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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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Tonight's speaker was Mark Wilson speaking about The Traffic Offender Intervention Program (TOIP), a local-court based program targeting offenders who have pleaded guilty to, or been found guilty of, a traffic offence. driving behaviour change. Mark is a Rotarian and member of Port Macquarie Sunrise Club. Personally speaking I think this was one of the most informative and educational talks we have had.



He had an abundance of valuable information about accidents, drugs, alcohol. Some of the statistics re accidents involving serious injury or death were quite astounding. Speeding is the biggest killer. 40% of road deaths are from speeding related crashes.

Did you know that Alcohol contributes to 1:3 road crashes and 1:5 fatalities. Drinking and driving increases the risk of a crash, as well as the severity of the resulting injuries. Globally approximately 480K people die and 20 million are injured by drunken driving every year. 90% of all drink drivers in fatal crashes are men. 75% are under the age of 40.

33% of alcohol-related fatalities occur between 9pm and 3am on Thurs, Fri, and Saturday nights. We also learnt about cars, ABS, airbags and seat belts.

A TOIP targets safe road use and responsible driving conduct. It is designed for driver offenders who have exceeded their demerit points limit, in line with newer road legislation introduced 1 February 2015. The newer legislation penalises driver offenders who continually demonstrate risky driving behaviours and put other road users at risk of danger. The legislation offers driver offenders a chance to gain a better understanding of road rules, understand the consequences of risky driving; and attempts to motivate positive driving behaviour changes.

Road Sense Australia provides the highest standards of driver education. The TOIP empowers drivers and because they operate as a Not-For-Profit, our proceeds go back towards the community. Read More at <https://roadsense.org.au>

I would commend to anyone Mark Wilson as a speaker and generally it was felt that his presentation should be facilitated in every high school.

Thanks to Brian Calford for being our program chair for the evening.



Bunnings BBQ fundraiser for the Homeless booked for June 18th.

Can you help us on the day for a couple of hours. Email Debbie if you can help



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
March 8th	Dinner Meeting RSVP for bookings	RSVP Diana Gammon	Science Night - six Alumni, students & teachers	Diane Gammon	Kerry Medway
March 15th	One hour Club meeting + bistro meal		Club Assembly/Service Night	Pres. Debbie Loveday	Neil Porter
March 22nd	One hour club meeting at Panthers with optional bistro		International Evening	Ray Hodgson	Glenda Barber

Meeting Welcomers - March 8th - Gerald Hayes; March 15th - Nil; March 22nd - Frank Gaukroger

Upcoming Book Sale

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up soon. Please make a note in your diaries for April 13-16. The expectation is that everyone will lend a hand and fill some of the roster. We need all hands on deck and if you have friends and relatives that could help, ask them, and save the date.

Last Saturday was another bumper day, with Marlene and Darryl supporting Bob and Valda. Some 86 customers shopped til they dropped at the book store. Well done everyone.

SHELTERBOX—from Mike Greenslade CEO

ShelterBox aid has arrived in Türkiye. Hundreds of tents have arrived in country on a free flight provided by Turkish Airlines from Panama – where we had stock pre-positioned.



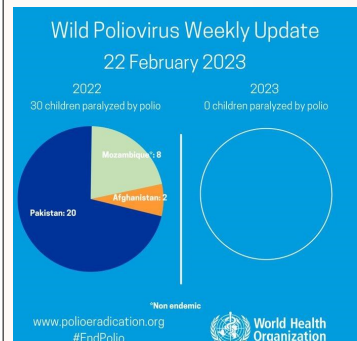
We also have stocks of tents and household items, such as blankets and mattresses, en route to one of our existing and well trusted partners in northern Syria. Distribution of warm winter clothing to affected children in northern Syria has begun through another existing partner. More news can be accessed at [Story More \(ismyrotaryclub.com\)](http://Story More (ismyrotaryclub.com)) Ctl click

END POLIO NOW—Very encouraging progress with Polio

Onset of the most recent case of wild polio occurred in Pakistan on 15th September 2022



The most recent cases in Mozambique and Afghanistan were even earlier on the 10th and 29th August respectively. The novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) is proving to be an extremely important tool. In use since March 2021, and since administered to hundreds of millions of children a recent review has confirmed that the vaccine is genetically highly stable. By minimising the risk of new variants, nOPV2 is a game changer in the fight against vaccine-derived polio. A meeting of global health leaders—including Rotary have just said in Geneva, that we need to be "razor sharp in focus to finish polio once and for all"



Note Registrations close Saturday 4

Club News

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SOME DATES TO NOTE IN 2023



- **March 01** St David's Day—Happy Day to Brian Calford!
- **March 8** International Women's Day—Embrace Equity
- **March 24-26th** District 9660 Conference in Tamworth
- **April 15 - 16 or 22-23** PETS
- **April 13-16th** Rotary Giant Book Sale in Panthers
- **April 29 - May 6th** RYLA



- **May 13-14** - BIO Blitz
- **May 24 - 26** - International Convention in Melbourne
- **June 18**—Bunnings BBQ
- **June 28**—Changeover

Birthdays March 2023

18/03 - Ted Giblin
31/03 - Helen Crossley

Wedding Anniversaries March 2023

13/03 - Phil & Helen Brown
14/03 - Terry & Helen Crossley
17/03 - Frank & Sue Gaukroger