



The Port Wheel

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The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

P.O. Box 136, Port Macquarie
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President - Frank Moxon

President-elect - PDG Debbie Loveday

Immediate Past President - Elizabeth Fielding

Vice President - Gai Nixon

Secretary - Geoff Slack

Club Service Director - PDG Debbie Loveday

Community Service Director - Phil Perry

International Service Director - Ray Hodgson

Vocational Service Director - Neil Porter

Youth Service Director - Diana Gammon

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

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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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*we're all
 IN THIS
 together*

A quote by Ted Danson & adopted by the Salvation Army some years ago is President Frank's inspirational theme for this coming year.

Last night's Changeover was a joyous & uplifting occasion with President Elizabeth summing up her year & handing the President's collar over to the club's new President Frank Moxon.

The evening was filled with most of our club members & partners, as well as District reps and Presidents from surrounding Rotary Clubs.

The PMQ R/C had a very successful year despite starting in Covid lockdown. The club raised over \$70,000 (mostly from the sale of books) & gave over \$65,000 to community needs both here and overseas. Some of the recipients - Australian Rotary Health \$2000; Polio Plus \$2000; Debbie's Dummies in Nepal \$1000; Lifeline \$4000; Dhulikhel

The new club board for 2021-22

Note - President Frank's 'V for Victory' sign over Diana



Hospital in Nepal to fight Covid \$5000;
 Hastings College STEM Hub \$8350;
 Endeavour Mental Health Clubhouse \$6000;
 PMQ Hospital Wheelchair

project \$6000; Hastings Education Fund \$2000; St Thomas Soup Kitchen \$500; Liberty Women's Refuge \$500; Salvation Army Emergency Services \$4000 & many other donations to community groups.

President Elizabeth also presented a Silver Fern for ARH & two Paul Harris awards.
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One of the features at the Changeover was the showing of a DVD celebrating 50 Years for Laurie Barber in Rotary. Congratulations Laurie.

THE HOME OF OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

In our 74th Year



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

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chr	Welcomer	Community	InterToast	Sergeant
June 30th	Regenatative Agriculture	Digby Horne	Geoff Slack	Ted Giblin	Ray Hodgson	Mavis Wallace	Kerry Medway
July 7th	Meeting at Panthers BUT NO MEAL 6-7pm	One hour business mtng	Debbie Loveday	Gai & Bill Nixon	New RSL sub branch President		
July 14th	Dinner meeting at Panthers	Club Assembly followed by Club Svce	Frank Moxon	Glenda Barber			Glenda Barber

Sam's Natty Knitters & Crocheters - 2020-21

Note this date in your Diary

- September 17th - Rotary Golf Day



Club News
Stay in the Know!

- As from July 7th we will be introducing a new format for our club meetings. President Frank will share more at a future meeting. Note - there will be no Zoom on 7th



Glenda Barber presenting Sandra Adams with a Silver Fern from ARH (Australian Rotary Health)

Two other worthy awardees receiving a PHF (Paul Harris Fellowship) were our Club Secretary Geoff Slack & our bookshop manager Valda Sturrock with a PHF Sapphire Pin.



President Frank finished with a Woodrow Wilson quote - *I not only use all the brains I have - I use all the brains I can borrow.*

Sam's Natty Knitters .Over the past Rotary Year "Sam's Natty Knitters & Crocheters" have achieved so much. It was a difficult year in so much as we all have experienced Fire, COVID & floods, this certainly did not stop us from doing what we love most and that is bringing the Community together in time of need and very much supported by The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie and the Hastings Community.

We delivered to those made homeless from the fires down at Rainbow Flat South of Port Macquarie, Sister Marjorie's Soup Kitchen Port Macquarie, the homeless in the Port Macquarie area, Wauchope homeless, Laurieton homeless, Liberty Domestic and Family Violence Specialist Services, Rotary Lodge, Palative Care at Port Macquarie Base Hospital, Mental Health Unit Port Macquarie Base Hospital, Ronald McDonald House.

We received this year 2021 a Certificate of Appreciation from Rotary E-Club NextGen in recognition of exceptional support to the Knitted garments for the Children of the World, Locally, Nationally and Internationally. We were also mentioned in the NSW Parliament by the Hon. Leslie Williams for encouraging the local community to take up knitting and crocheting for the homeless during this time when self-isolation and quarantine are necessary to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The Parliament applauded us for delivering many loads of rugs, scarves and beanies to the homeless over the past twelve months only made possible by the generous donations from the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie and the Hastings Community.

Sam Openshaw – Founder of "Sam's Natty Knitters & Crocheters".
– Yearly Report



Well done Sam & Knitters, what a huge effort in trying circumstances.

At the Rotary Book Sale, Sam & her team had a Natty Knitters Stall & sold garments to the value of \$714-55. This money will be forwarded to the Hastings Flood Relief Appeal.

Birthdays
June/July 2021

- 23/06 - June O'Toole
- 25/06 - Geoff Slack
- 30/06 - Patricia Urban
- 30/06 - Darryl McMahon
- 03/07 - Gil Padarin Innes
- 08/07 - Frank Gaukroger

Anniversaries
June/July 2021

- 24/06 - Bill & Gai Nixon
- 14/07 - Niel & Sue Porter
- 27/07 - Lorryl & Glin Rumble-Fuller

