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A graphic with the text "WEEK in REVIEW" overlaid on a background of a calendar grid. The word "WEEK" is in large, bold, dark blue letters. "in" is in a smaller, italicized, dark blue font. "REVIEW" is in large, bold, dark blue letters. The background shows a calendar grid with numbers like 1, 2, 13, 14, 18, 19, and 27.

What a busy week in our Club!

Last Wednesday, 14th August, Neil Porter and Bob Cleland represented our club at the Regional Australia Bank Community Partnership Program breakfast held at The Westport Club. The morning was dedicated to recognising and supporting community organisations, with certificates awarded to many deserving groups, outlining the funds they would receive. We were pleased to accept a certificate for \$610, a much-appreciated contribution that required no additional effort on our part.

Later that day, Neil and Bob attended the Annual General Meeting of the Many Rivers Regional Housing Aboriginal Corporation, where we served as scrutineers for a series of complex and, at times, contentious votes. This organisation plays a significant role in our region, and we plan to invite their CEO to speak at one of our meetings soon so we can learn more about their impactful work.

To round out the week, on Friday evening, President Ray, Bob, and Diana Gammon attended the Hastings Education Fund mid-year function at the Mercure Hotel. It was an inspiring event where we, along with other sponsors, were sincerely thanked for our ongoing support of this incredible organisation. The Hastings Education Fund makes a difference each year by awarding grants to more than 40 local students, helping them navigate the many challenges of tertiary education.

Our club plays a vital role in this effort through the \$3,000 per annum Laurie Barber Memorial Scholarship, which provides continuous support to a selected student working towards their degree. Additionally, we contribute \$2,000 per annum to the general fund, further aiding in the educational development of our local youth.

It was a week that highlighted our club's commitment to supporting community initiatives and education, and we look forward to continuing our efforts in these areas.

NEXT WEEK

26 August 2024

Social Night - Port City Bowling Club

4 Owen St, Port Macquarie NSW 2444

6pm

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Surfing with the Disabled and more!



On Monday night, members of the Rotary Club were treated to an inspiring presentation by Mr. and Mrs. Tony O'Brien, who shared their passionate work with the Disabled Surfers Association (DSA). Now proudly serving on the local DSA board, Tony and Pam O'Brien are deeply involved in ensuring that people with disabilities have the opportunity to experience the joy and freedom of surfing. The DSA, driven by volunteers, organises safe and supportive surfing events that allow participants to connect with the ocean, build confidence, and enjoy the camaraderie of a day at the beach. Tony and Pam emphasised the transformative impact these experiences have on participants, both physically and emotionally, and the importance of community involvement in sustaining these initiatives.

In addition to their work with the DSA, Tony O'Brien also discussed his involvement with Aussie Battlers, an organisation dedicated to addressing some of the most pressing and often overlooked issues in the community. Aussie Battlers works tirelessly to create long-term solutions for challenges that many might brush aside, aiming to combat indifference and inspire action. Tony's commitment to making a difference shines through in his dedication to this cause, and he encouraged members to consider how they might contribute to these efforts.

Tony also shared his work with Camden Haven Community at 3 Inc., a non-denominational, Christian organisation focused on ensuring that no one in the Camden Haven area is left without support for their basic needs. The charity, run by a team of dedicated volunteers, offers services such as weekly free BBQ meals, assistance with homelessness, transport support, and more. Their mission is to provide social inclusion and enhance the lives of those in need, without discrimination. Tony's deep commitment to Camden Haven Community at 3 Inc. underscores his broader dedication to community service and supporting the vulnerable.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Treasurer Bob Cleland and President Ray Hodgson made the exciting announcement that the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie would donate \$1,000 to support the vital work of the Disabled Surfers Association. This generous contribution reflects the Club's commitment to backing initiatives that make a real difference in the lives of those in our community.

The presentation was not only informative but also deeply moving, reminding all in attendance of the profound impact that volunteerism can have on individuals and communities alike. The Rotary Club is grateful to Tony and Pam O'Brien for sharing their experiences and for the remarkable work they continue to do.





Weekly Brain Teaser

I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?





Rotary Lodge Expansion

The Rotary Lodge in Port Macquarie, a cornerstone of the community's commitment to supporting patients and their families, is undergoing a significant expansion. The 23-unit addition will dramatically increase the Lodge's accommodation capacity, ensuring that even more people in need can find comfort and respite during challenging times. Situated on the hospital grounds, Rotary Lodge has long been a sanctuary for those requiring a place to stay while receiving treatment or supporting loved ones.

This ambitious project is proudly funded by the combined Rotary Clubs of Port Macquarie, Port Macquarie West, Wauchope, Laurieton, Port Macquarie on Hastings, and Port Macquarie Sunrise. The expansion has also been made possible by the generosity of many community groups, organisations, and individuals who have contributed to this vital cause. Their collective efforts reflect the spirit of unity and service that Rotary embodies.

Phil Perry, a Rotary Lodge Board Member and member of the Port Macquarie club, was proud to showcase the progress being made on the expansion.

The Rotary Lodge has always been more than just a place to stay; it is a symbol of the compassion and care that defines the Port Macquarie community. With the completion of this expansion, Rotary Lodge will continue to serve as a vital resource for those in need, ensuring that no one faces their journey alone.

As work on the expansion continues, the Rotary Clubs of the region, along with the broader community, can take pride in knowing they are making a lasting impact. The new units will not only provide necessary accommodation but will also be a testament to the power of collective goodwill and the enduring legacy of Rotary's service above self.

Rotary Lodge Port Macquarie stands as a beacon of hope, and with this expansion, it will shine even brighter.





Wedding Anniversaries August 2024

21/8 - Alastair and Joan Moss
28/8 - Robert and Josi Rutishauser

Birthdays August 2024

1/08 - Glenda Barber

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
- Mahatma Gandhi*



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