



Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West inc.

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Weekly Bulletin

President's Report



This year so far has the makings of a very Inspirational year for our club. Already we have two new members and last meeting we had six new visitors attend. It is a great privilege to share what our club has been achieving over the last 9 months with our guests. (See Membership Directors report).

We reported on our combined 5 Rotary Clubs and some of the projects they are doing as well as a wonderful result that our Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) attendees were gaining from a week away together gaining positive attitudes to gaining self-esteem and leadership in their lives.

My guest Kathy Wonderley CEO of service group ACES was amazing to step up at the last minute and give an enlightening overview of what her organisation covers. I had occasion to visit ACES headquarters yesterday afternoon and were greeted by an enthusiastic group of happy dedicated employees who work with Kathy and you can be assured that these employees would not be so happy working without the wonderful leadership Kathy provides to all her staff and clients.

My other guest Jennifer McKenzie (co - Marriage Celebrant) was really impressed at the welcoming attitude of our members and delighted to see what Rotary is all about.

The challenge is out now to bring along more guests and introduce them to our club. This is the only way to showcase Rotary and build our club for an exciting new era in our club.

Next weeks presentation from Lou and Noeleen Hayward and Trevor and Joan Gilson (Rotary Group Friendship Exchange) GFE in India, will be a great way to introduce our guests as to what we personally can gain from being a Rotary member.

Be the Inspiration

YIR Julie



Decorations for ANZAC Night Needed

Keiren has asked that if any members have a lovely gum tree in their yard (within arms reach) that may require a trim, to please hold off until closer to our ANZAC tribute night. She would like to use some nice gum leaves and gum nuts if available as part of the table decorations.

If you can help out, please let Keiren know.



Corporate Members



Next Meeting - The returning RFE team recount their adventures in India

Regular Meetings

Tuesdays 6:00pm for 6:30pm
The Westport Club
25 Buller Street
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Apologies and guests to:
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Upcoming Events

16/04/2019	Regular Dinner Meeting (Partner's invited) Report on Indian RFE Trip - Lou and Noeleen Hayward/ Trevor and Joan Gilson
23/04/2019	ANZAC Tribute Night
30/04/2019	Regular Dinner Meeting Guest Speaker: Doug Emanuel - U3A Historian
07/05/2019	Club Assembly
14/05/2019	Regular Dinner Meeting Guest Speaker: Linda Elbourne - Willing and Able

Guest Speaker - Kathy Wonderley

Kathy Wonderley was our guest speaker last week and is the CEO at ACES. ACES is a not for profit, community based, charity and NDIS registered service provider based in the Hastings Local Government Area.

Its purpose is to provide resources such as workers, venues, transport, specialised equipment, knowledge and connections with the wider community, so that people with disability can participate in all aspects of life. They support people with intellectual disabilities to access generic community events, activities and services based on their NDIS goals.

Kathy spoke on the impact of NDIS on individuals, such as increasing choice and control. The impact of NDIS pricing legislation on local service provision was also outlined as it affect the ability of providers to train and support their staff. Kathy also outlined the lack of public change facilities incorporating a hoist and adult sized change table in the local government area.



Ironman Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with marshalling at the upcoming Ironman competition on Sunday, May 5th. There will be two groups for the roster, either 11.00am start or 2.00pm start.



Please check your availability and advise Jeff Lipman on 0431 290 299 or 6582 3951.

Last Week's Guests - Thoughts from a Membership Director

It really adds to the occasion when we have guests join us for the evening. And we had them in spades last Tuesday!

President Julie's guests were Kathy Wonderley (CEO of ACES – who ended up, at short notice, being our guest speaker ... thank you Kathy!) and Jennifer McKenzie, a marriage celebrant colleague.

Mike Chamber's guest was Jennifer Waring and my guests were Matt McCourt (Always Solar), Shawn and Tanya Bennett and Xiaobing Yang (pronounced something like "schowbing yung").

I met Matt very briefly when Matt was a volunteer on The Hope Shop truck about 6 months ago, a few days later I left him some material about Rotary at The Hope Shop with an invitation to come to a meeting. It has taken a while for Matt to join us as Matt has been setting up a new business.

Shawn, after recently looking at local Rotary and Lions Clubs websites, liked what he found on our website, contacted me, we met at the Ruins Café about 2 weeks ago and both Shawn and Tanya were able to come last Tuesday. Shawn is having some shoulder surgery on Thursday 11th and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Xiaobing has only been in Australia a month or so. I met him just last Sunday at Port Uniting Church, he came to lunch with us - Joan, Brendan and six others at The Westport Club and accepted my invitation to come last Tuesday night. He had no knowledge of Rotary but that's changing! He is a structural engineer with about 17 years of experience, mostly in Beijing. He had a job interview in Port last Friday and it looks promising for him. His aim is to make Australia his home and bring his family to live here.

As Membership Director, I was delighted that so many of our members made a point of greeting our guests and chatting with them. Thanks everyone!

Trevor

Get Well Soon

We have a few members who are unwell at the moment. I'm sure that the club will join with me in sending our thoughts to all those who are not well, especially Dave Comish, Michael de Groot, and Raw Laws.



Drought Assist Bus Trip
Friday 31st May – Sunday 2nd June
Contact Patti Parsons: 0409 079 745
For further details

The Narrabri Rotary Club, led by President Darrell Tiemens has set-up a "Neighbours in Need" program. The club has assisted farmers who even though they are being ravaged by drought are reluctant to accept charity. The Rotary Club has arranged gifts of EFTPOS cards between \$200 & \$2000 to assist local farmers & to enable them to buy locally, also assisting local businesses.

Even though some rain has fallen in drought affected areas, very little has fallen in the Narrabri area & farmers are still struggling.

The Wauchope/Taree/Gloucester Rotary Clubs are encouraging Rotarians to join them on a ROTARY ROAD TRIP out to Narrabri to support farmers. Maurie Stack is coordinating the trip in Taree & Brian Beesley from Gloucester will be driving the coach. The bus will leave from Gloucester, stopping at Taree & Wauchope to pick-up passengers & then at stopping at Walcha & Gunnedah along the way. Newcombe Coach Lines is providing the bus/coach.

**Please join the trip - for further info contact Patti Parsons @ Wauchope
for itinerary & costs & accommodation bookings 0409079745**

**Tax Deductable Donations to 'Narrabri Trip - Drought Appeal' @ Holiday Coast Credit Union -
BSB 721000 a/c 100202663 & reference your name.**



*The Rotary Club of
Port Macquarie West Inc.*

Wishes to invite you to their

Annual ANZAC Tribute Night

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

*The Westport Club
Buller Street, Port Macquarie*

5.45pm for 6.30pm

\$25 per person

(including roast dinner, dessert, tea and coffee)

Guest Speaker – Major James Murray Gough

*Please wear any Service Medals (If applicable)
to this tribute dinner.*

RSVP would be appreciated before Monday 15th April to:

PMCQWestRotary@gmail.com

Please be sure to advise of any dietary requirements