

# 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.

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### Past District Governors

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**Ross Nancarrow**—Nepal update on the fight against the trafficking of Nepalese children.

Ross has travelled once again to Nepal, where he was met by District Governor Rajendra Prasad Dhoju and District Secretary Dinesh Raj Manandhar, and Ranjeev Shrestha from the Rotary Club of

Dhulikhel, from District 3292. Ross is passionate about the intervention and prevention of the trafficking of Nepalese children across the borders of Nepal to India. Through his organization Every Daughter Matters, <https://everydaughtermatters.org.au/> they have intercepted 3817 girls in their booths on the border. Ranjeev has been our friend and valued partner for Debbie's Dinnie's, Global Grant—Equipment for Nepal Hospital, Mobile X-Ray Machine and ECG Machine. He was also the valued partner for Brittani Michelle and her projects in Nepal The Chickens Projects, Fisherman's Village Project and the many school and educational projects completed there. Well done Ross—keep flying the Rotary and EDM flag.



### **Hope for Young Mothers Project—Uganda**

I am pleased to announce that our Hope For Young Mothers Project in partnership with PP Henry Nsamba of the Rotary Club of Kampala Kawempe has been registered with RAWCS.

Rotary Club Kampala Kawempe, in partnership with the community leadership and other local organizations, will implement an empowerment and livelihood project in the slums of Kawempe with the aim of improving the employability capacity and life skills and resettlement of the young mothers in slums.

The Project will utilize the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT) modular training resource materials and their assessment personnel for quality assurance. This partnership will ensure Certification of the youth for recognition of their competitiveness in the labor market. The Club will develop a useful sensitization strategy for these youth to tackle negative social behaviors and mind-set change within their communities Training equipment such as computers, sewing machines will be procured. The beneficiaries will be selected in collaboration with local leaders and will choose from the following vocational training programs; tailoring, hair braiding, cookery, computer skilling, reusable pads production, soap production and all will be taken through life skills, fields of their preference. Sensitizations will be undertaken to change mind-sets of youth from peer group harmful habits such as drug abuse, prostitution, and defilement. The Committee will be set up to ensure smooth running and continuity.

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/11-2023-24>.

**Secretary Frank Moxon**—Wishing you a speedy recovery. In the middle of it all, pause and look around you. Appreciate what is beautiful, take in the love. Nod to what is good and true, and then move forward one step at a time.

Quote: Kathy Freston



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

RI Theme 2023-24



**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
Sep 15th	Friday 15th - Annual Rotary Golf Day - Proceeds towards the local Marine Rescue				
Sep 20th	Social Dinner @ Blue Water Bar & Grill..... See advert below.. RSVP to Glenda				
Sep 27th	MEETING CANCELLED—MAJORITY OF MEMBERS AWAY—SEE YOU OCTOBER 4TH				

Tonight's guests were President **Keiran Rodgers and Tamar Leibensen** from **Hastings Rotaract**. They are two of the new members, making a difference and set to take Hastings Rotaract to new levels. Keiran and Tamar spoke to us about the upcoming Mental Health Ball, the Rotaract major fundraiser this year, in support of YPSpace MNC.



**Tamar Bio in her own words.** My name is Tamar Leibenson. I moved to Australia at the age of 7, and have lived in rural Australia for the last 11 years.

I am a Second Year Medical Student and for a while I was searching for a place where I could volunteer my time and truly make a difference. Following my 2023 RYLA experience, I found Hastings Rotaract, and wanted to be a part of reviving this club. I am an excited, enthusiastic 19 year old and am an individual that advocates to make a positive change in the

world. Helping those who are not heard find a voice is something that I have been passionate about since a young age. As a young adult, Rotaract offers us Rotaractors the unique opportunity to engage in meaningful service projects to serve our community. In addition to this, at Hastings Rotaract I have made friends with similar inspirations, and am developing leadership skills and teamwork skills alongside other youths.

**Keiran Bio in his own words.** I am a 24 year old, born and bred local with a huge passion and ambition to help others and to create a positive, lasting impact on my community. I have worked with the community for many years and I currently run my own business, Tech IQ which supports the community to become educated with the technology they already have in their homes as well as working in recruitment and changing people's lives through meaningful employment.

When I was made aware of Hastings Rotaract in early June, following my incredible RYLA experience, I saw a need - a need to breathe life back into a once incredible local youth organisation. I joined to make new friends, network within our local community and to be a part of positive change, spear-headed by local young people. I have been very fortunate to be warmly welcomed into this amazing organisation as initially a general member and then secretary and president respectively.

We are the young face of Rotary and will lead in positive change for years to come.

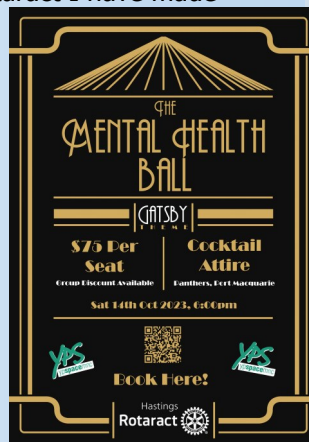


**RAB COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WINDFALL**

Last Wednesday Bob attended the Regional Australia Bank's Community Partnership Program presentation night held at Bonny Hills Surf Club.

150 representatives from many community organizations were there to receive their share of some \$37,000 distributed on the night. This is a great program with the RAB distributing a total of \$3.4m across the State this year.

Thanks largely to the Ocean Pool committee, we received a cheque for **\$13,384**. This was more than triple the next largest donation handed out on the night. It was great exposure for our Club! We hope to use these funds towards a project associated with the Ocean Pool at some future time.



*Club News*

Stay in the Know!



- Oct 04 Learning from Horses. Hear it from the horses mouth Helping with mental ill health, and disability
- October 11 TBC
- Oct 18—Dorothea McKellar Poetry Dinner Night
- Oct 25—Vocational TBC
- Coming Up in November
- Golf Day Dinner—recipients of fundraising this year Marine Rescue
- Dec 06 AGM Child Protection training
- **LAST MEETING 2023**
- Dec 13 Christmas Dinner hopefully at Garden Village TBC

**Birthdays September 2023**

- 14/09 - Lorry Rumble-Fuller
- 20/09 - Debra Tougher

**Wedding Anniversaries September 2023**