



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** - Debbie Loveday (acting)
- **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 Editor -**
 Kerry Medway

Thankyou Rotary - Reaching new heights!



BBQ at Bunnings - Rotary team - DGE Debbie Loveday, Club Secretary Geoff Slack, Incoming Club President Elizabeth Fielding, former National Science Summer Science School Shawn Wilson and Club Treasurer Frank Moxon

A huge THANKYOU from the New Heights Youth Outreach Centre for the \$1000 donated towards the Friday Night Feed and the Youth Outreach program. You worked all day at a Bunnings BBQ and raised these funds. Your support is very encouraging.

Robot speak - 'Ta-nk-yoo Wo-ta-ry'



A robotic robot made from Lego

V/P Glenda Barber & Diana Gammon presented \$5000 to the Port Macquarie Campus Principal Meaghan Cook for the Rotary STEM/Robotic Project. Also pictured on either side is Hastings Heroes Rotaract member Aliya Mann and a Robotics team member Lucas Medcalf.

This is a joint project between the Hastings Secondary College community and the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie. Students are developing Science/Technology/Engineering & Maths skills for the future. The school's P & C has matched Rotary's gift with another \$5000 & a Rotary grant for another \$5000 is on its way. Rotary has supported the school campus' vision of providing a modern productive workstation for young students. The first HUB is being created and will open in March 2020.

Information & pictures from Diana Gammon.

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 & Bull Editor - Kerry Medway

Date	Program	Speaker	Program chair	Welcomers	3 on Me	Inter. Toast	Sergeant
Feb. 26th	Koala Hospital	Sue Stubbs	Gerald Hayes	Sheila Openshaw	Ian Cropper	Fred O'Toole	Neil Porter
Mar. 4th	International Night	Speaker tba	Ray Hodgson	Sandra Adams	Robert Rutishauser	John Oxley	Kerry Medway
Mar. 11th	Club Service Evening	_____	President Bob Cleland	Gil Padarin-Innes	Sam Openshaw	Diana Gammon	Sandra Adams
Mar. 18th	Social Evening.....	Details tba					

New Club International Toast Card introduced for 2020.

Our club's International Director Ray Hodgson has introduced a new weekly Toast card for members to sign and send to the club overseas which was toasted at the club meeting. The card was designed by Kerry Medway.



The concept of toasting an overseas Rotary Club was introduced some years ago by John Oxley when he was International Director. It was popularised during Ted Giblin's Presidency in 2013-14 and has remained a feature at the commencement of each club meeting ever since.

John Oxley recently received an email from the President of the R/C of Harpenden Village in the UK - David Nye. A club we toasted & sent a card to. David Nye says - *"We are full of admiration for the Australian people and their fortitude particularly those whose lives have been affected by the bushfires, but also the many farmers who have suffered all too badly over a number of years as a result of the continuing droughts."*

The club sent a donation of 500 British pounds to be used to help restore the Bobin Public School near Taree destroyed by bushfires.

Thanks John....another wonderful example of Rotary in action across the world.

Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **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

- **Book Sort on Thursday 20th @ 1pm** at the Rotary Community Centre. If you are a 'good sort' please come.

Harpenden Village in the UK



- **Thanks to all** who helped in trying conditions at the Touch Football Parking last weekend. Thanks to DGE Debbie Loveday for organising. The club raised \$2000 for this weekends work.

I ran out of toilet paper, so I'm doing that "Trousers halfway up" waddle to go and get some more.

I'm almost at Aldi now..



BIRTHDAYS March 2020

- 05/03 - Elizabeth Fielding
- 18/03 - Ted Giblin
- 31/03 - John Oxley
- 31/03 - Helen Crossley

ANNIVERSARIES Feb/Mar 2020

- 21/02 - Ted & Robbie Giblin
- 13/03 - Phil & Helen Brown
- 14/03 - Terry & Helen Crossley
- 17/03 - Frank & Sue