



The Port Wheel

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The Rotary Club of 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.

Apologies for Week's Meet to -

Frank Moxon

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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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Geoff Slack PHF

At our club changeover Past President Elizabeth awarded Club Secretary Geoff Slack with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Geoff received a standing ovation for this honour.

The following is PP Elizabeth's citation for the award -

Geoff Slack was a member of the Wingham Apex Club and in his twenties when he began typing-up and printing the Bulletin for the R/C of Wingham from his Law Office. This was before the days of office computers, so was done the hard way. He continued to do this until he moved to Gloucester when he was forty.

In 1992, Geoff joined the R/C of Gloucester and remained a member until moving to Port Macquarie at the end of 2016. During this time he held many positions in the club. He was President, Secretary numerous times, Treasurer several times, and club directors in service, vocational and also Sergeant-at-Arms. Geoff and Lynn hosted two overseas exchange students for 3 months each, both of whom keep in contact. They had other exchange students for short breaks.

Geoff served on the Gloucester Council for almost nine years and was Deputy Mayor from 2007 - 2008, then Mayor from 2009-2012. He also served on the Hunter Council and was deputy Chairman as well as being their rep on the Board of Westpac Helicopter Service in Newcastle. He also served on the Mid-Coast County Council. Geoff was awarded a Life Membership from the NSW Mine Related Councils. During his time on the land, Geoff was a member of the Gloucester River Bushfire Service. He was a member of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Gloucester Support Group for 16 years. Geoff was very progressive in the cattle industry and was described in a magazine article as being a trendsetter in cross-breeding. In the early years he did some

experimental cross-breeding for the Grafton Research Station and the Department of Agriculture.

On retiring and moving to Port Macquarie, Geoff joined the R/C of Port Macquarie in 2017. He has been an outstanding Rotarian for 29 years. Since coming to PMQ Geoff has also been a member of the Tidal Pool Committee.

Throughout his life Geoff has been a member of sporting clubs including - rugby, cricket, swimming, golf and bowls.

Geoff and Lynn met at Kempsey High School and later were married. They have three sons, two daughters-in-law and five grandchildren.

In receiving his Paul Harris, Geoff gave credit to Lynn's partnership with him and how valuable their years together have been. Congratulations.



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 Spot	InterToast	Sergeant
July 7th	Meet at Panthers DINNER MEETING	Club Assembly Frank's Vision	Frank Moxon	Gai & Bill Nixon	New RSL Pres	_____	Neil Porter
July 14th	Dinner meeting at Panthers	Club Service Evening	Frank Moxon	Glenda Barber	_____	Ray Hodgson	Glenda Barber
July 21st	Note - at Westport Club	Xmas in July @ Westport 2 crse meal \$35p/p	Frank Moxon/ Debbie Loveday	Brian Calford	_____	_____	Kerry Medway

What a Strange District Changeover

On Saturday evening we experienced a Changeover with a difference. Incoming District Governor David Mayne was unable to attend due to Covid restrictions having attended a hospital in Sydney earlier in the week. David was inducted by PDG Debbie Loveday via ZOOM!!!

Despite David's absence it was a wonderful night of celebration of DG Debbie Loveday & her team's successful year in District 9650. Several testified to the amazing things that DG Deb has done in her travels around the district. Yes, there were funny stories of her getting lost, but many others of the encouragement & direction they & their club received from our DG.

Matt Zarb from Taree who shared at the recent district conference of his exciting work with children and music was to entertain us in song, but the sudden covid restrictions prevented him from performing. DG Deb however had a BIG surprise for Matt and presented him a Paul Harris Fellowship. Matt was caught completely by surprise. He has now been awarded a PHF as has his mentor Don Spencer. In a letter commending Matt from Don read by DG Deb, Don said he is looking forward to Don & Matt forming a new singing duo he called the PHF DUO!

We wish DG David Mayne & Heather every blessing as they step into their DG year.

Pics of PDG Deb & PDG Laurie Barber along with DG David & Heather Mayne taken by Leanne Jeffery at our club's changeover




DG Debbie Loveday presenting Matt Zarb with his PHF. PDG Maurie Stack is looking on.

Photo courtesy of the R/C of Lower Macleay



Note this date in your Diary

- September 17th - Rotary Golf Day

Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Tonight's International Toast was presented by **Mavis Wallace** to the **R/C of Royal Copenhagen, Denmark.**
- Dr Ray Hodgson** presented his Fascinating Fact on the history of Menopause. The men were glad they are not female & the women present glad they didn't live 60+ years back!!!!
- Our guest speaker tonight was **Dr Digby Horne** who gave a very interesting talk on Regenerative Farming. Digby is in charge of the Emergency at P/M Base Hospital & some years ago purchased his family farm at Barraba. Over the past six years he has worked on regenerative farming with some amazing results. Enriching the soil, improving waterways & enriching the ecosystems on the farm have seen remarkable changes. Well done Digby. Thanks John Oxley for all the great speakers this past year.



President Frank's 'Oxymoron'

"A winner is a dreamer who never gives up." - Nelson Mandela

Yes, yes, I know it's not really an 'oxymoron' but with Frank's surname 'Moxon' what editor can resist a little poetic licence!!!!



Birthdays

June/July 2021

30/06 - Patricia Urban
30/06 - Darryl McMahon
03/07 - Gil Padarin Innes
03/07 - Leanne Jeffery
08/07 - Frank Gaukroger
10/07 - Mavis Wallace
15/07 - Phil Brown

Anniversaries

June/July 2021

14/07 - Niel & Sue Porter
27/07 - Lorryl & Glyn Rumble-Fuller