



Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West inc.

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Weekly Bulletin

President's Report



An enjoyable night as we travelled through India with the Group Friendship Exchange (GFE) portrayed in a very well presented presentation thanks to Noleen Hayward. The four Rotarians, Lou and Noeleen and Trevor and Joan Gilson explained their experiences. Watching on and re living some of the places visited was our Honorary member Shibu Sen Gupta whom I forgot to introduce formally and for this I apologise Shibu.

It was a pleasure to have visitors Corporate members Maxine and John Adams From MTA Mobile Travel Agents who helped arrange travel for our Rotarians Joan and Trevor Gilson. Maxine and John heard my call for items to put in our Raffle Baskets for the up and coming Black and White Concert which will be held on the 16th June and yesterday they left 6 bottles of "Bubbly" at my home as a very grateful donation for this cause.



Members please note I am gathering any items that you would think suitable to make 6 baskets for Raffle prizes at the Black and White Concert that raises money for Rotary Lodge. Please feel free to bring them to our meetings over the next month or leave them at my home.

Reports were given from recent Board meeting and more reports will be given on the MEMBERS INFORMATION NIGHT – 7th May 2019.

Please note on the MEMBERS INFORMATION NIGHT we are hoping to get a new Club Photo of all members in their RED SHIRTS. It will be great to have a full record of members for our 2018-2019 Records.

Looking forward to a big night at our next meeting which is ANZAC Memorial night. Thanks to all who have responded and we are up over the 100 guest mark.

Be the Inspiration

YIR Julie

Decorations for ANZAC Night Needed

Keiren has asked that if any members have a gum tree in their yard that need a trim, to please let her know. 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 - ANZAC Tribute Night

Regular Meetings

Tuesdays 6:00pm for 6:30pm

The Westport Club

25 Buller Street

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Board 2018-19

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Upcoming Events

23/04/2019	ANZAC Tribute Night
30/04/2019	Regular Dinner Meeting Guest Speaker: Doug Emanuel - U3A Historian
07/05/2019	Members Information Night Please wear red t-shirts for club photo
14/05/2019	Regular Dinner Meeting Guest Speaker: Linda Elbourne - Willing and Able

Last meeting - The Wonder of India Revealed

The lights were dimmed and the screen lit up with a wonderful 17 minute visual journey of Mumbai and then places in central India in the states of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan – thank you so much Noeleen Hayward for the many hours of work you must have spent bringing it all together.

Firstly, Mumbai – the Gateway of India Arch ... the Dhobi Ghat open air laundry service to hotels and hospitals ... a huge International School with its own indoor shooting gallery ... Ghandi's home when in Mumbai and now a Ghandi museum.

Then the Rotary Friendship Exchange part visiting Indore, Bhopal, Nagdar, Chittaurgarh and Udaipur – Rotary projects like a physiotherapy clinic for the poor; a garment factory making thousands of tee-shirts; a Rotary Foundation Dialysis Machine installed in a local hospital ... a 50-years-married wedding anniversary open-air party with music, lights, brilliant colour and hundreds of very happy people ... visits to large modern factories employing thousands of workers ... beautiful lakes ... indoor and open-air Rotary meetings ... palaces and temples ... an unexpected meeting with 25 Rotaractors who soon had us dancing with them ... displays of traditional music, singing and dancing ... beautiful lakes ... world heritage sites ...

Louis and Noeleen Hayward, Trevor and Joan Gilson (part of the D9650 team) then added some observations of their time in India – their excellent hosts ... the friendly, happy people ... a very well organised exchange ... chaotic traffic but it works ... very little cost apart from international flights ... education is a big, big focus ... very industrious people.

RFE is a great way to experience other cultures and excellent value for money. Try it sometime soon!!

- Trevor

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.

Blood Needed Urgently This Easter and ANZAC Day

More than 4,000 donors are urgently needed to give blood between Easter Saturday and Friday, April 26 in order to prevent a shortage of blood products required by cancer patients and road trauma victims.

Of most importance is a blood component called platelets. Platelets vital in the treatment of many cancers and to combat life-threatening bleeding from road trauma and in other emergency situations.

Unfortunately platelets have a shelf-life of just five days which means they cannot be stockpiled. Three public holidays in quick succession puts enormous demand on stores.

One in three Australians will need blood in their lifetime, but only one in 30 currently donates. Please consider donating blood this Easter, the life you save could be that of a family member or close friend. Blood donation centres are open throughout the Easter period except for Good Friday.

To give blood, please call 13 14 95 or visit www.donateblood.com.au

Editor's Note: I give plasma at 9:00am every other Friday at the Port Macquarie collection centre. It's a simple, relatively painless process, and you get a drink and cookie afterwards. If anyone would like to chat about the process, I'm more than happy to share my experiences. I'm even happy to accompany any first time donors if they're feeling a little nervous about the process. - Anthony



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.**