



The Port Wheel

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Phil Brown 37 Years in Rotary



Helen & Phil Brown at Xmas in July

Phil is the 2nd longest serving Rotarian in our club (behind PDG Laurie Barber). He has been President of our club twice (in 1991-92 & 1996-97) and a great servant of our club over the years. Phil played some part on the Club Board for approximately 15 years. He has been heavily involved in several of the club's major community projects - including the Kew Information Centre; Rotary Lodge; Flagstaff Hill restoration and the Towers of

Strength Lifeguard Towers. The two latter projects earned the club two District Community Service Awards. The Surf Towers Project was promoted by Rotary's International President Ian Riseley when visiting Port Macquarie a few years back.

Phil was invited to share some of his memories in Rotary -

- I brought my family to Port Macquarie on 1st January 1982 for a better life, and never looked back.

- I started my business as a one man show; I was invited to join Rotary in April 1984 and inducted by President Ron Ferris. I was put straight to work in Community Service and was part of the teams from all the Rotary clubs in the Hastings to upgrade the then Tourist Information Centre at Kew. That's when I fell in love with Rotary. I like being involved with projects. I have been President twice at our

Port club; have been honoured with a PHF (Paul Harris Fellowship) and a Sapphire pin.

- Helen and I have been involved with Meals on Wheels delivering in the Port areas for 25 years, and Helen was thrilled to receive PHF. Helen has always been involved in our club in many ways. One thing stands out is our club's auctions! I could not stop her from bidding, I would ask why do you do this? Answer - to make others bid higher, well that didn't work!

- Myself and Helen have hosted seven inbound Rotary Exchange Students from overseas and I have been the club's student counsellor three times. We have also travelled on three Rotary Friendship Exchange trips to Turkey, Canada and the Philippines. I supported Laurie Barber's vision for hosting nurses from New Guinea and Thailand called Pacific Training Aid. When Laurie moved on to other things I took over this very helpful project. Twenty six nurses came to train in Port Macquarie under this program.

- I was involved in District projects such as MUNA, Peer Support, RAWCS & many more. I was Cluster 3's Assistant Governor from 2006-08. I also upgraded our club's history onto DVD for the club's 60th.

One story Phil recalls was setting-up a fund-raising stand in Horton Street outside the old tavern & raffling prizes. Max Starr and Dick Gentle organised a display of prizes in a large wheelbarrow which contained a gallon bottle of whiskey while Kevin Wallace and I sold tickets. Kevin and I were like 'buskers' trying to persuade people passing-by to purchase a ticket. Over \$18,000 was raised.

Thanks for letting me share some of my story.



RI International President Ian Riseley at Town Beach

WANTED - STORIES (& photos) OF PHIL & HELEN BROWN IN ROTARY Send in your memories to Bull Ed - Kerry



THE HOME OF OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

In Our 74th Year

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie
 P.O. Box 136, Port Macquarie
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President-elect - PDG Debbie Loveday

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Treasurer - Bob Cleland

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
 Email: pamoxy@gmail.com
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Club bank details - BSB 932-000
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Past/Present District Governors

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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 Spotlite	InterToast	Sergeant
Aug 25th	Dinner meet at Panthers	Pamela William Probus	Bob Cleland	Glenda Barber		Gerald Haynes	Neil Porter
Sep 1st	ZOOM meeting	Dr Nigel Irwin	Debbie Loveday	_____			
Sep 8th	Diiner meet at Panthers	Public Speaking Contest	Diana Gammon	Rod McCormick	_____		Glenda Barber

Some Extra Photos that didn't make the bulletin over the past six weeks.



Gerald & Hazel Haynes



Sisters - Jan Hamilton & Lorryl Rumble-Fuller



Gai & Bill Nixon



Meaghan Cook & Diana Gammon



Josie & Robert Rutishauser



Neil & Sue Porter

The Changeover photos were taken by Leanne Jeffrey



Barbara & Daryl McMahon

Note this date in your Diary

- September 17th - Rotary Golf Day ??????????

Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Tonight's meeting was transferred to a Zoom meet due to the Corona lock-down which meant we were unable visit the local High School to see the student's STEM projects our club has supported.
- Tonight's International Toast via ZOOM was presented by **Kerry Medway to the R/C of Nuremberg-Connect in Germany.**
- We had three club members share a little of their stories via Zoom - **Gai Nixon** spoke on how she was instrumental in founding a pre-school at Condobolin in the 1960s; **Glenda Barber** spoke about nursing at Inverell Hospital in the 1960s, how things have changed & finally on her nursing at Garden Village & now she is a resident at the village; **Debbie Loveday** spoke about her company Hastings Data Loggers & the strategic role they play in keeping our vaccines and other medicines kept at safe temperatures. All three talks were very interesting. Thanks to all. Thanks also to Neil Porter for chairing the Zoom meeting & keeping it flowing.
- Glenda Barber gave a welfare report** - four of our members have health issues - Bob Cleland, Brian Calford, Gerald Haynes & Patricia Urban.
- Due to covid our weekly programs could change. Phil Perry said our golf day is 90% certain to be cancelled.

Paul is not Dead!!!!

The two features on Paul Trevillion's 34 years in our R/C in the last two bulletins led some members to wonder if Paul had died! No. After the floods, he & Kerry moved to live in Lennox Head near their family.

I guess Paul would say along with Mark Twain -

The rumours of his demise are greatly exaggerated!!!

Birthdays - August 2021

29/08 - Glyn Fuller

Anniversaries August 2021

21/08 - Alastair & Joan Moss
28/08 - Robert & Josie Rutishauser

