



# The Port Wheel

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## Auntie Debbie Needs You ....?

PDG Debbie our incoming President, is seeking club members to nominate for Club Board positions for 2022-23.

Be part of a dynamic club team that will lead our club into the future.

Contact Debbie Loveday & offer yourself for service on our club board.

Elections on December 8th.



# I WANT YOU

### The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

P.O. Box 136, Port Macquarie  
 NSW 2444 Australia

**President** - Frank Moxon

**President-elect** - PDG Debbie Loveday

**Immediate Past President** - Elizabeth Fielding

**Vice President** - Gai Nixon

**Secretary** - Geoff Slack

**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: [pamox@gmail.com](mailto:pamox@gmail.com)

or 0413 349 144 & text - "Rotary YES" or "Rotary, NO"

Club bank details - BSB 932-000  
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#### Past/Present District Governors

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Ivan Meldrum 1975-76

Laurie Barber 2006-07

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## Athol Platt

Last Friday's Port Macquarie News featured a photo from the Museum archives with former Rotarian Arthur Platt being made a Life Member of the Port Macquarie Race Club in 1971



**DESERVED HONOUR:** Tony York and Athol Platt receive their life membership badges from Race Club President Brian Heagney, 1971. Photos: supplied by Port Macquarie Museum.

Athol was a Rotarian for 24 years from 1954 - 1978. He is noted in our history as one of the club's 'unsung heroes'.

He was not an upfront Rotarian but would repeatedly put his hand-up whenever there was a job to be done. He received a 'standing ovation' at the 1970 District Conference for DG Roger Dulhunty when he supervised the erection and pulling down of a huge marquee seating 500 people on the Town Green. He was also involved in the construction of the Port Macquarie Race Track. He led an army of volunteers, who in the space of 18 months, transformed swamp-land into a top racing track that is one of the most outstanding on the North Coast today.

Each year in October the race club runs a race in his honour - The ATHOL PLATT HANDICAP. Athol died in September 1978.

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 Spotlight	InterToast	Sergeant
Nov 24th	Dinner meet at Panthers	Cluster Public Speaking	Diana G & Debbie L	???????			Neil Porter
Dec 1st	CSU	Avenue of Service	Ray Hodgson				
Dec 8th	Dinner meeting at Panthers	Club AGM	Frank Moxon	???????			Kerry Medway

**Guest Speaker tonight was Glenn Caldwell**

Glenn is the GM of Destinations Sydney Surrounds North. He has been the Events Manager at both Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour Councils and responsible for attracting some of the larger events that provide our local economies with millions of dollars of visitation spending. Events such as Ironman, Touch Football, the Wallabies and Rabbitohs and many other events that result in an inflow of visitors and spending.



Glenn told us of his diverse career from training to be a carpenter to doing various Uni degrees, working for Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour Councils in Event promotion to now being the GM of Destinations Sydney Surrounds North.

Whilst Glenn lives in Port Macquarie, his area is from Port Stephens and the Hunter Valley/ Cessnock/Singleton and west of Sydney to Penrith and the Blue Mountains. His aim is to drive growth in the Visitor Economy in Regional NSW. He is one of SIX Destination NSW leaders.

Glenn answered several questions giving us a good insight into how this all works. Although Port Macquarie is not in his area, he said our Council and area has performed well in attracting huge visitor and money events such as the Iron Man.

<<<< Invite friends, see if you can get a table of eight.

**Club News**

Stay in the Know!

**\* Christmas gifts to St Thomas Soup Kitchen** - President Frank has encouraged club members to support Lorryl Rumble-Fuller's proposal. Donate a \$20 gift card from Coles or Woolies plus a small box of chocolates to give to each needy person via the soup kitchen. Bring to Rotary on Dec, 8th.

- **Rotary Calendar** - Bob Cleland has encouraged each of us to get a calendar with great scenes of PMQ & raise funds for Rotary. See Bob.
- **Next week's bulletin will be done by PDG Debbie Loveday.** We look forward to a great issue.
- **Tree planting** - Diana Gammon is encouraging us to join in a tree planting program. See Diana for details.

**Phil's Inspirational Quote of the Week**



*" We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit."*

- Aristotle

Quote chosen by Phil Brown

**Birthdays - November 2021**

- 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