



Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West inc.

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Weekly Bulletin

President's Report



Last weekend President Elect Jeff, Peter & Rose Gray, Alan & Gail Barber and I attended the Rotary District 9650 in Armidale. The Key Note speakers were once again of high standard and really great to hear their journeys of a variety of subjects. The Finalists in the Public Speaking were outstanding and it is great to hear the youth of today speaking on subjects they were passionate about. Hopefully you will hear from one of the speakers at our meeting in the future. President Elect Jeff is all fired up and looking forward to taking our club into 2019-2020.

Our Challenge night with the Wauchope rotary club was enjoyed by all who travelled across the Highway and the Bowls Challenge was a 'nail biter' as it came down to the last two ends of the game when Alan Unsworth and Peter Gray were narrowly defeated by the Wauchope team. Great effort guys and we will beat them next year. Once again our great Vice President John relieved us all of driving to and forth our for our outing. All members really appreciated his fine efforts and really want to thank him extremely for his out of duty effort.



Thursday was a sad day as we farewelled our member Barry. For all that knew him it was a sad day. It was great to see all the members honour his life and for those who had to work or were unable to attend, due to other you would be proud of the effort Hutch put into this service to honour our friend.



Many thanks to the Management of FXBC for up grading the photocopier I won at the Sustainability Showcase from a black and white machine to a full colour printer and copier. It has been installed at my home today (Friday) and we are now able to use this machine for Rotary use. This should greatly increase our capacity to produce full colour brochures to enhance publicity for our club to spell out our Rotary involvement to the community and great use for special events. Helen Gleeson and I had expert instruction from the FXBC staff so it up to us to put it to good use. FXBC (formally Fuji Xerox Shop) have been great supporters for our club for many years and we will continue to support their office in Port Macquarie for projects.



Busy week for Rotarians as we have our "Hands On" project, Prosthetic Hands assembly this Saturday. Congratulations to Joan and Trevor Gilson for an amazing effort organising this event and it was great that the Rotary Friendship Exchange group from Sweden were able to witness this very valuable effort that over twenty five of our Rotarians and some partners participated.



Well done being the Inspiration, YIR Julie



Corporate Members



Big thanks to all the helping hands at the Hand's On Project this last weekend.

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

19/03/2019	Regular Dinner Meeting Report from Conference Attendees
26/03/2019	Regular Dinner Meeting Guest Speaker: Heather Cavenagh - CSU
02/04/2019	International Night Maharaja Restaurant
09/04/2019	Regular Dinner Meeting
16/04/2016	Regular Dinner Meeting Report on Indian RFE Trip - Lou Hayward

Hand's On Project

Did you know that....

- There are 2000 land mine accidents each month across our globe. That equates to 1 every 20 minutes!
- There are around 300,000 land mine amputees globally and 20% of these are children
- 96% of victims are civilians and 75% of survivors have at least one body part amputated as a result of a land mine accident.

The "Hands On" project is a Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) project which 25 members of Port Macquarie West Rotary club participated in on Saturday 16th March. They received a successful District Grant which covered approximately 75% of the costs, with the club funding the rest.

The "Hands On" project involved assembling 37 pieces into a prosthetic hand that would give a disabled person in a developing country the chance to gain employment and live a productive independent life. Each completed hand was encased in a zip-up bag that contained personal messages of good will from the Port West Rotarians.

It took twenty-five people working in pairs less than two hours to assemble one prosthetic hand per team, and all participants agreed that it was one of the most worthwhile Rotary projects they had ever been involved in.

Whilst working, they were visited by PDG Ian Jackson and Barbara who accompanied the Swedish Friendship Exchange group, so some extra Rotary fellowship was enjoyed as they worked.

The completed hands will be quality tested and then delivered to landmine victims in Cambodia, Sri Lanka and Laos. Generally a prosthetic hand would cost approximately AUS\$3000 but through this program, the survivors receive them freely and with love from Rotary.



Rotary Community Corps Update

Thank you Mike Chambers for the following update from Kenya

Mike we had a very good day yesterday and we are looking forward to working with you. Here is the Photo of the first members. From left to right is Mr Sore, he did his bachelor degree in business administration, Mr Suga he is pursuing his bachelor degree in languages, Everlyne did her 12th grade in 2016 awaiting to join college, Vivian is a trained teacher, Jacob is doing Education degree and Evance did his 12th grade last year. They elected an office, agreed to set up a Facebook account and a WhatsApp page

Thank you.

Regards

Alex Omino



Centurion Towers

Those of you that have are filling a Centurion Tower should be starting to see some progress up the tower by now. 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 7 weeks left until the target date, so you should be aiming to have at least 43 coins in your tower by now.



Hand's On Project



Thanks to all those who participated in the Hand's On project this past weekend.

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*The Rotary Club
of
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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