

## **The Port Wheel**

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## **Rotary Foundation Dinner**



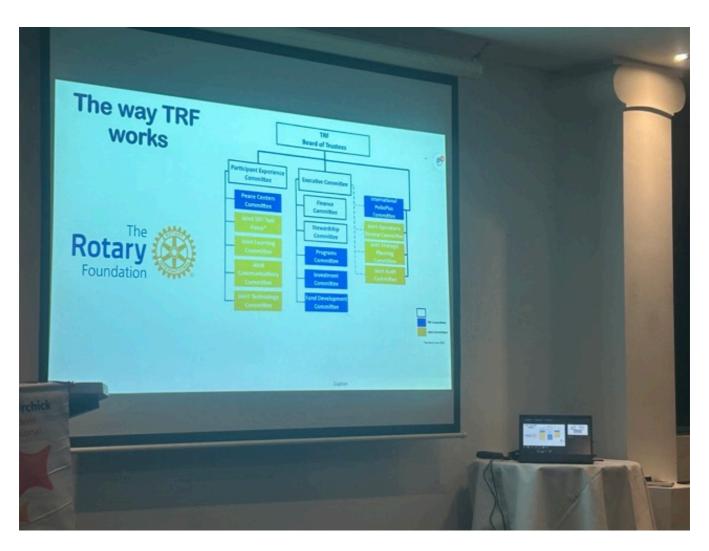
Rotary Clubs around Port Macquarie including Port Macquarie Rotary Club, Port Macquarie West Rotary Club, Sunrise Rotary Club, Wauchope Rotary Club, and Laurieton Rotary Club came together on Monday night, with roughly 30 members in attendance.

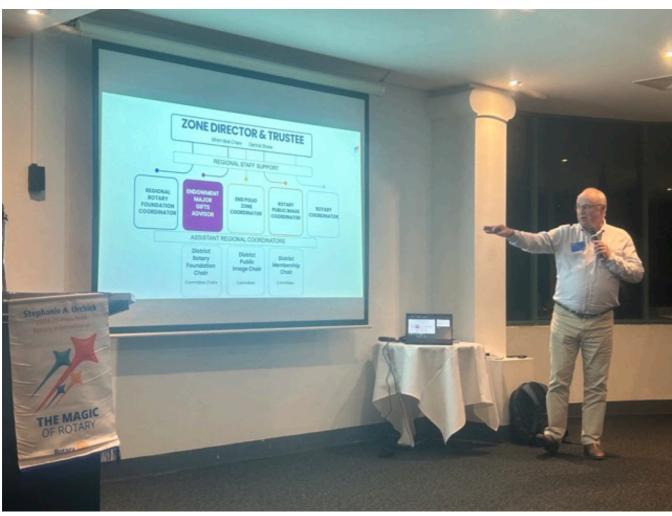
They were lucky enough to have an excellent presentation from representatives of Rotary Foundation, Mark Anderson the Chief Gift Officer for the Rotary Foundation, and Dennis who is on the Board of Trustees for the Rotary Foundation. Past District Governor Neville Parsons, a valued member of our region, gave them an excellent introduction. The presentation was delivered extremely well and in-depth, giving members in the room a much greater understanding of the history and framework of the Rotary Foundation. Some information that was taken out of the presentation that resonated with members was that while Australia is zone 8 out of 34 in Rotary International we have delivered 459 different Rotary Foundation projects in the last year, all broadly for different purposes, coming along way from 1907 when the first project was started to get a public toilet in Chicago approved by the council, IT TOOK 2 YEARS!!. Some members raised some good questions asking about some of the key focuses of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation, "What are we doing to encourage Peace, especially in areas of conflict".

Whilst the key focus for Rotary International and the Foundation is to eradicate Polio, Mark Anderson was able to eloquently answer the question, giving an in-depth explanation of the education partnerships that Rotary has formed with Universities in areas of conflict such as Istanbul which is providing scholarships for members of the region to specifically study Certificates and courses focussed on Peace.

Overall members took away a lot of important information for the Rotary Foundation to take back to their clubs and enjoyed each other's company over a great meal provided by the Port Macquarie Panthers Club.









# 07 October 2024 No Meeting due to Public Holiday No Port Wheel

## Apologies for the delay!

I apologise for the delay in sending out the newsletter, Saturday is a little tardy.

Georgia and I were away this week running a course for 40 cadets at RAAF Base Richmond. During our time there, we had the opportunity to visit and explore the many units the base has to offer.

Here is a photo of a scenic flight in the back of a RAAF C-27J Spartan!

Cheers,

Andy



### **Weekly Brain Teaser**

I have keys but no locks. I have space but no room. You can enter, but you can't go outside. What am I?



**Last Weeks Answer: Coffin** 

# Rotary Club Meeting at Endeavour Mental Health Clubhouse



We are excited to announce a special visit to the Endeavour Mental Health Clubhouse, hosted by CEO Garth Norris. This event will offer an insightful overview of the vital role the Clubhouse plays in supporting mental health within our community.

The meeting will take place on **October 14th**, **2024**, at Endeavour Mental Health Clubhouse, located at 176 Hastings River Drive. Members are requested to arrive at 5.45pm for a 6.00pm start. The presentation will run from 6.00pm to 6.45pm. Following the presentation, we will adjourn to Settlers Inn for a relaxed dinner and a chance to further discuss how our club can support local mental health initiatives.

Please RSVP to Club Services Director, Andrew Hinton.

We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.



#### **Next Social Night**

Join us for our monthly social night at **Finnians Irish Tavern**, where we'll have a relaxed evening to catch up and enjoy great company.

Our social night will be held on **October 21st, 2024**, at Finnians Irish Tavern, located at 97 Gordon Street, Port Macquarie, NSW 2444. It's a fantastic opportunity to unwind, so mark your calendars!

We look forward to seeing you there for what promises to be an enjoyable evening!

Please RSVP to Club Services Director, Andrew Hinton.



Wedding Anniversaries September 2024

N/A



**Birthdays September 2024** 

14/9 - Glyn Rumble-Fuller

20/9 - Debra Tougher

"What we do for ourselves dies with us.

What we do for others and the world
remains and is immortal."

-Albert Pine



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