

**Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speakers – Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2022**

**ANNE JACKSON AND PAULINE CARR**



**“NURSING IN SOUTH SUDAN”**

South Sudan is the newest Country in the world, having gained Independence in 2011 after a long and bloody history of both civil and tribal wars. Even now, the peace is fragile. In 2022 South Sudan remains in a serious humanitarian crisis. Some two-thirds of South Sudan's population, 8.9 million people, are estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance. Extreme levels of acute food insecurity persist across the country and almost 4 million people remain displaced. Women and children continue to be the most affected. The increase in needs is largely driven by rising food insecurity, and the triple shock of sub-national violence, a second consecutive year of major flooding and the impacts of COVID-19.

**Our Guest Speakers...** Anne Jackson and Pauline Carr. They are former nursing colleagues at Royal North Shore Hospital, both having spent time as Volunteer Nurses working in rural South Sudan.

Pauline was the first to go in 2007. She spent most of her time between 2007 and January 2022 helping in both nurse training and Hospital Administration. Anne came to assist, especially in nurse training, for periods during 2009, 2010 and 2011. Anne's husband, Ian, also came during those periods and was of great support in helping to shape the Hospital Administration. Both Anne and Ian have been heavily committed to fund raising for the Hospital and in raising awareness through talks far and wide. All fundraising is channelled through the Overseas Aid Organisation of the daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Congregation based in Kensington.

**Their Presentation...** They will talk about the daily work in a rural Catholic Hospital, the culture and will share their experiences during the past 14 years of involvement in Mapuordit, South Sudan.

The hospital has continued to grow and expand its services during their years of involvement, despite the huge impediments of protracted war and extreme poverty. They have been involved in training auxiliary nurses, as well as assisting staff to access professional qualifications. The overall aim is to “Sudanise” the Hospital as much as possible.

**The term “Life wasn't meant to be easy” takes on a whole new meaning in such a context!!**

