th for the Giant Rotary Book Sale

Diana Gammon asked us to save the date for a Science night on March 9th

John Oxley sent in this challenge for Rotarians to wear their Rotary Pin.




WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN DAILY




Wear your Rotary pin daily.
It's a way to show you care
Take pride of place on your shirt lapel
Ensure that it is always there.
People will notice it and talk to you
They'll ask you, "What does it mean?"
An opportunity for you to talk
And explain the Rotary dream.




It's a daily reminder of Rotary's values
And the work which Rotary does.
Of how Rotary has changed our precious world
And the Four way test is great to discuss.
It's a conversation starter, an Ice-breaker
A way to make new friends.
It will keep you focused on your public image
Whilst Rotary in your life extends.




An opportunity to bring new members to join
A creative way to catch their eye.
You can wear it on casual, comfy clothes,
Or your work attire, whatever you desire.
Be recognised throughout this great big world
Other Rotarians will notice you too.
By wearing your Rotary pin each day,
You'll be impressed with what it will do.










POEM BY DAVID TANARE

Birthdays - February 2022

11/02 - Bett Calford
18/02 - Alastair Moss

Anniversaries February 2022

10/02 - Kerry & Julie Medway
10/02 - Fred & June O'Toole
15/02 - Glenda & Laurie Barber
21/02 - Ted & Robbie Giblin