



The Port Wheel

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NORFOLK ISLAND



Tonight's guest speaker on ZOOM was Sally Thompson.

Sally moved from Port Macquarie to Norfolk Island in 2014 for a 3 year contract at the local school. Three years would have allowed

her to reignite her passion for learning before returning to NSW to continue her career. Instead she fell in love with Norfolk Island, the people, the language and culture and the unique way of life. Sally pursued her career on Norfolk and she was chosen for the principal's position in 2020. Then the decision to change to a Queensland school became a reality and was due to occur at the same time Sally's daughter Sarah was studying for her HSC. Sally has returned to Port Macquarie and is now the Deputy at Wauchope High School. Her family is split between Port Macquarie and Norfolk while Sarah completes her HSC.

Sally gave a very interesting presentation showing us some beautiful pictures of Norfolk and the culture and language of the island. She gave us insights into the way the island works and its relationship with the Commonwealth of Australia.

Rachel's position at the school became difficult with contril being transferred to Queensland. Plus she came back to Oz so that her daughter could get a good ATAR score for her HSC. This has been at great cost both personally and professionally.

The Rotary Club of Norfolk Island has played a significant part in development and improvement of the island. Whilst now small in numbers it is still very active.

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

Apologies for Week's Meet to -

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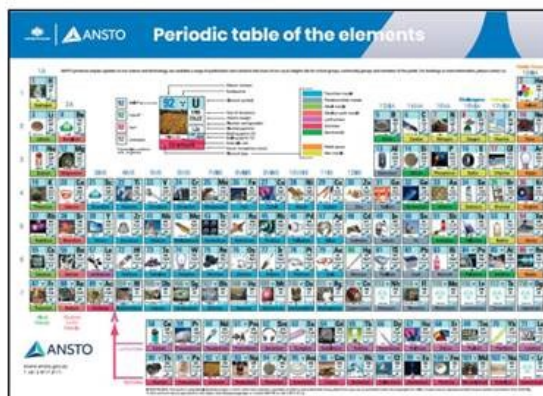
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SCIENCE NIGHT
 WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2022



FEATURING
 RETURNING NYSF STUDENTS
 MACKILLOP COLLEGE

Ruby Berryman
 Mia Dawson

HASTINGS SECONDARY COLLEGE (PORT HIGH CAMPUS)
 Hannah Stewart
 Zac Morgan

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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
Feb. 16th	Zoom - Nepalese Doctor	Dr Anjana Dongol	Ray Hodgson	_____	_____	_____	Neil Porter
Feb 23rd	Zoom - Encounter with Shark	Chantelle Doyle & Mark Rapley	Diana Gammon	_____	_____	_____	Glenda Barber
March 2nd	Zoom - ?????			_____	_____	_____	Neil Porter

A Message from President Frank -

I believe the decision to not meet in person until March was a wise one. I understand that meeting via Zoom is not ideal but it does give opportunity to share together with interesting speakers.

We are living in a state of flux which has necessitated plans being changed to best suit the situation. I understand for some are uncomfortable with this but at some point we will achieve a measure of normality.

Some of the changes we need to make are because of situations beyond our control. Toward the end of last year Panthers introduced additional charges for ancillary services like tablecloths. To adjust to this additional cost a survey was taken of members of 13 alternatives allowing for the preference of 4 meeting formats.

First preference results were

33% of members accepted and increase to meal charges to \$28 option 5
 21% to have less dinner meetings option 3
 17% to have an hours business meeting and optional meal elsewhere option 7

However, in the process of reviewing the results taking into account 2nd to 4th choices where 1st preferences were weighted with a value of 4, 2nd - value 3, etc. the results were different.

These results were

Option 7 weighted score of 47
 Option 5 weighted score of 40
 Option 3 weighted score of 31

Compounding as to which was the right choice news was received this week that Panthers will set the minimum charges of attendance at 20. This will mean if less than 20 are in attendance the club will be charged for 20 meals. This will make option 5 insufficient if attendances are below 20.

Whilst we are in this state of flux I am supporting Debbie's suggestion that our program be set to try out these options.

Here is the March program.

March 2nd – change to a zoom meeting – hopefully we will have Andy from Dunbogan
 March 9th – Dinner meeting at Panthers, Youth Science night with students and their teacher, Stewart Smith
 March 16th – Avenue of Service Night – out in the community Vocational visit to Rod McCormick at Hastings Funerals
 Mar 23rd - One hour business meeting, optional meal out
 Mar 30th – Social Night.

I encourage you to give it a go.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Kindest Regards - Frank Moxon - Club President.

Club News

NOTE THESE DATES

- March 4-5-6 ROTARY BOOK SALE at Panthers
- March 9th - Science night & first week back from zoom.
- March 18-19-20 - DISTRICT CONFERENCE at Panthers.
 - Please register ASAP
 - Register via email to - bkg5762@activ8.net.au
- Daily Schedule & Registration guide available from PDG Debbie Loveday or go to - <https://www.rotary9650.org.au/district-conference>
- Message from Jack Wilson, Conference Chair re. . If interested in hosting a booth at the District Conference at the Hall of Friendship complete the google form - <https://forms.gle/5fyTEBR01kUisTmLA>

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