

Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

The Port Wheel

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Sharon & Peter Crean - Beyond Water



Monday night's meeting was an extremely interesting and thought provoking one for us all to ponder on. We have to be reminded every now and then how fortunate we are to live in Australia. Just being able to do the things we take for granted, like turning on a tap and clean safe water flowing, is a dream to many around our world.

Peter and Sharon Crean are two amazing Rotarians who made the decision back in 2007 to devote their lives to making Africa a better place to live for many of its residents. By starting up Beyond Water, they have changed the lives of many by providing clean drinking water, toilets and schooling. By addressing Rotary Clubs like ours, they not only get their story out to fellow Rotarians, but have an opportunity to seek our support through funding and also by Rotarians visiting Africa and physically building needed facilities. I am sure our Club will be able to support this amazing organisation and enable lives of many to be improved forever.

If you would like to view the PowerPoint Presentation that Sharon and Pete delivered here is the link: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/zcwsmekw70lgxio18jwzn/Rotary-New-Clubs-2025.pptx?rlkey=9w3w1g01u4l9x9gc8ignnq14e&e=1&st=fik62ds0&dl=0#</u>

If you would like to make a contribution, please click here: <u>https://beyondwater.global/get-</u> involved/



30 September 2024
Port Macquarie Panthers Club
6 - 6:30pm
Luka Marshall, our Laurie Barber scholarship recipient presenting.
6:30pm onwards
Rotary Foundation Dinner (RSVP Neil)

Welcoming Newcomers: Rotary's Role in Supporting Overseas Professionals in Our Community



At our meeting on Monday, we also had the pleasure of meeting Deyor Balisi, a young Stormwater Engineer who recently commenced work at the local Council. Deyor is originally from the Philippines, but has spent much of her adult life studying and living I Australia. A photo of Deyor with some of our club members is attached. Our Club is a partner in the Work and Stay program that matches overseas professionals organisations, mainly in regional Australia, that have difficulty in attracting senior staff.

Our Club was offered the opportunity by Work and Stay to provide an ambassadorial role to newcomers to our area and assist them assimilate into our local community. That involves introducing them to retail, educational, medical and recreational services as well as showing them many of our beautiful, natural attractions. To date we have provided our services to two new Port residents, and in two weeks-time we will welcome a third Engineer to Council. Her name is Ellie Craft and Bob Cleland, Rob Dalla Costa and Neil Porter will shortly meet Ellie via a Teams meeting. Ellie has already commenced work with the Council by laptop and working from home. We will bring Ellie to a Club meeting after she has settled in.

Weekly Brain Teaser

The person who makes it, sells it. The person who buys it never uses it. The person who uses it never knows they're using it. What is it?



Last Weeks Answer: Footsteps

Paediatric ED Update



Exciting news from the Paediatric Emergency Department at Port Macquarie Base Hospital!

Following last month's planning meeting, Rotarians Steve Towle and Bob Cleland have visited PMBH's Paediatric ED to measure up for a special mural project designed to make the space a lot less scary for children.

This wonderful initiative is being driven by Rotary, and we are looking for community support to help fund it. With lots of walls to cover, any assistance would be greatly appreciated!

If you can help, please reach out to Rotarian Bob Cleland at 0438 761 978 or email Bobcle43@gmail.com for details on how to get involved.

Let's brighten up the Paediatric ED together!



"Could you please let your members know that their generous donation of \$2,000 went towards the attached 2005 Club car golf buggy. Our 1990 one has been transporting volunteers, staff, disabled clients, horse food etc. for over 8 years and 'fell off the perch' last week. We picked the replacement up from the Gold Coast last Sunday, which was a great opportunity to visit our family (granddaughter in buggy). After making do without it, everyone realises how important that form of transport is.

Thankyou to you and your members once again, without the generous help of organisations like yours it would be very difficult to provide the services we do."

Warm regards

Deb and Rod O'Malley Founders | Learn from Horses



Wedding Anniversaries September 2024



Birthdays September 2024

14/9 - Glyn Rumble-Fuller 20/9 - Debra Tougher

N/A

"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world."

-Howard Zinn



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