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Welcoming Marley Thick, Outgoing Exchange Student



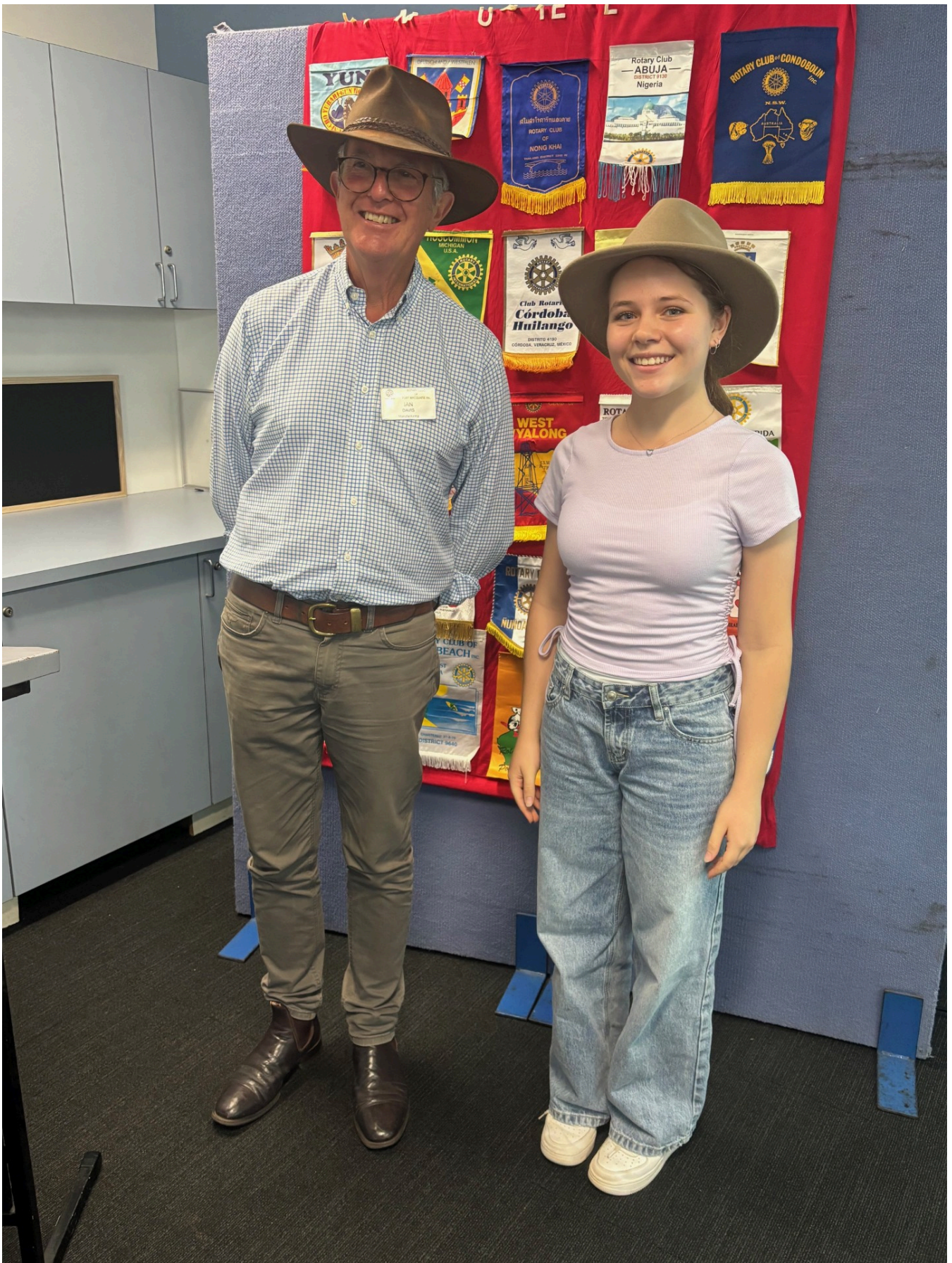
On Monday night, we had the pleasure of welcoming Marley Thick, a Year 9 student from Mackillop College and our outgoing Short Term Exchange Student. Marley shared her excitement and expectations for her upcoming three-month exchange to Helmstedt in Northern Germany, which begins this weekend. During her stay, she'll immerse herself in German culture by attending school and living with her exchange partner's family. A highlight of her adventure will be a skiing trip to Austria over the Christmas holidays—a first for Marley, who is eager to experience a European winter.

