



# The Port Wheel

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President Frank Moxon's Christmas message -

## WHEN DID YOU KNOW?

**WARNING!! This column is rated PG - Parental Guidance is recommended.**

During our childhood there are many "milestones". The first smile or was that just wind? The first crawl, the first steps! Parents long for the first word, will it be *mama or dada*? Parents long for the day when potty-training begins to work. Then there is the first birthday, and the second, and the third. Soon it's pre-school and school. So many of these we easily recall and maybe you cannot answer the next question, but many can.

When did you find out Santa Clause was just Mum and Dad? Was it a school friend? Was it in a conversation with your parents? Did you just work it out for yourself? Or like me was it by accident?

My childhood was spent in a house built by my father at Londonderry, just outside Richmond NSW. As the family grew Dad built another bedroom at the rear of the house. This room was constructed as a lean-to and had no ceiling cavity, whilst the rest of the house did. Coming up to Christmas one year we were playing hide and seek and I chose to climb up from the double bunks

in the boys room up through the gap into the ceiling of the rest of the house. It was there I discovered an Aladdin's cave of toys. I knew I shouldn't have been up there so told no-one, but come Christmas morning all these treasures were gifts from Santa. I acted that I didn't know until I was told by Mum & Dad, but I had to keep the secret so not to spoil joy of Christmas for my younger siblings. There are things in life that we grow out of because the story changes, like Santa.

I was blessed to grow up in the generation in which it wasn't uncool to attend Sunday School. It was there that I learned the true Christmas story of Joseph and Mary travelling to Bethlehem and the baby Jesus was born. That it was good news the shepherds heard and the wise men in homage brought gifts.

This story, unlike Santa, still fills me with wonder. I know that the simple story has holes in it, like it probably wasn't in December, and the wise men probably didn't meet the shepherds, however the good news that was told to the shepherds is still good news today. It is still a message of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace.

As you plan for Christmas, plan ways that you can bring Hope, Love, Joy and Peace into your life and the lives of others.

*Wishing all fellow Rotarians & families a  
'Hope-filled Christmas' - Frank & Narelle*

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## In Our 74th Year

### 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

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

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#### **Past/Present District Governors**

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**President Frank & Narelle with Diana Gammon & PDG Debbie Loveday & others at the Rotary Showcase in Tamworth in November.**



**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
Dec 15th	Christmas dinner at Westport Bowlo	Club Christmas Party	Debbie Loveday				Kerry Medway
Dec 22&29	No meetings on 22nd & 29th						
January	Special January get-togethers - details will be listed in next week's bulletin						

## Exciting new club board for 2022/23

At tonight's AGM the following were elected unopposed for our club's leadership - President - PDG Debbie Loveday; Vice President - Phil Perry; President Elect - vacant; Past President - Frank Moxon; Secretary - Frank Moxon; Treasurer - Bob Cleland; Public Officer - vacant; Club Service Director - PDG Debbie Loveday; Vocational Director - Diana Gammon; Community Service Director - Bob Cleland; International Director - Ray Hodgson; Youth Director - vacant; Foundation Chair - Phil Perry; Membership/Public Image - DG David Mayne. Congratulations. Let us as a club support our new team as they lead us into 2022/23.

Bob Cleland gave a presentation to the club tonight on **Youth Protection in Rotary**.

The Board is having a look at the options for the **cost of our dinner meals** at Panthers. John Oxley did a colour-dot vote. Results will be examined by the Board and presented to the club for final decision.

## Planting Trees for a Koala Habitat

On Sunday 5th December the Young Leaders Rotary Club and the Port Macquarie Rotary Club partnered together to plant trees at Dunbogan. Landowners Andy and Jeannette McCroubrie and son Will kindly agreed for the clubs to plant 40 indigenous trees to improve Koala Habitat.

This project was sparked after a conversation between Young Leaders R/C co-President Charlotte Moore and our club's Youth Director Diana Gammon and Incoming President PDG Debbie Loveday.

See attached page for Charlotte's full report on this project and photos.



## Elizabeth's Inspirational Quote of the Week



*"The minute I stopped caring what other people thought and started doing what I wanted to do, is the minute I finally felt free."*

- Phil Dunphy

Contributed by Elizabeth Fielding

## Club News

Stay in the Know!

Tonight we said good-bye to **Elizabeth Fielding** who is joining Sunrise R/C. Elizabeth has been a great club member and during her year as President was outstanding in her leadership & involvement. We wish Elizabeth well for the future.

We need numbers. Please invite friends (& enemies too!!!)  
RSVPs to Frank Moxon by Monday 13th @ 12 noon

### Birthdays - December 2021

26/12 - Phil Perry  
28/12 - Kerry Medway

### Anniversaries December 2021

December..... nil