

# The Port Wheel

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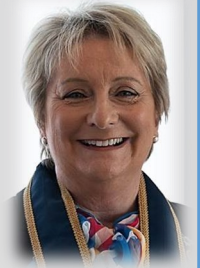
## Will our Club Survive in the next Five?

At our ZOOM meeting last Wednesday, the future of our club was discussed. Several members expressed concern that with our club aging and failing to attract new members we could be extinct within five years. One member even suggesting two years!!! The situation is even more dire with the impending departure of some key club members at the end of June.



It is becoming clear that unless we attract new and younger members we are doomed! In order to do this we need to make some radical changes to the way our club operates.

Incoming President Frank Moxon and President-elect DG Debbie Loveday are working on several new initiatives for our club's survival. Deb has a team looking at innovations to our weekly club meetings. Frank Moxon has put together a cracking new board for 2021-22 and is seeking a Membership Director (which we haven't had for the past two years!). However it is becoming clear that unless we brighten-up our club meetings from an 'old-fossils meet' to something more exciting for the younger generation AND look seriously at how we can reduce club membership & weekly meeting costs we will continue to slowly sink into oblivion.



Frank and Debbie are calling upon all our current members to have a good look at what we are doing and be willing to try some new ideas with club meeting initiatives. Yes, at the moment the future looks bleak, but we are convinced that Rotary is a great service organisation. Lets hope and pray we can make it effective into the late 2020s.



- The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie**  
P.O. Box 136, Port Macquarie  
NSW 2444 Australia
- President** - Elizabeth Fielding  
**President-elect** - Frank Moxon  
**Immediate Past President** - Bob Cleland  
**Vice President** - Glenda Barber  
**Secretary** - Geoff Slack  
**Treasurer** - Frank Moxon  
**Club Service Director** - John Oxley  
**Community Service Director** - Phil Perry  
**International Service Director** - Ray Hodgson  
**Vocational Service Director** - Neil Porter  
**Youth Service Director** - Diana Gammon  
**Membership Director** - ?

Club Meetings each Wednesday  
@ Port Panthers  
5-30pm for 6pm start.

Apologies or bookings to - Sam Openshaw. Phone 0408 235 870  
or email to -  
mentalhealthsupport  
@hotmail.com

Club bank details - BSB 932-000  
a/c 500 186 792

Past/Present District Governors  
Roger Dulhunty 1969-70  
Ivan Meldrum 1975-76  
Laurie Barber 2006-07  
Debbie Loveday 2020-21  
David Mayne 2021-22

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## Is DGE David preparing for a mass baptism?

RYLA at Lake Keepit  
May 2021



## In our 73rd Year

THE HOME OF OUR  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR



**Club program** - If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Port Wheel Editor Kerry.

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chr	Welcomer	Fasc. Facts	InterToast	Sergeant
May 19	Social at Maharaja Indian Restaraunt	End Clarence St near the river	Glenda Barber				
May 26	Endeavour Club Mental Health	Rob Morehead	Alastair Moss	Fred O'Toole	Bob Cleland	Glenda Barber	Neil Porter
June 1st	Zoom - tba						

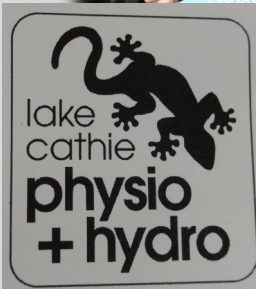
### Dates for Changeovers

- June 5 - Rotaract
- June 8 - Wauchope R/C  
6pm @ Wauchope RSL - RSVP by 31/5 to - di.perri@hotmail.com
- June 15 - Port West R/C
- June 19 - Sunrise R/C 6-30pm @  
Mercure Centro - RSVP by 14/6  
Bookings on line - <https://www.trybooking.com/BOVGS>
- June 21 - Laurieton R/C
- June 23 - Our Club
- June 26 - District @ Panthers  
RSVP....

### Note these dates in your Diary

- May 30th - District Assembly
- June 11th - 13th - Rotary's Giant Book Sale at Panthers
- June 23rd - Our Club's Changeover
- June 26th - District Changeover
- September 17th - Rotary Golf Day

## Physio for Oldies



Tonight's guest speakers were two young people from Lake Cathie Physio & Hydro Services - Abby Winter (physiotherapist) & Jack Hazelgrove (exercise physiotherapist). They spoke about the importance of maintaining levels of fitness as we grow older & recommended various fitness programs that will assist us in keeping good health. They have a Post Cancer Next Steps program. They also spoke how imperative it is to enter into a physio recovery program ONE WEEK after having had a knee replacement. Elizabeth Fielding can personally recommend their programs. Phone 02 6584 8899 or lakecathiephysio.com.au. Thanks Abby & Jack.

## Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Tonight's International Toast by Frank Urban was to the R/C of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh in India
- On Saturday morning at the Rotary Book Shop we had a record number of customers - 66. They bought \$838-50 worth of books. Valda also sold over \$700 worth of books on E-Bay & the sales for a week ago were \$549-00. That's over \$2000 worth of second-hand books sold in the past week! Well done Valda Sturrock & helpers.
- There is a book sort next Thursday 20th @ 1-30pm. Heeeeeeeelp.
- RSVPs for the club social next Wednesday are to go to Glenda Barber by Monday 0412 616 106 [gbarber@midcoast.com.au](mailto:gbarber@midcoast.com.au)
- President Elizabeth is interested in ideas re. planting a Norfolk Pine to celebrate Rotary's 100th year.
- 220 people & past RYLarians celebrated RYLAs 50th Anniversary dinner last week. Well done to David Mayne & team.

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# GIANT BOOK SALE

Fiction, Non-Fiction & Antiquarian Books

**Friday June 11**  
9:00am to 6:00pm  
**Saturday June 12**  
9:00am to 6:00pm  
**Sunday June 13**  
9:00am to 1:00pm

**PANTHERS AUDITORIUM**

**3 DAYS ONLY!**

  
PANTHERS PORT MACQUARIE



Tonight Glenda Barber debuted as our new 3rd Sergeant. She got her 'L's & did a great job for her first go. Thanks Glenda.

### Birthdays May 2021

13/05 - Frank Urban  
15/05 - Jill Heagney

### Anniversaries May 2021

Nil