



The Port Wheel

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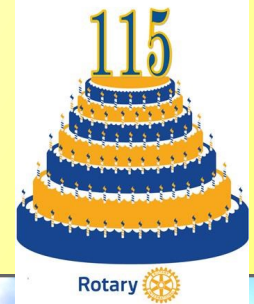
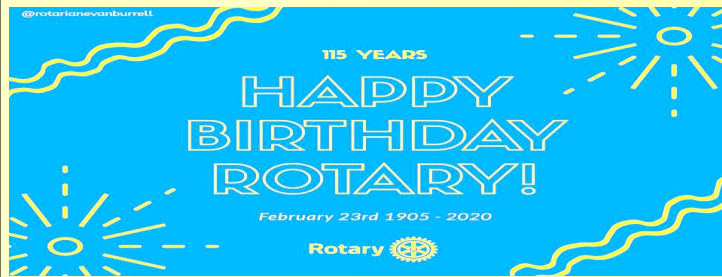
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The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie
P.O. Box 136, Port Macquarie
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- **President** - Bob Cleland
- **President-Elect** - Elizabeth Fielding
- **Vice President** - Glenda Barber
 - **Secretary** - Geoff 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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 - **Email** - fielding.ej@gmail.com
- **Club Bank Details**
BSB 932-000
a/c 500 186 792
- **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



Greetings from Norway



Hey Kerry, I'm on winter break in Norway and my host family took me to their cabin in the mountains for some skiing! I had never done skiing before leaving Australia so there was much to learn!

Hope all is well in Port Macquarie. Thank you, Daniel.

(Daniel Maxwell is our outbound exchange student to Oppegard, Kilborn & Gjerjoen in Norway)



STAR PORT EXPO

Saturday 4 April - 5pm to 10pm

Prepare to blast-off on a journey through our solar system at the Port Macquarie Race Course.

Day-time Activities (5pm to 7pm):

- ✦ View the sun through solar telescopes
- ✦ Hands-on activities including rocket launches and electromagnetism
- ✦ Presentations of Robotics, Chemistry and VR
- ✦ Special astronomical videos
- ✦ Drawing of the telescope raffle at 6.30pm

Evening Activities (7pm to 10pm):

- ✦ Engaging talk by Fred Watson at 7.00pm
- ✦ Star gazing from 8.00pm



Fred Watson MOA

Fred Watson is an English-born astronomer and popular scientist in Australia. In 1995 Watson became astronomer in charge of the Australian Astronomical Observatory, but is best known for his work with science outreach, for which he has written many books. On top of his many nationwide radio slots with the ABC, Watson has also been a frequent guest on The Project.



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Costs & Other Information:

- ✦ Adults \$25 | Concession \$18 | Children \$15 | Family (2 adults + 2 children) \$60
- ✦ Children receive a free sausage sandwich plus soft drink or water
- ✦ Bookings online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/TTTTTT> ✦ Barbecue, Coffee Van plus Bar Facilities available (no BYO) ✦ This is an all-weather event

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
Mar. 4th	International Night	Speaker tba	David Mayne	Sandra Adams	Robert Rutishauser	John Oxley	Neil Porter
Mar. 11th	Club Service Evening	_____	President Bob Cleland	Gil Padarin-Innes	Sam Openshaw	Diana Gammon	Sandra Adams
Mar. 18th	Social Evening.....	Details tba	_____				
Mar. 25th	The Age Well Process		John Oxley	Sam Openshaw	Ted Giblin	Neil Porter	Neil Porter

Exciting New Koala Hospital

Tonights guest speakers were two volunteers from the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital - Sue Stubbs & Kerrie Friar pictured with Alistair Moss.>>



Sue gave an insightful overview of koalas and their habitat and the different varieties, size, colour & fur. from Cairns to S/A & Kangaroo Island.

She spoke passionately about the threat to the koala's

future with development encroaching on their feeding grounds. The chlamydia virus a sexually transmitted disease that attacks koalas. Plus attacks from pet dogs, koalas hit by cars and the recent devastation due to drought and bushfire.

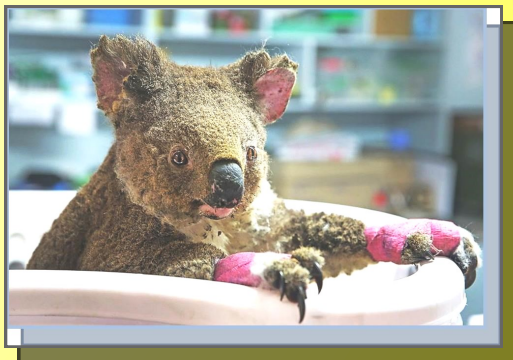
There is a 24 hour koala hot-line 6584 1522

Last year the State Government gave \$5million to build a new state-of-the-art Koala Hospital. Construction will begin later this year on the site of the current hospital. A Go-Fund-Me site has been established and has raised over \$8million towards providing drinking stations for animals effected by the drought & bushfire. Amazingly the country contributing

the largest amount has been Taiwan.

Kerrie spoke on the more practical aspects of koala rescue and care. Both Kerrie and Sue are two of over 150 volunteers.

Did you know the word 'koala' means 'no drink'.



Today I stopped at this roadside stand that said lobster tails \$2. So I paid my \$2 and the guy said, "Once upon a time there was this lobster..."



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**



- Tonight's **International Toast** was presented by **Fred O'Toole** to the **R/C of Port Vila in Vanuatu.**
- **Ted Giblin** gave an hilarious and insightful **3 on Me** on the changing world of doctors. More on this in next weeks bulletin.
- **DGN David Mayne appealed for candidates for the upcoming RYLA week.** Deadline for nominations is April 3rd. David said that R/I in Australia sees this district's RYLA as the best in Australia. Great commendation to all involved.
- **Elizabeth Fielding** is appealing for four members to assist in shifting 3000 books from a private home to storage for the book sale. See Elizabeth if you can help for an hour or so.
- The **book sale roster** is now out. Sign-up please.

PORT MACQUARIE ROTARY CLUB'S

GIANT BOOK SALE

3 DAYS ONLY!

Friday March 27
9:00am to 6:00pm
Saturday March 28
9:00am to 6:00pm
Sunday March 29
9:00am to 1:00pm

PANTHERS AUDITORIUM
PANTHERS PORT MACQUARIE

BIRTHDAYS March 2020

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

ANNIVERSARIES March 2020

- 13/03 - Phil & Helen Brown
- 14/03 - Terry & Helen Crossley
- 17/03 - Frank & Sue Gaukroger