



The Port Wheel

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The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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

Apologies for Week's Meet to - Frank Moxon

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The Little Things

By PDG Debbie Loveday

Two weeks ago, we listened to President Henry Nsamba, from the Rotary Club of Kampala Kawempe, Uganda, give an update on our Malaria Project. During that presentation we were confronted by the vision of a disabled lady who had to crawl into the clinic to receive her malaria net, food, and second-hand clothes.

We would have missed it, if we blinked, went to the bathroom, or were distracted for a few seconds. I guess most of us were appalled at the sight of this poor lady, in such an undignified position.

We know we can't fix all the world's problems, but sometimes it's the little things that have a major impact. At last year's conference Peter Baines said, "It is not alright to do nothing – start something" President Henry was contacted for more information on the lady.

It was decided that we would purchase a wheelchair for this lady. Given that most of the ladies in this slum area make money to survive by prostitution, we knew this lady had few options. A sewing machine would enable her to make clothes that could be sold, thus making her more self-sufficient.

We hope that she can teach others to sew and get a group of women together to make this a sustainable project.

Women's skills centres are not new to Rotary. We have all been inspired by Stephanie Woollard and her work in Nepal with seven disabled women.

In this Rotary year where RI President Shekhar Mehta asks us to empower women and girls, this story goes a long way to increasing our impact and expanding our reach to provide service that changes lives, one life at a time. Years ago, PDG Neville Parsons said, "*Rotary is, what Rotary Does*", in other words, you can tell people about Rotary, but a better way is to show them what Rotary does. Only by sharing our stories no matter how small will we raise our public image and inspire others to be a part of Rotary too.

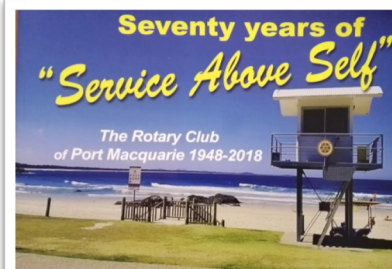
A note from Treasurer Bob Cleland - Our club is aiming to raise \$1300 towards this lady's wheelchair & sewing machine. Some members said they would like to contribute towards the costs. Please make any donations in our Club Service Account - Rotary Club of Port Macquarie - Service Account - BSB 932000 a/c 500 186 796 Please show your name followed by the letters RCK.

Editors note - wouldn't it be great if we raised enough for extra sewing machines!



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	3 ON ME	InterToast	Sergeant
May 25th	Dinner at Panthers	Graeme Mooney - Care Planning	Terry Crssley	Gai Nixon	Ray Hodgson	Phil Perry	Glenda Barber
June 1st	One hour meet + meal option	Your say?? Next year ??	Frank Moxon Deb Loveday	Phil Perry			Neil Porter
June 8th	Dinner at Panthers	Zac—RYLA experience	Diana Gammon	Glenda Barber	Valda Sturrock	Geoff Slack	Glenda Barber

Some compliments -

From one of our former members **Karl Moseby** (PP R/C of Changmai in Thailand) *"What an inspirational and warm bulletin. Your Pastor's heart shines through in every one of the bulletins. Not sure people appreciate your God-given love for people, but it is clear to some of us."*

Walking up town one morning & **Alan Uptin** (son of one of our foundation club members Charlie Uptin) came shuffling over and said, *"Kerry, just read a copy of "Seventy Years of Service Above Self - The R/C of Port Macquarie 1948 - 2018, best read I have have had in a long time. Well done."*

Club News

PROGRAM

- 22 May - District Assembly - CSU
- 25 May - Advanced Care Planning - Graeme Mooney
- 1 June - Next year, your say
- 25 June - District Changeover LUSC
- 29 June - Club Changeover

ROTARY FEATURES IN THIS MONTH'S FOCUS magazine

There is a story in the May issue of FOCUS on the Observatory at Rotary Park. Our R/C is mentioned as having constructed the first observatory in 1965.

THE BANKSIA



Vocational Visit to Garden Village

Tonight 21 Rotarians visited Garden Village for an inspection on the new Banksia development. Voc Dir. Neil Porter organised the visit. GM Craig Wearne and Village Manager Sarah Ogilvie along with the Watpac Project Mgr Kevin showed us through the facility. Very impressive. Units went on sale on Monday this week & 16 have already been sold @ \$550,000 There are only 14 units left. After we had a delicious meal at the Cascades Restaurant.



Thanks Neil for a very interesting vocational visit.

"Silver linings rise out of the most challenging circumstances."

Jennifer Jones
President
Rotary International

Rotary **Los Gatos**
Honors the women of Rotary

Inspirational Quote of the Week

Birthdays June 2022

- 01/06 - Valda Sturrock
- 03/06 - Hannah Boswell
- 13/06 - Robert Rutishauser
- 25/06 - Geoff Slack
- 30/06 - Patricia Urban
- 30/06 - Darryl McMahon

Anniversaries June 2022

- 06/06 - Doug & Jill Heagney
- 24/06 - Gai & Bill Nixon