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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.

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### **Past District Governors**

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## Dr Ted Giblin—Bio Blitz, An Interview with Costa



Tonight we heard from Dr Ted about the planned Bio Blitz for next May 2023. It will involve experts in botany, biology, ornithology, herpetology, and other disciplines, including citizen scientists from Charles Sturt University, PMQ schools and the PMQ community. A BioBlitz is an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time. They are an opportunity to take a snapshot of the biodiversity of a place.

Students, scientists, naturalists, and community members join together in these events to explore the natural world.

Participants of all ages can learn techniques for observing and collecting plant and animal data within a designated area and time frame.

### **SCIENTIFIC DATA COLLECTION**

BioBlitzes offer an opportunity to develop and expand on existing data sets. Participants can collect enormous quantities of local species and biodiversity data. They can even lead to discovery of species not previously observed in an area, or new species to science!

### **LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

It is imperative that children and adults are involved from our local community. We need maximum exposure to all areas. The focus is not on science, biodiversity, or climate change, but on a Community FUN Event

### **How we Get there**

Envision multimedia-based expertise and cross-media growth strategies

Visualize quality intellectual capital

Engage worldwide methodologies with web-enabled technologies

### **Actions to Achieve**

Pursue attainable community involvement through sustainable strategies

Engage top-line consultant services

### **Rock the Launch**

Cultivate one-to-one interaction with all participants with enthusiasm and excitement

Maximize timely briefings and good use of time

As the project progresses Ted will be looking for wranglers—so look out for more updates and see how you can help.

### **HEF Gala Night At Cassegrains**

Monday night Debbie, Diana, Bob and Glenda will be travelling to the Gala night. The RC of Port Macquarie is a gold sponsor of the fund. You may remember that last year we decided to sponsor a special event—The Laurie Barber Scholarship over the next three years. **More on this in next weeks bulletin.**

**Hastings  
Education Fund**

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difference.

**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
Dec 7	One hour business meet @ Panthers	PP HenryNsamba	Deb Loveday				Neil Porter
Dec 14	Christmas Party at Garden Village	Kerry Medway					Kerry Medway
December 21 & 28.... Christmas/ New Year break							



**Tamworth Showcase**

Last weekend Debbie and Diana attended the District Showcase in Tamworth where we were treated to some fabulous presentations by clubs on their projects. One of the highlights was the E Club presentation on their Rotakids club and how they were supporting the local flood victims and their families. Another highlight was the presentation by four clubs on their homeless projects. It was a pleasure to see Theo Hazelgrove from the

Rotary Club of Laurieton give a presentation on Community at 3. In the photo is Trudy Grice from Norwest giving us information on Club and district support. We enjoyed catching up with old friend that we hadn't seen in a year and enjoyed the hospitality at Wests Leagues Club.

**During** the Saturday night dinner we heard from Joan Treweeke OAM on the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and her involvement over the past 25 years. She has just retired, I had the pleasure of meeting Rory and Joan on my visits as Rory was president of the RC of Lightning Ridge at the time and spent a lovely afternoon with them on their property at Angledool. Angledool is a locality in upper western New South Wales near the southern border of Queensland, one kilometre east of the Castlereagh Highway and approximately 45 kilometres north of Lightning Ridge. At the 2016 census, Angledool had a population of 58 people .Joan presented me with a RFDS plum pudding.



**NEXT WEEK—Hybrid Meeting with PP Henry Nsamba from RC Kampala Kawempe**

*Heart warming story before Christmas about giving and doing good in the world.*



to the left is Elizabeth in her nice new chair being wheeled in by the DG.

**The Rotary Foundation**

Earlier this year, The Rotary Foundation ran an appeal to support the people of Ukraine. Rotarians and others responded magnificently, contributing more than US\$15 million to the Disaster Response Fund. The Foundation has awarded 440 Ukraine Disaster Response Grants and the appeal funds are now fully expended. This program has enabled rapid delivery of high impact projects in 30 countries

*Club News*

*Stay in the Know!*

**December 7th** Hybrid meeting with Henry Nsamba from Uganda at Panthers

**December 14th - Club Xmas Party**

At Garden Village Café. Members are invited to bring a gift for GV folk in high care for Christmas.

Rotary in Christmas/New Year recess from December 15th - January 10th 2023

**SOME DATES TO NOTE IN 2023**

Jan 11—Sundowner BBQ at Shelly Beach

Jan 17th Cluster BBQ McInherny Park

March 24-26th District 9660 Conference in Tamworth

April 9-10th PETS

April 13-16th Rotary Giant Book Sale in Panthers

April 29 - May 6th RYLA



**Birthdays December 2022**

2/12 - Susan Gaukroger  
26/12 - Phil Perry  
28/12 - Kerry Medway

**Wedding Anniversaries December 2022**

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