## The Pod 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.

Club bank details - BSB 932-000 a/c 500 186 792

#### **Past District Governors**

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It is Christmas In July again and we are celebrating in style this year at the Westport Club Port Macquarie. Although it isn't Christmas in the true sense I am reminded of a quote by G K Chesterton that really fits with one of the Rotary Club's focus, that of homelessness. See below picture. The venue was adorned with vibrant Christmas

decorations, including colorful lights, ornaments and tinsel, creating a magical atmosphere reminiscent of the holiday season.





The organizers spared no effort in transforming the venue into a winter wonderland. We were entertained by some terrible dad jokes, tested our knowledge with a really hard quiz, and some lucky ones went home with raffle prizes.





A variety of delectable Christmas-themed food and beverages were offered to delight attendees' taste buds, ensuring everyone experienced the culinary delights of the Christmas season.

"For good friends, good food and the opportunity to serve, we gave thanks! Thanks to everyone for attending and making it such a fun night, **including table 4** 





<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Program Chr</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>
July 26th	Dinner Meeting	Students	Public Speaking Competition Dinner Meeting \$30pp Details below	Diana Gammon	Kerry Medway
Aug 2nd	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	Cameron Mar- shall	Chief of Staff ABC Mid North Coast for 21 years.	David Mayne	Glenda Barber
Aug 9th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	Delphine	Visit from Inbound Exchange Student Delphine Kauffer (nee Graaf) from France in 1996/97	Kerry Medway	Kerry Medway

**Meeting Welcomers -** Attendance tonight – 29

### **Foundation Support to Ukraine**

The Rotary Foundation have raised more than US\$16 million in the past 14 months to fund hundreds of grants that have provided assistance to those affected by the war. The grants have made member led projects that are helping Ukranian refugees and supporting relief efforts. The need remains substantial. R I continues to approve disaster response grants to get people food, clean water, and clothes. Grants that keep electricity flowing to the hospitals, allow wounded civilians to seek care, and organize shelter for displaced families.

#### Update from PP Henry Nsamba in RC Kampala Kawempe Uganda

Greetings from RC Kampala Kawempe in Uganda. This is an outreach to disabled home in Kayunga. Some of these children are blind others deaf and so on. So we gave them mosquito nets, food and nets.





Henry receiving a certificate of appreciation.







# Club News

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# NEXT WEEK Dinner meeting \$30pp Public Speaking Competition RSVP Diana Gammon







**Save The Date**Club Public Speaking Competition

2023-2024

Date: Wednesday, 26th July 2023
Time: 5.30 for 6.00 pm
Location: Panthers Port Macquarie



AUG 13th Bunnings BBQ See roster out next week

AUG 16th Social Dinner Noshtalgia see flier RSVP Glenda Barber

AUG 23rd Leon Carle, Biodiversity Officer for the Hastings Amateur Beekeepers.

#### Birthdays July 2023

20/07 - Barbara McMahon 22/07 - Brittani Michelle 31/07 - David Mayne

#### Wedding Anniversaries July 2023

27/07 - Lorryl & Glyn Rumble-Fuller 30 ye

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