



The Port Wheel

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Rotary donates 10 wheelchairs to hospital

Patient support services manager Melanie Ison said that the donation would make a wonderful and practical difference to visitors and patients.



Phil Perry & Bob Cleland with some of the donated wheelchairs.

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The Rotary Clubs of the Hastings - never stand still when it comes to helping others, and now one of them has ensured hospital patients with mobility issues can also keep moving. The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie has donated 10 wheelchairs, two of which are motorised to the Port Macquarie Base Hospital.

The Rotary Australia's Compassionate Grants program supported the project by matching the Port Macquarie club's contribution, and the wheelchairs are easily identifiable by the Rotary club's badging on the back of the chairs.

Our club's Community Services Director, Phil Perry, who coordinated the donation, said he was most grateful for the support from his club and Rotary's Compassionate Grants Program.

"This donation was possible thanks to our club's fundraising activities, such as the annual Giant Rotary Book Sale and the Saturday morning weekly Bookshop on Hamilton Green at the Rotary Community Centre," Mr Perry said.

He continued, "Our club looks forward to continuing the strong working relationship Rotary has with the hospital."

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Club Meetings Wednesdays @ Port Panthers 5-30pm for 6pm start. BUT check program on page 2 for what is happening.

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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
April 6th	Business Meet for one hour	_____	Frank Moxon	Deb Loveday		Gerald Haynes	Glenda Barber
April 12th	Anzac at Wauchope RSL		Joining R/Cs of Wauchope				
April 20th	Port Macquarie Combined Probus	Pamela Williams	Bob Cleland	Terry Crossley	_____	Glenda Barber	Neil Porter

Alumni catch-up on Zoom

Tonight Youth Director Diana Gammon pulled together a number of past students for an excellent program on Zoom chaired by Shaun Wilson. Six students were present and shared a little of their life stories.

Hannah Stewart is still in Year 12 & spoke of her experience at NYSF & robotics. **Samet Portakakdali** shared of his Rotary encounter at MUNA & RYLA. He spent some time managing his parents restaurants and now is in Real Estate.

Mia Dawson also spoke on her attendance at NYSF earlier this year and she is at present doing her HSC in Year 12. **Mackenzie Toone-Spokes** spoke of attending NYSF in 2021 and she is now studying Forensic Science at the University of Technology in Sydney.

Our MC **Shaun Wilson** is living in Canberra and is involved in Rotaract. His club has 33 members and there are three Rotaract clubs now in Canberra. Shaun is the incoming President of the Rotary Club of Canberra, an amazing feat for a 23 year old. Shaun spoke very highly of the emphasis on Youth by our Rotary Club and gave great credit to Diana & Roger Gammon and for influencing him into being involved in Rotary Youth programs. He also gave credit to Glenda Barber for her counselling in MUNA.

Rachel Alger (pictured above right) was one of the first students Rotary sponsored to the National Youth Science Forum in 2016. She attended Port Macquarie High School.

She shared an update - I just started my first full-time job out of Uni as a Software Engineer at Canva, which is a graphic design company. I graduated from Sydney Uni last year with a Bachelor of Science in computer science & linguistics. Over the past several years I have done internships with Google and one internship with Microsoft. As a volunteer I teach kids to code through the Girls Programming Network. I also run a blog for a non-profit called Country to Canberra. We run leadership programs for young rural women. I have a lot of hobbies, including sewing, learning languages (I'm currently learning Arabic) and cheesemaking.

Thankyou Diana & all the students for a most encouraging evening. Makes us very proud to be Rotarians seeking to raise up the next generation of young people.



Club News

Rotary Tackles Malaria

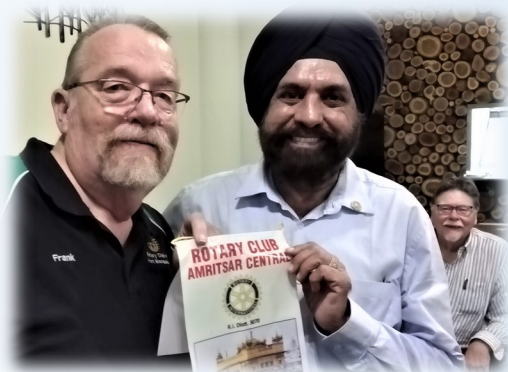
Our club donated \$500 towards combatting malaria in Uganda. This was matched by a local R/C with a contribution of \$1200. A report received by President Frank tells of some amazing results and involvement of a number of groups in combatting malaria in this area. Hopefully PDG Debbie will include a more detailed and exciting report in one of our future bulletins.

Debbie Editor

*Kerry will be away for the next two weeks and if she is able PDG Debbie Loveday will be bulletin editor for Wednesday 6th & Tuesday 12th of April. Send any info to Debbie. dloveday@hdl.com.au

Anzac Remembrance

* Anzac Day celebration. On Tuesday 12th April, our club will be joining the R/Cs of Laurieton & Wauchope for a special pre-Anzac meeting at the Wauchope RSL Club in Young Street. 6pm for 6-15pm dinner. Meal cost \$25. Dress smart casual. Wear service medals if applicable. RSVP to Marie Winter by Monday 4th April. Phone 0409 156 333 or Email: mariewin@bigpond.com



Club banner from India

Visitor to Port Macquarie and our Social at the Nostalgia Café last Wednesday was Kanwaljit Singh Aneja and his wife, who presented President Frank with a banner from his Rotary Club PUNJAR AMRITSAR in India.

Birthdays - March/April 2022

30/03 - Charles Craddock
31/03 - John Oxley
31/03 - Helen Crossley
9/04 - Gai Nixon
18/04 - Mary Oxley
29/04 - Debbie Loveday

Anniversaries March/April 2022

3/04 - Gerald & Hazel Haynes
11/04 - Frank & Patricia Urban
19/04 - John & Mary Oxley