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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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Des Kennedy— Momentum Australia

Tonight we were delighted to host Des Kennedy and Paul Hazelgrove from Momentum Australia.

Des emigrated from Belfast, Northern Ireland in 1981. His career has taken him from the Head of NRMA Technology, to being the General Manager (Global), IT Infrastructure, Qantas, to being the Global Head of Technology, Fonterra and to being the projects Director for Deutsche Bank, NT Government

There are many statistics online which identify the plight of many men in our society. This situation not only affects men who have no faith but can also impact men who have faith in God. Many men have lost their identity, their self-esteem, their perspective on a balanced life that is fruitful, balanced, and useful.

Des describes himself as a 'Prodigal Son', growing up in a loving Christian environment, but rejecting that life to find his own way in life. Some would call his life successful, however, Des looks back with regret on wasted years, on being a failed dad, and husband, and on finding faith in Jesus, how his life has turned around and is now focussed on serving others, particularly men.

Momentum is a Christian—based ministry that invests into the lives of all men. In their search for identity, meaning, and in order to numb emotional pain, men turn to the wrong things to fill the void. It is activity based, providing opportunities and safe environments for men to socialise in a friendly, proactive way. They get alongside men on their journey and help them to live their best lives as fathers, husbands, sons, brothers and friends in authentic relationships.

Momentum is a weekly pre recorded half hour radio show that is broadcast in 35 cities and towns all around Australia. It is also a weekly podcast, that is gaining both a national and international audience. To date they have received notifications from over 35 countries overseas. Each week the show explores a topic that is relevant to men, inviting experts to bring awareness and background to offer solutions and keys to assist men in an area.

Within the radio show, podcast and communities, Momentum encourages, confidentiality, honesty, No condemnation, openness, positivity, reality, respect, safety and trust. Its core subjects are Identity, Faith, Husband hood, Fatherhood, Camaraderie/ Church, Alcohol, Depression and Suicide, Drugs, Gambling, Pornography and Financial Stewardship. Thanks Des for a most informative talk about the inspiring work that you do in our communities.

Deb Tougher - gave us an update tonight on the homeless housing being completed in Kempsey. She was proud to let us know that there are three cabins nearly completed. If that wasn't good news enough, they have been successful in acquiring a large government grant of \$500K to finish 10 of the cabins and put in the infrastructure to ensure its sustainability. Deb has been preparing for the "YPS Hike for Homeless " Warrumbungles Challenge.

Deb spoke about "Our Place", a drop in service for all those in the community doing it tough.

Thanks to everyone who came along and contributed to another successful evening!



Club program - If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Port Wheel Editor Kerry.

Date	Program	Speaker	Program	Program Chr	Sergeant
Feb 22	One hour club meeting at Panthers + bistro	Emily Cooper & David Edgeley	Port Macquarie Astronomical Society	Diana Gammon	Kerry Medway
MAR 1	One hour club meeting at Panthers with optional bistro	Mark Wilson	Traffic Offenders Prevention Program	Brian Calford	Neil Porter
Mar 8	Dinner Meeting	Students and Teachers	Science Night Dinner Meeting— Attendance numbers needed	Diana Gammon	

EVAN BURRELL IS THE NEW DGND for District 9660. Even will be our DG for the year 2025-2026



Congratulations to Evan and Kathy. If you want to read more about Evans Rotaract and Rotary journey—Full story in last Sundays District Voice.

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AswuRex8OaRfs3TC4nRXt-meAU8w?e=oMdpol>

EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY—Rotary Responds

Turkey and Syria were struck by a devastating earthquake on 6 February that has killed tens of thousands of people, destroyed thousands of homes and other structures, and

left people across the region without shelter in bitterly cold winter weather. **Picture right is Rotary Turkey responding with shelter and hope.**

The Rotary world responded to this catastrophe immediately. RI President Jennifer Jones activated our disaster response efforts, communicated with the affected districts, and encouraged governors in those regions to apply for disaster response grants and share information about their relief efforts so that Rotary can amplify the calls for support.



Rotary's project partner ShelterBox has an emergency response team assessing the needs in the region and how it can respond. That team is communicating with Rotary district leaders. Our service partner Habitat for Humanity International is also working on its response.

SCIENCE NIGHT—please RSVP your attendance to Dian Gammon. As this is a dinner meeting we require numbers and dietary requirements. See flier below for additional information and where you can pay in advance to save time on the night. It will be a fun night! See you there.

INVITATION

Rotary Club of Port Macquarie
Youth Science Night
DINNER MEETING 5.30 FOR 6.00 PM TO 7.30 PM
WEDNESDAY, 8TH MARCH 2023

Be entertained by the students from Mackillop College and Hastings Secondary College, Port High Campus who have attended the National Youth Science Forum or the Rotary Rymarine Program in 2022 / 2023

RSVP Diana Gammon
Wednesday 1st March 2023
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\$30.00 per person
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Please include Surname when banking
Student Speakers—Guests of Rotary



Club News

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SOME DATES TO NOTE IN 2023

March 8—Science Night Dinner—see flier below for more information

March 24-26th District 9660 Conference in Tamworth

April 13-16th Rotary Giant Book Sale in Panthers

April 15 & 16 and /or 22 & 23 PETS & ASSEMBLY

April 29 - May 6th RYLA

May 12-13 - BIO Blitz

Jun 28 Changeover Dinner

• May 24-26 Melbourne International Convention

The Rotary Mobile operated by the Pink Ladies at PMBH is now back and operational.

The vehicle was a project of our local Rotary Clubs and provides safe transportation around PMBH for patient's and their relatives. The service is vital because of the hospital's extensive car park. During lock down the vehicle was suspended due to Covid restrictions.

Birthdays
February 2023

11/02 - Bett Calford
18/02 - Alastair Moss

Wedding
Anniversaries
February 2023

14/02 - Craig & Donna Wearne
21/02 - Ted & Robbie Giblin