



# The Port Wheel

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## Noah's Ark at Telegraph Point

Back in March of this year we experienced some horrific floods with many homes in and around Port Macquarie inundated. The Telegraph Point School was smashed with flooding and the children lost their library at the school. Our Rotary Club stepped-up and offered the children an invite to come at the start of our yearly book sale and select any number of suitable books for inclusion in their new library. Some children from the school came before the sale began and selected a number of books for their library. Our Rotary club donated the books for FREE in support of the devastated school.



Pictured above - Bob Cleland & Elizabeth Fielding at the Rotary Book Sale with Oliver Bollard and older twins Grace & Harry Bollard from Telegraph Point Primary School.

### But there is more to the story.

As the Wilson River raged below, the Bollard family looked down at the flooded houses along the river bank and saw some cars parked up on the road on high ground, but with nowhere to go due to floodwaters covering either end of the road. Liz and Doug Bollard and their three children invited the carloads to come up to their home. Twelve people along with a number of dogs, cats and rabbits, all soaking wet clambered out of their cars and were welcomed into the Bollard's home. The children gave up their beds for the adults and joined the children sleeping on the floor. The homeless people and their menagerie of pets stayed at the Bollards for a couple of days before the flood waters receded and the families were able to relocate to emergency accommodation.

Doug & Lizzie Bollard are members of Grace Church and later members of this Church came out to Telegraph Point and worked alongside other members of the community to clean-up and dry-out and restore the flooded homes in readiness for the flooded families to return.

A great 2021 Noah's Ark rescue story.

Another community support from Rotary - this time to the Telegraph Point School community.

### The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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

### Apologies for Week's Meet to -

Frank Moxon

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## 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 Spotlite	InterToast	Sergeant
Nov 17th	Dinner meet at Panthers	Glenn Caldwell GM Destination	Neil Porter	???????			Glenda Barber
Nov 24th	Dinner Meet at Panthers	Cluster Public Speaking	Diana G & Debbie L	???????			Neil Porter
Dec 1st	CSU	Avenue of Service	Ray Hodgson				

## Public Speaking Competition Heat at Rotary

Tonight our club hosted a heat of the Rotary Public Speaking Competition. PDG Debbie Loveday & Youth Director Diana Gammon chaired the competition with four outstanding young speakers.

The first speaker was Rusie Southon from the Hastings Secondary College - Port Macquarie Campus. Rusie spoke passionately on UYGHURS GOODS - a persecuted minority group in China who produce many of the goods China sells



Rusie Southon



PDG Debbie Loveday with Youth Director Diana Gammon & Public Speakers - Grace Dawson, Olivia Nichols, Rusie Southon & Jorgabelle Munday.

around the world. Second speaker was Jorgabelle Munday also from HSC - PMQ campus, who gave a fiery presentation she titled DYSTOPIAN NARRATIVE - attacking Australia's lack of action regarding climate change. Third speaker was Olivia Nichols from MacKillop College who gave a bold presentation - AUSTRALIAN CULTURE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE GLORIFICATION AND FASCINATION OF CRIMINALS. Our final speaker was Grace Dawson (also from MacKillop) who gave an insightful talk on THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FEAR AND LIGHT. Judges Neil Porter & Ray Hodgson (pictured right >>>) had a tough job and commended all four speakers. The winner was Rusie Southon (pictured above) and Runner Up, Jorgabelle Munday. All four speakers received certificates for their efforts.



We had many guests with several parents & grandparents supporting their children. Also attending were schoolteachers - Jo-Ann Southon, Bronwyn Kalea, Nicole O'Connell & Shantelle Sears. A great night— thanks Diana & Debbie. Well done.



Friends, to live for others, to care for others, to serve others and change their lives is the best way to live our own lives. Just as Albert Einstein said, "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

Shekhar Mehta  
Rotary International President-elect

2021 VIRTUAL CONVENTION  
#Rotary21



## Club News

Stay in the Know!

- **Vocational next week at Panthers** - Neil has invited Glenn Caldwell, GM of Destinations Sydney Surrounds North to be our speaker next week. Glenn has been the Events Manager at both Port Macquarie & Coffs Harbour Councils.
- Don't forget to fill-in the **R/I Survey**. If you missed it contact Secretary Geoff & he will send the web-site link.
- **PDG Debbie Loveday is seeking Board Members for our club 2022-23**

Expressions of Interest in continuing on, or joining the board for the next Rotary year. All positions are up for nomination. Anyone can nominate from the floor on the AGM night, as per our bylaws. Anyone wishing to know more about what is involved please contact Debbie direct if you are interested or would like to get more information.

### Birthdays - November 2021

10/11 - Sue Porter  
10/11 - Brian Calford  
17/11 - Gerald Haynes  
22/11 - Bill Nixon  
22/11 - Terry Crossley  
25/11 - Ray Hodgson

### Anniversaries November 2021

17/11 - Adam & Tamara Rumble  
25/11 - Frank & Narelle Moxon

