



Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West inc.

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# Weekly Bulletin

## President's Report



This week's meeting had a bundle of exciting happening. We were introduced to our Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) candidate Keiren Roughley who gave us a little insight into why he thought he would benefit from our club sponsoring him to attend RYLA week. Keiren is a Rotaract member and very keen to learn more about leadership.



A very exciting moment to be able to induct a new member to our club. Milan Rajcanny and his wife Jaclyn were welcomed into our club. Milan's background is as follows:

- ICT Manager & Mentor to 50+ millennials, university interns/ graduates/junior engineers
- 16 Years of volunteering as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (supporting Rotary club organised data centre tours, talks, workshops, University/TAFE ICT/STEM presentations, Promoting ICT/STEM at Career fairs etc.)

- Corporate sponsored, humanitarian volunteer work (Bali orphanage visit & sponsorship, House building in Thailand, numerous volunteer working bees for Australian orgs.)

- Consultant, volunteer (& soon on board of directors) for Teachers On Wheels non-profit ngo

How lucky are we to have such talent join our club. Vocational Director Heather is delighted that Milan has already been put to work on her team on a STEM project.

At long last our club has honoured 'Safe and Sound Self Storage' units for the amazing support owner Steve Wile has given our club over the past 18 years. Steve has donated the use of a storage unit for our club for all these years and it was wonderful to have Ben Williams travel from Newcastle area to represent this company to receive a well earned Corporate Membership on Steve's behalf.



It is really great to see our club expanding and members getting excited at our projects and projection for the year ahead. It is really looking like we are taking our logo for the year to make a lot of meaning by "Being the Inspiration" not only for our club but showcasing Rotary to the community at large.

YIR Julie



## Corporate Members



**International Night on April 2nd at the Maharaja Restaurant**

## Regular Meetings

Tuesdays 6:00pm for 6:30pm  
The Westport Club  
25 Buller Street  
Port Macquarie  
**Apologies and guests to:**  
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## Board 2018-19

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## Upcoming Events

02/04/2019	International Night Maharaja Restaurant
09/04/2019	Regular Dinner Meeting
16/04/2019	Regular Dinner Meeting Report on Indian RFE Trip - Lou Hayward
23/04/2019	ANZAC Tribute Night

## Guest Speaker - Heather Cavanagh CSU

Our Guest speaker, Heather Cavanagh, highlighted the evening by giving a comprehensive overview of what Charles Sturt University has achieved since starting in Port Macquarie.

Professor Heather Cavanagh was appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Development and Industry) (DVC RDI) in March 2019 having been appointed Acting DVC RDI in September 2018. Prior to taking up this position, Professor Cavanagh was the inaugural Pro-Vice Chancellor, Global Engagement (Research & Partnerships) and before that was the Associate Dean (Deputy Dean) and Acting Executive Dean of Science.

Professor Cavanagh holds a Bachelor of Science (honours) Microbiology and PhD in Molecular Virology from the University of Glasgow, a Postgraduate Certificate of Education (with distinction) from the University of Strathclyde and a Postgraduate Certificate of University Leadership and Management from Charles Sturt University.

Over many years Professor Cavanagh has been instrumental in leading and developing off-shore programs, developing and maintaining strong relationships with international institutions and developing partnerships and pathways for domestic and international students.

Charles Sturt University commenced intake of students in Port Macquarie in 2012, with just 34 students and offering just two courses, accounting and social work. As little as seven years have passed since then with approximately 1100 students enrolling in 2019 with a variety of course ranging from education, agriculture, horticulture, veterinary, science and environmental science to name a few.

Some interesting facts;

- CSU was formally incorporated on 19 July 1989.
- Australia's 8th Largest Uni.
- Australia's largest distance education provider.
- The highest graduate employment rate in Australia.
- Highest number of students and graduates from Indigenous, Regional, First in Family and low socioeconomic backgrounds in Australia.
- Once all stages of Port Macquarie campus are complete there will be capacity for 5,000 local students, and it will be CSU's largest campus by enrolment

## 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 5 weeks left until the target date, so you should be aiming to have at least 45 coins in your tower by now.



## 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 either add your name to the circulated list at this week's meeting or advise Jeff Lipman on 0431 290 299 or 6582 3951.



## 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.

## Profile: A vine idea

Heidi Kühn arrived in Utsunomiya, Japan, in 1975, a few months after the end of the Vietnam War. She was a Rotary Youth Exchange student, and what she saw and experienced in Japan led her to reflect on the post-World War II reconciliation between that country and her native United States. "The idea of former enemies bridging borders for peace left an impression in my heart," she says.

More than 20 years later, Kühn had become a successful television journalist. She was asked by the Commonwealth Club of California, a well-known public affairs forum, to host an event featuring Jerry White, a land mine survivor who had escorted Princess Diana on her last humanitarian mission in 1997. It was a short time after the death of Diana, whose efforts to ban land mines had inspired Kühn. "That night, I made a prophetic toast," she recalls. "May the world go from mines to vines."

Kühn decided to act on those words and founded a nonprofit called Roots of Peace that has worked to remove hundreds of thousands of land mines and other unexploded ordnance from farmland and replace them with productive fields, such as orchards and vineyards.

In Afghanistan, the organization has helped restore fields in the Shomali Plain north of Kabul, which had been a thriving agricultural region until the Taliban burned vineyards, cut down fruit trees, and laid land mines. Since 2003, Roots of Peace has connected growers with supermarket chains in India.

Roots of Peace is also partnering with the Rotary clubs of San Francisco and Bangkok Klongtoey, Thailand, which received a \$197,000 global grant from The Rotary Foundation to remove land mines and plant black pepper vines and taro in Vietnam's Quang Tri province, and help farmers market the high-value crop.

Read the full story [here](#).



*The Rotary Club  
of  
Port Macquarie West Inc.*

*Wishes to invite you to their*

*Annual ANZAC Tribute Night*

*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> April to:*

*PMCQWestRotary@gmail.com*

*Please be sure to advise of any dietary requirements*