



# The Port Wheel

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## Don't Let Christmas Be Over!

### A New Years message from President Frank



Leading up to Christmas every second or third day Narelle and I would search our streaming video offerings to find a Christmas themed story. This was the first year that we have done this and found it helpful indeed in preparing ourselves for Christmas. I think this was true as most story lines have people rediscovering the "magic" of Christmas contained in the three words - 'Peace Love and Joy'.

The other night when the choice on TV was Cricket (test or big bash) or Tennis (Sydney or Adelaide) or "I'm a celebrity get me out of here." Narelle turned to our friend STAN to see what was on offer. Most of you will know that search engines, by using algorithms, know what you have been watching. One such suggestion was a Christmas movie named "Paper Angels." We learnt that "paper angels" are used by The Salvation Army in the US as we do in Australia where we use the "Wishing Tree."

The story line is a little complicated but suffice to say it involved two unrelated families both with different stresses leading up to Christmas. The main character is a teenage boy who from a single parent family is cajoled into placing a 'paper angel' on a tree. A part of his agreeing to do so was that no-one in the family was to see his wishes. As the story unfolds we are made aware that none of the gifts he asked for were for him. The gift that struck me most was a gift which he gave to a boy who had continually bullied him at school. It's a great movie.

As the closing credits begin to roll, a song written by Billy Kirsch and Jimmy Wayne is sung and the words became a challenge to me, let me share them with you:

*The day after Christmas some might say, The day after Christmas is a very blue day, Santa is on his way home, And all of the excitement is gone. But Christmas doesn't have to be over, Bring on the laughter and cheer. Christmas doesn't have to be over, Bring it over into the new year. Peace Love and Joy brings a smile, Just like a toy does to a child. It's the gift that keeps on giving, No need for paper and ribbon. Christmas doesn't have to be over, Bring on the laughter and cheer, From January to November, just remember Christmas doesn't have to be over.*

Too often we pack up the Christmas tree, take down the lights and finally empty out the fridge, and inwardly say, "I am glad it's over" and in the process we often unknowingly pack away and dismantle Love, Joy and Peace. Our challenge is to express and promote Love, Joy and Peace from January to November and then keep it going.

- Frank Moxon President

<<<< Elizabeth Fielding sent in this 2022 cartoon!!!



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## In Our 74th Year

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

### Apologies for Week's Meet to -

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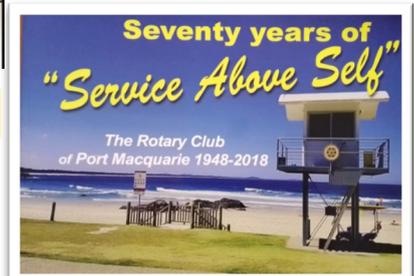
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**Club program** - If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Port Wheel Editor Kerry.

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chr	Welcomer	Community Spotlight	InterToast	Sergeant
Feb. 2nd	Zoom meeting Wool Industry	Martin Openheimer	Deb Loveday	_____		_____	Glenda Barber
Feb 9th	Zoom - Norfolk Island Experience	Sally Johnson	Terry Crossley	_____	_____	_____	Kerry Medway
Feb 16th	Zoom - Life as a Nepalese Doctor i		Ray Hodgson	_____	_____	_____	Neil Porter

**Christmas with the Rumble-Fullers at Mnt Seaview**

All my children and grandchildren came to Port for Christmas and I booked us all in for two nights at the Mt Seaview Resort. A little run down but magnificent scenery. There were 16 of us, five motel rooms each with a queen bed and king single plus three rooms had an extra camp stretcher. It was an amazing two days – firstly, it did not rain even though it was predicted; *secondly we had the whole resort to ourselves* including a lounge set up with a Christmas tree, the river was clean and just the right height to float down the rapids on rubber rings, fourthly (and the best) no Wi-Fi so no phones or kids on computers. The beds were comfortable, the owner allowed us to pitch a gazebo wherever we wanted to have our Christmas lunch. We had it near the river and he arranged for us to have a campfire near the river both nights. We took all our own food and although their camp kitchen needed a good clean before we used it we survived and had a wonderful time. On Christmas Day 14 of us went 3 kms into the hills and it took them 2 hours to float back to the resort including swimming under an electric fence. What an adventure. Adam bought each of us a rubber ring. The photo attached was taken about 6pm, last float of the night.....Lorryl



*Club News*

Stay in the Know!

**Young Leaders Charter Night**



DG David getting a Thankyou kiss from the two new Presidents. Will feature the night with more pics in next weeks bulletin.

**South West Rocks Art Show >>>**

Debbie Loveday and Diana Gammon at the South West Rocks Bi Annual Art Show during January – masks off, relaxing and enjoying the beautiful art works. Congratulations to the South West Rocks Rotary Club for its continued involvement in the support and promotion of local art, in the Adelaide Swift Trust, Isabel Hermann OAM, Trustee, and local artists.”



**CLUB MEETINGS ON ZOOM IN FEBRUARY**  
As you can see by the program due to the covid threat we are holding our February meetings on Zoom. Once again Deb Loveday has lined up an array of interesting speakers. So zoom-in next Wednesday (Feb 2nd) for the first of our on-line meetings.



**BOOK STORE RECORD SALES**

Valda and Bob have been quietly working away during the Christmas/New Year break with many club members assisting, selling & sorting. Last Saturday's sales were a record \$1023-00. Well done.

**Birthdays - Jan/Feb 2022**

- 31/01 - Narelle Moxon
- 11/02 - Bett Calford
- 18/02 - Alastair Moss

**Anniversaries February 2022**

- 10/02 - Kerry & Julie Medway
- 10/02 - Fred & June O'Toole
- 15/02 - Glenda & Laurie Barber
- 21/02 - Ted & Robbie Giblin