



The Port Wheel

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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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Last December our club partnered with the Young Leaders Rotary to plant 40 indigenous tree

for koala habitat. Landowners Andy and Jeanette McCoubrie and their son Will accepted our help and provided information about the land and why it was important to preserve habitat for future generations. The landowners have entered into a voluntary conservation agreement with the Biodiversity Conservation Trust to ensure that their land is only used for environmental purposes. They have established a legacy for the future.

Tonight Andy McCoubrie and Simone Garwood from the BCT were our expert speakers.

The Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) is a statutory not-for-profit body established under Part 10 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, which commenced operating on 25 August 2017.

The BCT's purpose is to partner with landowners to enhance and conserve biodiversity across NSW. Their vision is vibrant private land conservation areas protecting our unique and diverse plants and animals. More about the BCT can be

viewed at <https://www.bct.nsw.gov.au/>



Andy spoke about his past and how he became interested in all things of an environmental nature. He trained as an architect and a builder, he is a sculptor and founder of A and J Creative Industries. With years of diverse experience in Architecture, Construction, Business Management, Art and Sculpture, Community Volunteer work and the Environment, He brings a unique range of skills and imagination to the table. As a founder of several successful small businesses and community initiatives, Andy said, "I have gained great life satisfaction from my work. My efforts have always had an environmental focus...

extending the life of old buildings, passive and sustainable architecture, environmentally responsible building techniques and re-imagining recycled materials. Creating a leading Eco-tourism accommodation facility, a private Koala Conservation Reserve, and a community Cycleway are projects I am proud to have driven. I am now trying to reinvest this success to support positive community initiatives and further preserve the natural environment. He talked about the purchase of his land and the work that has been put into it to preserve the habitat for the flora and fauna that live and grow there, including the rare regional honey eater of which there are only 200 in existence. He spoke about the Dunbogan koalas that reside on his land. They are a genetically distinct group. Andy has planted over 200 koala feed trees on the property. He spoke about the huge task of removing weeds such as lantana and camphor laurel trees. His hopes for the future are that the trees grow to provide food and shelter for the koalas, birds, insects and reptiles that reside there. He hopes that in the future the work will be maintenance and a lower canopy of vegetation will establish itself. Thank Andy and Simone for a most interesting talk.

International Women's Day—Tuesday 8th March.



The theme this year is break the bias. Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality. Collectively we can all **#BreakTheBias 1 seat left at my table for Tuesday 8th March, at 6.30am \$50 pp and the seat is yours. 0418298912**

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 Spotlite	InterToast	Sergeant
Mar 9th	Back at Panthers Youth Science	Students & Teachers	Diana Gammon Stewart Smith	Alastair Moss			Glenda Barber
Mar 16th	Vocational visit Hastings Funerals-	Rod McCormick	Neil Porter				
March 23rd	Social Dinner Venue TBC		President Frank				

Statement from Rotary International 25 Feb 2022

"It is a tragic and sad time for the people of Ukraine and the world. At Rotary, we are deeply concerned by the deteriorating situation in Ukraine and the escalating loss of life and humanitarian hardship there. Continued military action against Ukraine will not only devastate the region, but also risk spreading tragic consequences across Europe and the world. As one of the world's largest humanitarian organizations, we have made peace the cornerstone of our global mission. We join the international community in calling for an immediate cease fire, withdrawal of Russian forces, and a restoration of diplomatic efforts to resolve this conflict through dialogue. In the past decade, Rotary clubs in Ukraine, Russia and nearby countries have transcended national differences and have actively engaged in peace-building projects to promote goodwill and to marshal assistance for the victims of war and violence. Today, our thoughts are with our fellow Rotary members and others in Ukraine coping with these tragic events. Rotary International will do everything in its power to bring aid, support and peace to the region."

This is our new club bookmark!

Hot off the Bob and Valda press. A bookmark to thank our donors and customers who purchase our books. This little thank you book mark serves two purposes. I thank the person and provides information about how we support locals and charities through second hand book sales. Great way of raising our public image. Well done Bob and Valda!

Zoom Meetings

I often get asked about our zoom meetings. If you would like to ask your friends and relatives to join our meetings—please do. We can host up to 100 people on the zoom. Just **forward** the link to them in advance and let President Frank know they are attending so he can welcome them.

Update—Rotary Malaria Control Project in association with the Rotary Club of Kampala Kawempe, Rotaract Club and Community members

At the end of last year we applied for a district grant to help us partner with the Rotary Club of Kampala Kawempe. Many of the people there live in slums with stagnant water and filthy ground because of its swampy terrain. They asked us for help because of the high incidence of Malaria. Malaria is epidemic in 95% of Uganda. Malaria is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in Uganda. The objectives of this project are to:

- Increase community awareness on the prevention and spread of the Malaria .
- Mobilize the community members in the fight against malaria through joint implementation of the malaria prevention program.
- Improve community sanitation through drainage channels so that stagnant water can flow away, creating rubbish littering points to prevent that community from littering rubbish everywhere.
- Ensure the supply of tools to the community that can help fight malaria like mosquito nets.

Our application for a district grant was approved and we received \$4000 a couple of weeks ago. The club added \$600 and I transferred the money to Uganda a few days ago.

We await a receipt for the money and will update you on the on the delivery of impregnated nets, and tools to help clear the stagnant water. Pictures from left to right. President Nsamba Henry and the DG. Ugandan lady and right is members of the RC Kampala Kawempe



Club News

NOTE THESE DATE

Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

GIANT BOOK SALE

Fiction, Non-Fiction & Antiquarian Books

Friday March 4
9:00am to 6:00pm

Saturday March 5
9:00am to 6:00pm

Sunday March 6
9:00am to 1:00pm

PANTHERS AUDITORIUM

PANTHERS PORT MACQUARIE

- Mar 9th Dinner meeting at Panthers—Youth Science Night
- 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

- 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