Marley also spoke about her impressive involvement in dance, drama, and a wide range of other curricular activities, through which she has earned numerous accolades. Well-regarded in both her school and the local community, Marley's dedication and achievements have made her an outstanding representative for this exchange.

In a special moment, Vice President Ian Davis presented Marley with an Akubra, a locally made icon, on behalf of the club. This unique gift serves as a reminder of home and the community's best wishes for her journey.

Marley's exchange partner will visit Australia in June next year, attending Mackillop College for three months. We look forward to welcoming both students back to our club, where Marley can share her experiences from Germany and her exchange partner can gain a firsthand insight into Australian culture.

We thank Marley for her inspiring presentation and wish her all the best as she embarks on this exciting adventure beginning this weekend.



NEXT WEEK

**4 November 2024
Nominal Club Meeting
Port Macquarie Panthers**

Weekly Brain Teaser

A man looks at a painting in a museum and says, "Brothers and sisters, I have none, but that man's father is my father's son." Who is in the painting?



Last Weeks Answer: Darkness

**317 Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets
Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser Soars to
Success**



On Sunday, 317 Squadron of the Australian Air Force Cadets hosted a vibrant fundraising BBQ at Bunnings, drawing a crowd of hungry supporters and raising over \$2500 in sales. With a net profit of around \$1800, the day was a fantastic success, thanks in part to the dedicated team of Cadets, volunteers, and community members who pitched in to make it possible.

317 Squadron owes a special thanks to our club member, Phil Perry, whose knowledge and experience proved invaluable in coordinating the BBQ and ensuring it ran smoothly. Phil's assistance with setup, shopping, and overall guidance helped maximise sales and efficiency, keeping both customers and volunteers happy throughout the day.

The club also supported the event with essential equipment, generously providing BBQ tools, eskies, and donating soft drinks, which added to the event's appeal. This display of teamwork and community spirit exemplifies the bond between the youth of our community and our club, showcasing our ongoing commitment to supporting youth development through service.

The proceeds from the BBQ will go a long way in supporting 317 Squadron's future activities, training programs, and Cadet initiatives. Thank you to everyone involved for

your hard work, donations, and dedication—it's efforts like these that help sustain and inspire our young leaders.

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Next Social Night

By popular demand, our next social night will be back at the Westport Club! Join us at 6 pm on 25 November for a relaxed evening with good company, delicious food, and a chance to unwind. We look forward to seeing you there!

Special Guest Visit: Mr Geoffrey Little



On Monday night, we had the privilege of hosting Mr Geoffrey Little, a distinguished member of the Rotary Club of Sydney and a retired Sergeant with the New South Wales Police. Known internationally as “The Smiling Policeman,” Geoffrey has contributed greatly to community relations through Rotary, including his work as the founding chair of the Police & Law Enforcement Professionals Fellowship of Rotarians (PoLEPFor). His impactful projects include promoting peace initiatives globally and launching programs to

support underprivileged children and drug awareness in countries such as the Philippines and Russia.

During his visit, Geoffrey presented our club's Vice President and Treasurer with a symbolic pendant from PoLEPFor, honouring our shared dedication to service and community engagement. In return, our club presented Geoffrey with a commemorative copy of *Seventy Years of Service Above Self*, celebrating our own legacy within Rotary. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Geoffrey for his inspiring words, commitment to peace, and enduring dedication to Rotary's values.



Wedding Anniversaries October 2024

16/10 - David and Heather Mayne



Birthdays October 2024

1/20 - Bob Cleland
1/10 - Diana Gammon
11/10 - Julieanne Medway
15/10 - Josi Rutishauser
24/10 - Donna Wearne

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

-Helen Keller



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