



# The Port Wheel

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**The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie**  
 P.O. Box 136, Port Macquarie  
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- **President** - Bob Cleland
- **President-Elect** - Elizabeth Fielding
- **Vice President** - Glenda Barber
- **Secretary** - Geoff Slack
- **Treasurer** - Frank Moxon
- **Club Service Director** - Brittani Michelle
- **Community Service Director** - Elizabeth Fielding
- **International Service Director** - Ray Hodgson
- **Vocational Service Director** - Neil Porter
- **Youth Service Director** - Gil Padarin-Innes
- **Membership Director** - vacant
- Club Meetings each Wednesday @ Port Panthers 6pm for 6-30pm start.
- **Apologies or bookings to - Elizabeth Fielding**  
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- **Club Bank Details**  
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- **Past District Governors -**  
 Roger Dulhunty 1969-70;  
 Ivan Meldrum 1975-76;  
 Laurie Barber 2006-07;  
**District Governor Elect -**  
 2020-21 Debbie Loveday  
**District Governor Nominee -**  
 2021-22 David Mayne
- **Bulletin Editors -**  
 Kerry Medway & Brittani Michelle

## The Story Behind the Hats!



Last Wednesday night we celebrated Hat Day for Rotary Mental Health & raised over \$200 with the sale of some amazing hats which club members wore on the night (see group photo above)..

Gil Padarin-Innes brought in some of her late husband Keith's collection of hats from all over the world. Keith is pictured right some years ago wearing one of his favourite caps - an Innes tartan.

Gil doesn't know when Keith's hat collection began but her first gift to him was a Manchurian Sheep Herders Hat. His collection had been already underway for several years.

When Gil was employed by the Department of Foreign Affairs, she & Keith were posted overseas several times. Friends that they made along the way brought back to Australia hats for Keith from where they had been. Of course Keith & Gil fell over hats & more hats in odd places which just cried out to come home!

At the conclusion of the meeting last week several members handed back their hats & Debbie Loveday & Diana Gammon bought \$100 worth of leftover hats for use at future MUNA gatherings. The schoolchildren participating will have the opportunity of wearing some of the hats from the country they are representing.



### PDG Neville Clarke Dies.

A few weeks ago one of the Charter Members of Port Macquarie West Rotary Club died. Neville Clarke was a Past District Governor, he was DG in the year of our club's 50th Anniversary & President Kerry Medway 1997-98 found Neville to be a great district ally in the 50th celebrations. Neville became a great friend of Kerry's over the next 20 years. He was also a great friend of the PMQ Rotary Club. Neville was one of the driving forces in the construction of the Rotary Community Centre & it was named after him in his honour.

Winner of the PDG Barrie Titcume (1971-72) Trophy for best club bulletin in 2018-2019 in Rotary District 9650, Australia.

# Club program

If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Brittani Michelle & Bull Editor-

| Date    | Program                   | Speaker   | Program chair     | Welcomers         | 3 on Me       | Inter. Toast | Sergeant     |
|---------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Oct 16  | Social Evening            | Westport Bowling Club 6pm Jimmies Bar & 6-30 dinner | Glenda Barber     |                   |               |              |              |
| Oct 23  | Dorothea MacKellar Poetry | Budding Poets                                       | Gil Padarin-Innes | Brittani Michelle |               |              | Neil Porter  |
| Oct. 30 | Stem/Robotics             | Principal Westport High                             | Diana Gammon      | Gil Padarin-Innes | Ian Cropper   | Ray Hodgson  | Kerry Medway |
| Nov 6   | Melb.Cup - Derby          | _____   | Neil Porter       | John Sheppard     | Gerald Haynes | John Oxley   | Sandra Adams |

## Maintaining our Water Supply

Tonight our guest speaker was Terry Randall the Water Cycle Manager at the PMQ/Hastings Council (pictured with program Chair - Brian Calford)



Terry gave us a detailed insight into how our water supply works. Pumping water from the Hastings River into Cowarra Dam & then pumping to the Port Macquarie Reservoir & an intricate pipeline all the way down to Kendall. An amazing network of pipelines & storage reservoirs bringing us much needed water in very dry conditions. Our Council is to be commended for the efforts they have gone to & are doing to provide us with adequate water. A new pipeline is being constructed from Cowarra to near Bonny Hills & will circumvent water from the township of PMQ directly to the south.

At present the Hastings River is running as low as it has been for years & less water is being pumped in than is being pumped out of Cowarra Dam. The dam is at its lowest with 50% capacity.

Another great initiative is recycling sewerage water. Much of this water is being used for industrial use, parks & gardens & also for pumping into flooding the peat-bog holes to reduce the smoke hazard in the Thrumster area. Another recycling plant is being installed at Cowarra so flood water can be pumped into the dam.

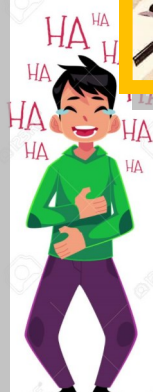
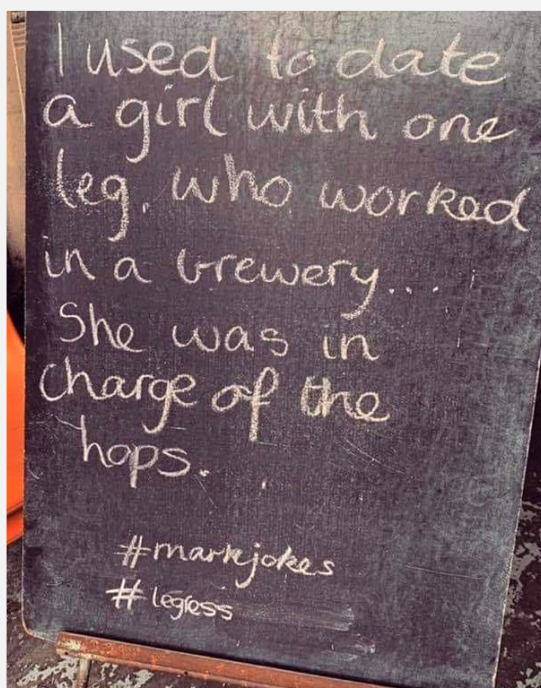
Thanks Terry for some great insight & good to know we have such expert hands in charge of our water.

## Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **March 20-22, 2020 - District Conference at South West Rocks**
- **March 26 - 29th, 2020. Rotary Book Sale**
- **June 12-14 - District MUNA @ Bonny Hills**

## Club NEWS

- Tonight's International Toast was presented by **Phil Perry to the R/C of Dunedin NZ.**
- **Tonight's 3 ON ME** was presented by **Diana Gammon.** Wow, we discovered what a party girl Diana was in her younger days!
- **The Cluster BBQ at Bunnings** raised \$3102-86 for drought relief in our Rotary District. Well done to Steve Towle & all clubs & especially the members of our club who manned the BBQ. Pictured - Geoff Slack (right) with other cluster club Rotarians manning the BBQ.



### BIRTHDAYS October 2019

- 11/10 - Julie Medway
- 15/10 - Josie Rutishauser
- 20/10 - Kristie Buxton
- 24/10 - Donna Wearne
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### ANNIVERSARIES October 2019

- 16/10 - David & Heather Mayne
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