



# The Port Wheel

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**The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie**  
**P.O. Box 136, Port Macquarie NSW 2444**

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- **Vice President** - Glenda Barber
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- **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.
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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

## Poet Extraordinaire!!

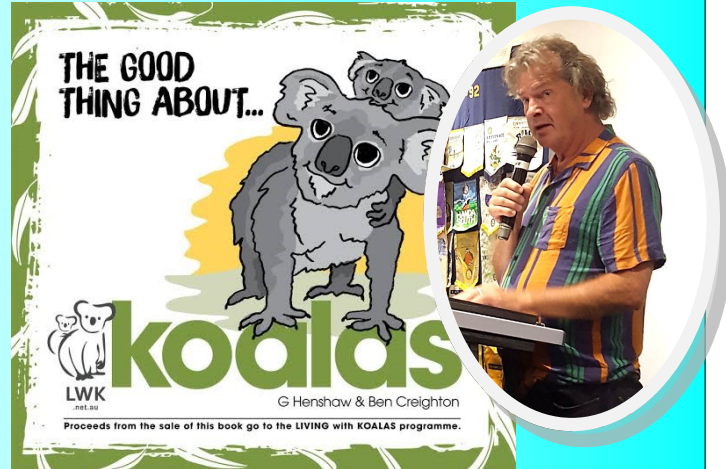
Tonight we were entertained by a most unusual poet & writer in G.Henshaw. G has been a professional writer for 30 years & has worked in advertising. He is the author of the popular

children's book - THE GOOD THING ABOUT KOALAS. He is also working on a children's musical KOALA RESKUE which he hopes soon to launch.

G sang & quoted various parts of this play focusing on endangered species & asked the questions - *IS ANYBODY THERE? ....DOES ANYBODY CARE?*

G. quoted from well known pop poets - John Lennon, Bob Dylan, Peter Garrett & Joni Mitchell & the messages their poetry in song seeks to convey.

A very different presentation, quirky enough to keep us interested & able to get his message about the environment across. G is also getting various 'treasure bags' together featuring items that may be purchased (including trees) for children & adults to buy & help combat the endangered koalas & other native animals & flora.



**PDE Debbie Loveday presenting the prizes to our Golf Day Raffle winner Kurt Doherty. Prize - Wine from Cassegrains & \$200 travel voucher from PMQ Travel. The Golf Day raised \$3500 for Lifeline.**



## Welcome to New Principal

Megan Cook the new Principal of Port Macquarie H/S & Hastings Secondary Campus introduced herself. What an enlightened young leader we now have at one of our High Schools. Megan was a student at the school & graduated in 1988. Her aim is not just to see academic achievements in the students at her school but to develop the whole person & place just as much focus on students wishing to do trades as well as achieve with high ATARs & go to University.

Megan was accompanied at our meeting by Mark White Student Liaison & Alison Black an English teacher. We hope next year to resurrect the Dorothy MacKellar Poetry competition at the school & continue our support of the school in many ways.

**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. 30	Artificial Intelligence - Our Future?	Willem Holvast Exec Principal Hastings Secondary College	Diana Gammon	Gil Padarin-Innes	_____	Ray Hodgson	Kerry Medway
Nov. 6	Melb.Cup - Derby Night	Neil the Punter	Neil Porter	John Sheppard	Gerald Haynes	John Oxley	Sandra Adams
Nov. 13	Cluster Public Speaking Final	Cluster winners	Gil Padarin-Innes	Frank Urban	_____	_____	Sandra Adams

## Social Outing at Westport Club - last Wednesday



Pictured l/r - Ted & Robbie Giblin, Bett & Brian Calford, Hazel & Gerald Haynes & Diana Gammon



Pictured above - Frank & Sue Gaukroger, Lynn & Geoff Slack, Sandra Adams, Ian Cropper & Bob Cleland. (Ian & Bob are twins shirt-wise!!!) Photos taken by Debbie Loveday. Thanks.

Did you know that there is more airplanes underwater

are

than submarines in the sky?



## Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **December 6-7-8 - Junior Touch Football car parking**
- **February 14-15-16 - Senior Touch Football parking**
- **March 20-22, 2020 - District Conference at South West Rocks**
- **March 26 - 29th, 2020. Rotary Book Sale**
  - May 2nd - 9th - RYLA
- **June 12-14 - District MUNA @ Bonny Hills**

## Club NEWS

- Tonight's International Toast was presented by **Elizabeth Fielding to the three R/Cs in Gunnedah - Gunnedah, Gunnedah West & Gunnedah 2380.**
- **Elizabeth & Gil Padarin-Innes** manned a stall at the VOLUNTEERS EXPO at Panthers yesterday. They had several inquiries from the public & hope they may have a couple of future Rotarians from the Expo. Well done Elizabeth & Gil.
- **Incoming President Elizabeth Fielding** is looking for active members to serve on her board in 2020-21. If you can assist in the future growth of our club, please put your hand-up.
- **Gai Nixon** is not doing too well & is off to St Vincents Hospital in Sydney in a few days to see a leading cardiologist (same one Pres. Bob has been consulting). Do keep Gai & Bill in your prayers at this difficult time.

### BIRTHDAYS Oct/Nov 2019

- 24/10 - Donna Wearne
- 01/11 - Hazel Haynes
- 08/11 - Robyn Giblin
- 10/11 - Sue Porter
- 10/11 - Brian Calford
- 12/11 - Gerald Haynes
- 22/11 - Bill Nixon
- 22/11 - Terry Crossley
- 25/11 - Ray Hodgson

### ANNIVERSARIES November 2019

- 03/11 - Brian & Bett Calford
- 17/11 - Adam & Tamara Rumble
- 25/11 - Frank & Narelle Moxon