



The Port Wheel

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The Last District Conference for 9650

Last weekend we experienced an uplifting and inspiring District Conference at Panthers led by DG David Mayne and his Conference team.

We heard from a raft of inspirational speakers including Back/Track founder Bernie Shakeshaft, former Deputy PM Mark Vaile, Australian of the Year 2019 & Thai rescue diver Craig Challen, wheelchair farmer Sam Bailey and of course our own Dr Ray Hodgson.

As well we had a number of great insights into the workings of Rotary

from the Foundation to RAWCS, Rotary Showcase, Youth Insearch and the Public Speaking final. The conference was chaired by our Rotaractor Jack Wilson and young Rotarians & Rotaractors. Over 400 people packed into Panthers for the Gala dinner on Saturday night.

Well done DG David Mayne & Heather & your Conference team headed by Di Hall. This was the final conference for 9650 with the joining together of two districts 9650 & 9670 to become District 9660 after June this year. The new supa district will be led by Wauchope's incoming DG Neville Parsons and the first District Conference will be held in Tamworth March 24-26th 2023. (Note the dates).

What's with the lobster on David's dish??? David always asks for lobster at Panthers & so the club fulfilled his wish (sort of) by presenting him with a plate with a lobster painted on it.



Dr Ray Hodgson



Sam Bailey & his wife Jenny



Dancers at the DG's Gala Dinner

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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

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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 Spotlite	InterToast	Sergeant
March 30th	ZOOM	Club Alumni	Diana Gammon	_____	_____	_____	Kerry Medway
April 6th	Business Meeting for One Hour		Frank Moxon	_____	_____	_____	
April 12th Tues.	Combined Anzac at Wauchope RSL		Joining R/Cs Wauchope & Laurieton	_____	_____	_____	

THE PRESIDENT PONDBERS

Have you every been caught out or embarrassed by correspondence where the autocorrect function changes a word not intended and you failed to spot it in your review before sending -

Like the wife texting her husband for his birthday:

Happy Birthday to you!
Happy Birthday to you!
Happy Birthday dead husband!
Happy Birthday to you!

Husband: Thanks. I assume you meant "dear".

I recall more than once whilst Narelle and I were stationed with the Salvation Army in Armidale and would be invited as 'special guests/speakers' at churches in the Division. More that once we were introduced in the church newsletter as, "We welcome visiting us today, Majors Frank & Narelle Moron." Which we took in good humour.

Which takes me to Kerry's email asking that I do my President Ponders for the Port Wheel? Kerry asked for the Presidents Missive. Missive? A word unknown to me, so my first thoughts were this must be an autocorrect instead of "message." I needed to be sure so I looked it up and the definition of "missive" is "a letter, especially a long or official one." I am sure you would rather a message than a missive!

The right type of word is sometimes far more important than missive or message. As a young boy when I was introduced to The Salvation Army and became part of the church, I was enrolled as a Junior Soldier. This is a program similar to confirmation. Junior Soldiers are required to sign a pledge which includes an affirmation of faith but also this sentence, "to lead a life that is clean in thought, word and deed."

Now 60 years later, I am still trying to live by that promise. As a kid being clean in word equated to not swearing, but as I matured it developed to mean far more than not swearing. Put simply the type of words I try to use are KIND words.

We use kind words when we follow the four way test>

The world would be a better place if there were more kind words.

President Frank Moxon (not Mor.....!!!!)

At the District Conference we remembered two of our special club members who have deceased in the past year. Graham Bell & Laurie Barber along with 13 other Rotarians from District 9650.



Club News

* Autumn Social at Nostalgia saw 40 members & guests tonight have a delightful evening with some great food.

- President Frank is going to Sydney for more tests on his throat and kidneys. Do uplift Frank in prayer as he undergoes treatment.
- DISTRICT MEDAL - DG David Mayne introduced a medal for clubs to nominate someone who is a quiet achiever in their club. On the Saturday at the Gala Dinner names of various recipients from clubs in each cluster were called out (those not present remain secret & will be presented back at their club changeovers). Kerry Medway was shocked to hear his name called out. There are so many great workers in our club who give of themselves selflessly, Kerry felt there were many far more deserving than him. However it was an honour to be chosen and I thank the club leadership for thinking of me.



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THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL** & **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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Rotary Remembrance
2021 - 2022

Graham Bell
Died - 15th March 2021
R/C - Port Macquarie

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2021 - 2022

Laurie Barber - OAM, PDG, PP, PHF
Died - 16th February 2022
R/C - Port Macquarie

Birthdays - March/April 2022

- 30/03 - Charles Craddock
- 31/03 - John Oxley
- 31/03 - Helen Crossley
- 9/04 - Gai Nixon
- 18/04 - Mary Oxley
- 29/04 - Debbie Loveday

Anniversaries March/April 2022

- 3/04 - Gerald & Hazel Haynes
- 11/04 - Frank & Patricia Urban
- 19/04 - John & Mary Oxley