



Weekly Bulletin

President's Report



It was great to welcome Guest Speaker: Michelle Ackerman—YP Space, Youth Homelessness to our meeting and Michelle had all members enthralled as to the work she and her small team do for the homeless in our area and Kempsey.



I would be surprised if most of us had realised what an amazing job they do to encourage and support youth back into society. By the way YP Space stands for 'Young People Space' as I found out. I am sure we will try and find some way over the next few months to help support her more than just our blanket drive, which Michelle said she was very grateful for.

Jenni had a great day at the foreshore Markets supported by Heather and Meridith. Brendan Seed held the fort and gave support at the Kendall Show. Many thanks to those Rotarians for their help.

YIR Julie



Taking the lambs to market



Corporate Members



Reminder: Dinner this week is in Hastings Co Café (Westport Club) – Wear a racing themed hat

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Upcoming Events

16/10/2018	Regular Dinner Meeting. Mental Health Hat Night Hastings Coffee Co (WestPort Club)
20/10/2018	Rotary Community Centre Working Bee From 8:30am
23/10/2018	Regular Dinner Meeting District Governor's Visit
30/10/2018	Regular Dinner Meeting Indian RFE Team Visit
6/11/2018	Laurieton Transfer Meeting Details TBA

YP Space

YP Space – Young People Support Programs, Accommodation & Community Engagement. Head office in Kempsey but they operate from Coffs to port Macquarie, managing 21 properties.

Michelle Ackerman – our guest speaker, is the Operations Manager and there are 21 staff members across the organisation. MNCoast has the 2nd highest youth Unemployment in NSW. 350 young people a year experience homelessness each night in our area alone. Although a lot don't identify as homeless. YP space help around 300 young people each year, roughly 80 on average at any one time from our LGA.

From the 2011 census, there has been a 92.1% increase in youth homelessness. Often as a result of family breakdown, mental health or drug challenges within the home. YPSpace supports young people from 13-17, often providing early intervention & prevention strategies first but if needed, they also have 2 x 5 bed crisis accommodation facilities in both PMQ and Kempsey that provides 24 hrs care. They also support young people to find independent accommodation if needed and help them through the processes and responsibilities of renting. They also help them find the things they need to set up home. They rely on tendered funding which is often limited to a set period. They support young people who either stay at school or seek meaningful employment when they are also supporting them to find safe, permanent accommodation.

Such an engaging and almost jaw-dropping presentation by Michelle. We really are fortunate.

- Heather

Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Book Sale

The RC of PMQ operates a second hand book store every Saturday morning from 9.00am to 1.00pm at the Rotary Community Centre on Hamilton Green. Donations of books have been pouring in and they have decided to have a special promotion throughout October; all book sale income will be donated to one of the District Rotary programs helping Drought Stricken Farmers.

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The Rotary Foundation—Did You Know?

- Did you know that the maximum Paul Harris Fellow level is PHF+8 which has 3 rubies? The next step is becoming a MAJOR DONOR. The Major Donor recognition can only be achieved through personal contributions, and not in combination with “Club Awards”?



Centurion Towers



All members should aim to have their towers filled by the end of April 2019 so that the funds can be collected and returned to the Foundation in time for the contribution to be recognised in this Rotary Year.

There are 28 weeks left until the target date, so you should be aiming to have at least 22 coins in your tower by now.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Celebrations

Member Birthdays

October 27th Alan Barber

Club Anniversaries

October 24th Mike Chambers
October 30th Geoff Jhonson

Wedding Anniversaries

October 16th Heather Mayne
October 20th Ken McKenzie

Partner Birthdays

November 6th Ken Thompson (Dahlis)



Member Roster for Meetings

	16/10/2018	23/10/2018	30/10/2018
Raffle Tickets	Anthony Devine	Helen Wade	Steve Atkin
Meet and Greet	Meredith Evans Daphne Flett	Keiren Freeman Peter Gray	Lou Hayward Brian Hutchinson

IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you organise a replacement if you are rostered on for one of the above roles and will not be attending the meeting

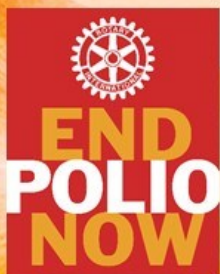
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