

### The Port Wheel

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## Rotary Club Social Dinner a Great Success at Westport Club



On Monday night, our Rotary Club gathered at the Westport Club for a wonderful social dinner, and it was fantastic to see such a great turnout. Both new and familiar faces joined in, making the evening an excellent opportunity for members to connect, share stories, and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed setting.

The atmosphere was warm and inviting, with plenty of conversation flowing throughout the night. Some of our newer members took the chance to meet long-standing Rotarians, and it was great to see the camaraderie that makes our club special. The evening offered a perfect blend of fellowship and fun, as members reminisced about past projects and discussed exciting future plans.

As always, these social dinners provide us with a chance to strengthen the bonds within our Rotary family, and Monday night was no exception. A big thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it a memorable night.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next gathering!









#### 23 September 2024

**General Meeting** 

Speaker/Special Presentation: Peter & Sharon Crean,

BeyondWater (via Zoom)

Port Macquarie Panthers Club

5:30 for 6pm

Dinner in Bistro Following

## Coming Up! Exciting Zoom Presentation this Monday

#### with Peter and Sharon Crean

# BeyondWater

This coming Monday, our members will gather at Port Panthers for what promises to be an inspiring and insightful presentation from Rotarians Peter and Sharon Crean, joining us via Zoom.

Peter and Sharon, originally from New Zealand, have dedicated their lives to making a difference. For 16 years, they worked as youth workers in New Zealand before moving to Australia, where they founded *BeyondWater*, an organization focused on improving access to safe drinking water and sanitation across East Africa. In 2012, their journey took them to Nairobi, Kenya, where they built a team of nationals to expand their work even further.

The Creans are proud parents of two adult daughters, a son-in-law, and grandparents to four grandchildren. Their passion for travel recently led them on an incredible 9,700-mile adventure across southern Africa in a 2006 Land Rover Defender, showcasing their love for both exploration and service.

We are fortunate to have Peter and Sharon share their experiences, insights, and the important work they continue to do with *BeyondWater*. This presentation will provide a unique opportunity to learn about their impact and ongoing efforts in East Africa. Make sure to attend this special evening at Port Panthers and join the Zoom to hear directly from the Creans. It's sure to be an evening filled with inspiration and stories of service.

#### **Weekly Brain Teaser**

The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?



Last Weeks Answer: A Match

# Reminder: Upcoming Visit from Foundation Member Mark Anderson and Trustee Dennis Shore + Luka Marshall

Mark your calendars! The visit from Rotary Foundation member Mark Anderson and Trustee Dennis Shore is fast approaching, taking place on the 30th of September at Port Panthers.

From 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Mark and Dennis will be available in the Renaissance Room to answer any questions or discuss any issues related to the Rotary Foundation. This informal session is an excellent opportunity to engage with both gentlemen and address any queries you may have.

Later in the day, starting at 6:30 pm, Mark and Dennis will deliver a formal presentation on the Rotary Foundation, offering valuable insights and updates. This presentation is a fantastic opportunity for Rotarians in our Cluster to refresh their knowledge or for new members to learn more about the operations of the Foundation.

The evening presentation will be accompanied by a sit-down meal. If you wish to attend the dinner, please contact Neil Porter of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie by Thursday, 20th September. The cost is \$35, and if more than 20 people are attending, Panthers will provide alternate meal drops. Special dietary requirements can also be accommodated—just let Neil know in advance. Payment can be made in advance to:

#### Regional Australia Bank

BSB: 932000

Account No.: 500186792 Neil's contact details:

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Additionally, before the formal presentation, our Laurie Barber Scholarship recipient, Luka Marshall, will give a special address at 6:00 pm. Luka is a second-year medical student at the University of New England, and all Rotarians are encouraged to attend this portion of the evening. Please arrive by 5:45 pm to ensure Luka's address begins promptly.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the 30th of September for what promises to be an informative and engaging day!



Wedding Anniversaries September 2024



**Birthdays September 2024** 

14/9 - Glyn Rumble-Fuller

20/9 - Debra Tougher

N/A

### "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

-Helen Keller



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