

# 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.

Club bank details - BSB 932-000  
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### Past District Governors

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## Record Saturday Book sales at the Rotary Bookshop

Last Saturday Tony Moore was run off his feet with book sales and books coming in! Fortunately lots of books sold, but books coming in were much larger!

Sales last Saturday reached a new record \$1298-00!

Sales the Saturday before also climbed over the \$1000 mark being \$1082-00.



A teenager was thrilled to purchase four Lee Child books. He is a Jack Reacher fan. His Mum was thrilled to pay only half the price of one new Lee Child book for all four books ( 4 x \$3-00 = \$12-00)!

Valda & Bob return from their adventures in Egypt this week. Thanks Tony for manning the bookshop so they could have a good holiday.

## Work has started on Dhukikhel Hospital in Nepal



### Dr Ray Hodgson reports—

After nine years of fundraising and multiple challenges along the way, the construction has finally begun in earnest on the Mothers and Babies Hospital in Nepal. Throughout these years we've had major assistance from our local club and from Rotary International. To date we've raised \$1.8 million— we're **ever so close to the target of \$1.9 million.**

Dr Ray will be returning to Nepal next week to oversee the hospital construction and to continue teaching local Nepalese surgeons the techniques of genital prolapse surgery.



**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
Oct. 11th	Vocational Visit to MARINE RESCUE at Westport Park...Optional dinner after...			Phil Perry	
Oct. 18th	Dinner meeting RSVPs needed		Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Night	Diana Gammon	Glenda Barber
Oct. 25th	One hour meeting with optional dinner at Bistro	Ian Davies	Show & Tell night - Arms of Service projects update	Ray Hodgson	Neil Porter

**Meeting Welcomers** - Attendance tonight -

## Learn from Horses



Tonights guest speakers at our Rotary meeting were Rod & Deb O'Malley along with volunteer Kim who showed us some beautiful pictures about LEARN FROM HORSES.

Situated west of Wauchope 28 horses (all shapes & sizes, mostly rejected/rescue horses) provide some great healing for the elderly & young mentally & physically challenged. Deb Tougher the meeting Chairperson told us how this 3-day program has greatly assisted several of the homeless people she assists. In one case a teenager who was totally uncommunicative has been wonderfully transformed by her encounter with horses.

Eighty people on average each week are brought into a relationship with horses, some riding, some just cuddling, some painting them with some amazing results.

People from nursing homes and group homes visit along with students from local schools with special needs.

The visitors learn about horses and how to look after them. It is interesting that horses seem to have an affinity with many of these frail or troubled people and relating to the horses brings about some amazing transformations.

Learn from Horses often take their miniature and shetland horses to nursing homes and other facilities. One Shetland tried to climb into bed with an elderly patient. As the carer stopped him, the lady said.. "Oh its alright, all the boys try to jump into bed with me!!!"

LEARN FROM HORSES is in great need of support. If you can assist go to—

[www.learnfromhorses.com.au](http://www.learnfromhorses.com.au)



**Deb & Rod O'Malley with volunteer Kim**

## Club News

*Stay in the Know!*

- Sadly, we only had eight Rotarians and one guest tonight to hear the moving stories about LEARNING FROM HORSES.
- **Neil Porter** is in Sydney having a heart operation. **Deb Loveday** is in isolation & several other members are struggling with health issues.
- Was great to welcome back **Bob Cleland** from his Egypt/ Middle East holiday.
  - Also **Ross Nancarrow** back from Nepal. Excited to announce the opening a new 3-storey training centre and also meeting with several women involved in rescuing girls (& boys) from being sold as slaves.
- Details about next week site visit **to Marine Rescue** will be circulated later this week.
- Don't forget the exciting **Dorothea Mackellar Poetry** night on 18th October. Diana is pulling together another encouraging night with our school student poets. More information next week.

### Birthdays October 2023

11/10 - Julie Medway  
15/10 - Robert Rutishauser  
24/10 - Donna Wearne

### Wedding Anniversaries October 2023

16/10 - David & Heather Mayne