



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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LEST WE FORGET

Australians commemorate Anzac Day on 25 April every year. This is the anniversary of the day when Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed on Gallipoli in 1915 as part of the Allies' invasion. Anzac Day draws large crowds of people to the dawn services, and marches are held around the country. Anzac Day is a time for all Australians to recognise the more than 1million service men and women who have served our country in all conflicts, wars

and peacekeeping operations. It's also a time to remember the more than 102,000 Australians who sacrificed their lives in our country's name. This year marks the 107th anniversary of Gallipoli.

Why is this day special to Australians and new Zealanders?

When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany.

The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated from the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died in the campaign. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war. Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the actions of Australian and New Zealand forces during the campaign left a powerful legacy. What became known as the "Anzac legend" became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways in which they viewed both their past and their future.



Tuesday, we travelled to Wauchope to join other Rotary Clubs in commemorating and remembering with respect those who made it possible for us to enjoy freedom in Australia, New Zealand and the world. We have seen recently how easy it has been for peace loving people to lose their freedom, their lives and all that they have worked for in a matter of days.

63 people attended the dinner and 16 of these were returned soldiers. They each stood and gave their name, rank and serial number and where they stationed and what they were involved with—most interesting. DG David Mayne gave us some insight into his own personal family, one of which died on the beach at ANZAC Cove. Debbie won the heads and tails. It was a privilege to be with them on their night.

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
April 20th	Combined probus	Pamela Williams	Bob Cleland	Terry Crossley		Glenda Barber	Neil Porter
April 27th	Zoom	Henry Nsamba UGANDA	Deb Loveday				Kerry Medway
May 4th	1 hr business meeting	Shawn Wilson		Frank Gaukroger		Brian Calford	

Update from Uganda

I received this message from president Henry Nsamba Monday and thought I would share with you.

"Good morning Rotarian. we are really fine this side. though we are busy.. the malaria fight project will appear in the district documentary that is going to show at our District conference next week so we have been so busy yet we have a malaria fight camp to treat community members most especially the elderly plus giving them mosquito nets... we wish you a happy weekend.. our members are also in another effort in which they want to host our DG again and he will make a slum walk to distribute mosquito nets mostly to mothers with children with special needs on 25th may and visit homes plus a blood donation and so on. this is keeping us so busy we love you and wish you the best... I think we can glean from this that they are a very happy community and Rotary Club! Thanks for your support. We will hear from Henry in a zoom meeting April 27th.



PETS 9-10 April

I attended PETS last weekend at CSU as the incoming President. As a recycled President I found it most informative and glad I went along to hear the latest in Rotary and ensure I have currency for the following year.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 22 MAY All incoming board members are to attend assembly to ensure that we meet the expectations of our role in 2022-2023. The assembly is open to any Rotarian to come along and see a bigger picture of Rotary. Many Rotarians become very club centric and miss out on the bigger picture that inspires us all to service above self.

Rotary responds to the humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine

EVANSTON, ILL., April 5, 2022 – Rotary announced today that it has raised more than \$7 million to support locally-led relief efforts underway by Rotary clubs in Ukraine and neighbouring countries.

"The need for immediate humanitarian aid is increasing with each passing day," said John Hewko, CEO of Rotary International. "Rotary clubs in Europe and around the world, including our 1,100 members in Ukraine, have stepped up their relief work, with some on the ground helping those displaced by the war. In western Ukraine, Rotary members in Lviv are working with local authorities and major hospitals to provide urgent medical supplies and equipment. In Slovakia and the Czech Republic, Rotary clubs have partnered with a railway company to offer transport to refugees and deliver essential items. In France and Germany, Rotary members set up a central fund and working group to coordinate aid for Ukraine and border countries. Rotary clubs in Poland have taken swift action to provide food, water, medical equipment, and transport and shelter for Ukrainian refugees.

Funds raised by the Rotary Foundation – Rotary's charity arm, go directly to those in need through local Rotary clubs in Ukraine and other countries where substantial aid is needed for refugees. Rotary clubs are also coordinating with partners to explore effective solutions to increased humanitarian needs. Rotary's disaster response partner ShelterBox, is collaborating with Rotary members in Eastern Europe to provide essential supplies and access to temporary housing for those who have left Ukraine, along with medical and shelter supplies for communities in Ukraine. Items include mattresses for people living in schools and sports centres, shelter kits with tools and rope, hygiene kits, winter jackets, solar lights, and water carriers to help people survive as they are forced to live in damaged buildings.

Club News

APR 15-18
EASTER BREAK

APR 20—Funeral June Edward Innes Garden Chapel 11.30am (wife of former PP Keith Edward)

APR 20— Dinner meeting @ Panthers with Pamela Williams and members of the Combined Probus Club of Port Macquarie. We sponsored this club!

APR 27— ZOOM meeting with President Henry Nsamba who will be joining us from the R C Kampala Kawempe. Speaking about our joint Malaria Project.

MAY 4—One hour business meeting, optional dinner afterwards.

MAY 11—Dinner Meeting Panthers
Speaker TBC

MAY 18—**Vocational Visit** to Hastings Secondary Campus to see the STEM hubs we sponsored.

MAY 22—District Assembly—CSU Port Macquarie All 2022-2023 board members and future board members to attend.

MAY 25 Dinner Meeting Panthers

Advanced Care Planning with Graeme Mooney from Coffs Harbour

JUN 1- One hour business meeting, optional dinner afterwards.

JUN 8 -

Jun 22-

Birthdays - April 2022

18/04 - Mary Oxley
29/04 - Debbie Loveday

Anniversaries April 2022

19/04 - John & Mary Oxley