



The Port Wheel

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

- **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



A huge THANKYOU

to all who been involved in fighting the bushfires that have threatened PMQ & surrounding areas for the past two weeks.

Thanks also to Frank Moxon & the Salvos, the Red Cross, CWA, Vinnies, Rotary, local Churches & hundreds of support volunteers who have given of their time & effort & money in support of those fighting the fires and the victims.



Exciting New Astronomical Observatory Planned.

Two weeks ago, the President of the PMQ Sunrise Rotary Club, Carolyn Ireland (pictured left) spoke to our club about the history and plans for the construction of a new Astronomical Observatory on the site of the old observatory in Rotary Park. Plans by the Astronomical Society have been submitted council for an extensive new modern observatory and large meeting area.

Currently two nights in the week

see hundreds of locals and visitors attend the observatory and some enlarged facilities and an upgrade are urgently needed.

Carolyn invited our club to join with Sunrise R/C and the community & council in this exciting venture. As our club was instrumental in the construction of the first observatory, it is hoped we will also be part of the new one.



The current observatory constructed by our club in 1965. Photo by PMQ News.

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
Nov. 27	Rotary Foundation	Ian Simpson	Sandra Adams	Debbie Loveday	Robert Rutishauser	Glenda Barber	Kerry Medway
Dec. 4th	Club AGM	Election of Board	Bob Cleland	Sandra Adams	—————	Alastair Moss	Neil Porter
December 6-7-8 - Junior Touch Football car parking.... See roster - Phil Perry & Debbie Loveday - five spots to be filled							
Dec. 11th	Big RED Buss	Ian & Janelle Rosendhal	Gil Padarin-Innes	Ian Cropper	David Mayne	Robert Rutishauser	Sandra Adams



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**



Tonight 24 members of our club dined at the Blue Water Bar & Restaurant at Flynn's Beach. Delicious meals. Only Robbie Giblin put her hand-up for sweets, but when the menus came around, there were a few others tempted for sweets too! Thanks to Glenda Barber for organising a great social night. Glenda says there are more in store with some interesting venues for 2020.

- **Book Sorting** - on Thursday 28th from 1-30pm at the Community Centre. All good-sorters are most welcome.

Saving Rotary Park in the Drought



Port Macquarie Rotarians Lorryl Rumble & Ian Cropper along with Port West Rotarians Julie Constable, Helen G & Moira spent a very productive hour at Rotary Park a few days ago, trimming pigface in the front garden, watering & generally making the garden look a little loved.

Photo & report from Julie Constable. THANKS.

I asked my boss:

“What do you want me to do with this 6 metre roll of bubble wrap?”

He replied, “Just pop it in the corner.”

Took me four hours!



BIRTHDAYS Nov/Dec 2019

- 22/11 - Bill Nixon
- 22/11 - Terry Crossley
- 25/11 - Ray Hodgson
- 02/12 - Susan Gaukroger
- 21/12 - Kerry Trevillion
- 26/12 - Phil Perry
- 28/12 - Kerry Medway

ANNIVERSARIES Nov/Dec 2019

- 25/11 - Frank & Narelle Moxon
- 06/12 - Diana Gammon (& Roger - deceased)