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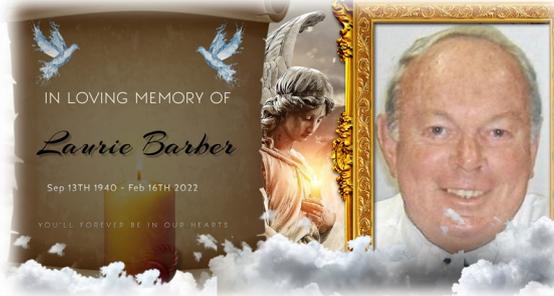
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VALE PDG Laurie E Barber OAM .

Today we farewelled Laurie in a moving ceremony at Innes Gardens. Laurie was a giant amongst Rotarians. He joined Rotary in 1971 at Inverell and came to Port Macquarie in 1982 where he joined the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie. He became president in 1985. Laurie was our District Governor in 2006-2007. He went on to join the National Board of Australian Rotary Health where he served three years.



Laurie received his OAM 18 months ago in the presence of his family. It was an acknowledgment of his life's work serving his community. He received many accolades as a journalist and author. 50 years a Rotarian serving his community. The celebrant said "A life well lived." "My Word Laurie, you did us proud!"

**Though your smile is gone forever,
 And your hand we cannot touch,
 Still we have so many memories,
 Of the ones we loved so much.
 our memory is our keepsake,
 With which we'll never part,
 God has you in His keeping,
 We have you in our hearts.**

(Author Unknown)



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Club Meetings each Wednesday @
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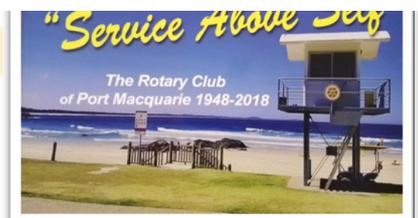
Tonight's speakers were Mark Rapley and Chantelle Doyle affectionately known as Chon. Mark and Chon live on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. Mark is a Financial Advisor and Chon is involved in doing a PhD. Chon's parents live in Port Macquarie. Chon was the victim of a great white shark attack at Shelly Beach Port Macquarie two years ago. She suffered extensive injuries to her right leg. She was flown to John Hunter Hospital.

Mark gave us an introduction to the background of who they were and why they were speaking tonight. Then Chon continued from an environmental perspective initially about the types of species and numbers globally. Chon talked about first aid and safety following a shark attack. Chon also talked about personal safety and different types of suits you can wear to help protect yourself and camouflaging PPE, so they don't look like a seal. She spoke about nets, drumlines and drones., drones being the preferred option. She dispelled

the myth about no attacks on netted beaches. Apparently 36 attacked on netted beaches with one fatality. She gave her thoughts on sharks and finally about her own PhD which is terrestrial rather than marine. They started a [crowdfunding campaign](#) to raise money for the [Australian Marine Conservation Society](#) Chon said, "But they are a keystone species and we want our kids to have a nicer environment. I've seen the Great Barrier Reef collapsing." "I think I'm more interested in sharks now. I'm a scientist but I work on terrestrial areas and hadn't done much marine work. "I'm actually proud that Australia has marine systems that are healthy and sharks are an integral part of that. Having sharks means you have higher densities of fish, and so we should be proud of that. What could Rotary do to help with Marine Conservation. Stop using plastics, they end up in the ocean. Promote safety training programs. Promote local and National sustainable fisheries instead of imports. Expand Marine Protected zones. Oh and yes she has gone back in the water!"

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 Spotlight	InterToast	Sergeant
Mar 2nd	Zoom -	Andy McCubrie & BCT	Ted Giblin				Neil Porte
Mar 9th	At Panthers Youth Science-	Students & teacher Stewart	Teachers	Alastair Moss			Glenda Barber
March 16th	Avenue of Service	Hastings Funerals	Rod McCormick				

Meet Georgia Dark our RYLA candidate for 2022



Georgia is a Gloucester girl now living in Port Macquarie and studying at CSU as well as working at IGA, Sovereign Hills. Georgia is a Gloucester girl now living in Port Macquarie and studying at CSU as well as working at IGA, Sovereign Hills.

Georgia commenced Cadets when she was 13 years old and joined 317SQN Australian Air Force Cadets at Taree. Her commitment in travelling from Gloucester to Taree and back every Wednesday evening showed her commitment and dedication to the SQN. She moved up through the ranks and completed her tenure as a cadet upon reaching the maximum age of 18 years as a Cadet Warrant Officer. Georgia is currently 317SQN's Training Officer and holds the rank of Corporal within the Australian Air Force Cadets. (Thanks to Laurie Easter AG Cluster4 for the recommendation)

Happy Birthday Rotary!

Today is Rotary's 117th birthday. We can look at it in much the same way as we would our own birthdays – we take stock of where we've been, where we are now and where else we want to go. In retrospect, we see how far it has come in achieving its founder's vision. Its impact on the world is hard to fully measure but the following are some of its most outstanding accomplishments:

- 1) It has set ethical standards and guiding principles that its members use in their personal and professional relationships.
- 2) Rotary helped influence the formation of the United Nations in 1945 to advance international understanding.
- 3) Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, its Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.
- 4) Its members put in volunteer hours with an estimated value of \$850 Million per year (as estimated by Johns Hopkins Centre for Civil Society Studies).
- 5) As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has reduced polio cases by 99.9% since its first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

In keeping with President Elect's theme of Imagine Rotary but with a twist – Imagine a world *without* Rotary. That void is unimaginable. This should be the most compelling argument why we need to future-proof the organisation. (Grace Ramirez), RISSPO

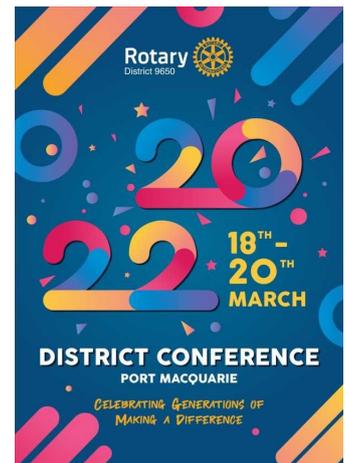
During March, Rotary Water and Sanitation Month, Rotary is celebrating its commitment to create healthier communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. All of this fits extremely well with two of our projects which were instigated over the past six months.



Club News

NOTE THESE DATES

- March 4-5-6 ROTARY BOOK SALE at Panthers
- Mar 9th Dinner meeting at Panthers—Youth Sciences
- March 16th Vocational Visit to Hastings Funerals with Rod McCormick
- March 18-19-20 - DISTRICT CONFERENCE at Panthers.



- March 23 Social dinner venue TBC
- March 30—Zoom Club Alumni
- April 6—1 hours business meeting
- April 9/10 —PETS Port Macquarie
- April 13—Club Assembly
- April 20—Anzac Night
- April 27—Zoom meeting

Birthdays - March 2022

- 02/03 - Jack Wilson
- 18/03 - Ted Giblin
- 30/03 - Charles Craddock
- 31/03 - John Oxley
- 31/03 - Helen Crossley

Anniversaries March 2022

- 14/03 - Terry & Helen Crossley
- 17/03 - Frank & Sue Gaukroger
- 31/03 - Phil & Helen Brown

Inspirational Quote of the Week

"To the well-organized mind, death is but the next great adventure" – J.K. Rowling from Pres. Frank