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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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Ivan Meldrum 1975-76

Laurie Barber 2006-07

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Tonight's guest speaker was Dustin Wellbourne, Ph.D who spoke about the global and local impact of invasive species and touched on his new co-written book called

INVASIVE SPECIES: A very short introduction

According to the National Geographic, an invasive species is an organism that is not indigenous, or native, to a particular area. Invasive species can cause great economic and environmental harm. Dustin showed us how species can invade often without us knowing until great harm is done. He gave us a picture of global airways and shipping lanes around the world which showed a means of transportation. An example he highlighted was the brown tree snake that was introduced to the island of Guam. A soundscape of Guam and its neighbouring island Sinapalo showed that Sinapalo forests still rang with the sound of many birds and creatures, whilst Guam was silent. Guam's 12 forest birds were especially impacted, with 10 species eliminated and the other two severely reduced. Dustin spoke about the fisherman in the Black Sea who lost their livelihood of catching anchovies when they were severely impacted by Phylloxera. In Australia we have seen the impact of feral horses, deer, rabbits, wild dogs, cats, cane toads. The environmental, financial and human impact comes at an enormous cost.

Today there is no place on Earth that does not harbour invasive exotic species. Invasive plants and animals can be found on every continent, including Antarctica, and within all waterbodies, including all oceans. In our increasingly connected world, with speedy commercial and recreational travel and the global movement of biological matter for food, invasive species are showing up at such a fast rate that there is no way to accurately count how many currently exist or how many are likely to emerge in the coming decades. Monitoring these species and controlling their spread is essential, as we increasingly understand the negative impacts they pose: their threat to our health; the toll they take on our commercial production; and the threat they pose to native ecosystems. This Very Short Introduction provides a clear definition of an invasive species, and considers the myriad ways they are moved around the globe, and the ecological, social, and economic impacts they often impose. (www.amazon.co.uk)

R C Kampala Kawempe—Message from PP Henry Nsamba.

The president and members of the Rotary Club of Kampala Kawempe extend their appreciation and thanks for the support that has enabled their club to score awards, visibility and significance in service. This was a big result of our partnership in service that has enabled them to be recognised and appreciated. Their project story was told.

Picture to the left is the award won recently at the District Assembly. **The award is the Compassion Award, presented to the R C Kawempe. The wording says "In recognition of your empathy and dedicated service to the vulnerable communities during the Rotary Year 2023-2024**



Fact not Fiction!

We had a bumper day at the Book Store on Saturday, with a record \$1343 raised from sales, serving over 97 customers



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 Chr	Sergeant
April 27th - PETS Assembly at CSU (Charles Sturt University) for ALL incoming club board members				
Apr 29th	Social		Social Dinner at Settlers Inn 5.30 for 6pm	
May 6th	International	Brittani Michelle	Chicken Project in Nepal	Debbie Loveday

Planned Tree Planting Postponed –New date 2nd June 2024

BBQ for Youth Homelessness Day



Wednesday morning we cooked 300 sausages in support of Youth Homelessness, at Town Beach Amphitheatre. It was a morning where we worked alongside R C Port Macquarie West and enjoyed fellowship and camaraderie. We met lots of friends whilst making people aware that there is a huge problem in our communities with people who are homeless, with making of those people being our

youth. Our new gazebo looked great! Deb Tougher presented the BBQ teams with a goodie bag to show her appreciation for our efforts o the day and a certificate of appreciation.

World Immunization Week 24-30 April

Immunization is a cornerstone of public health, saving millions of lives each year and preventing the spread of infectious diseases, like polio.



Rotary International has spent over 40 years making sure children receive life-saving polio vaccines, beginning with our first immunization campaign in the Philippines in 1979.

Nominations for the 2024 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards are now open. As a member of a Rotary Club, you understand the importance of creating communities we can all feel connected to. Volunteers embody this better than anyone, bringing people together through a shared desire to lend a



Club News

Stay in the Know!

APR 30—Board Meeting

Upcoming

May 19th—New Board 24-25 Meeting @ Rotary Lodge

June 02—Tree planting Dunbogan

SAVE THE DATE!

Changeover Night Dinner

Friday 5th July at 6.30pm



helping hand. Now, we invite you to celebrate that community spirit by recognising a volunteer in this year's Awards.

If you know someone who deserves to be celebrated for their community service, make sure you nominate them before Friday 14 June 2024 and spread the word that nominations are open

For more information go to: [2024 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards - The Centre for Volunteering](#)

Birthdays April/May '24

- 24/04 - Ian Davis
- 29/04 - Debbie Loveday
- 01/05 - David Mayne
- 04/05 - Lynn Slack
- 09/05 - Rod McCormick
- 11/05 - Helen Brown

Wedding Anniversaries April/May '24

- 03/05 - Geoff & Lynn Slack
- 30/05 - Ross & Donna Nancarrow