



The Port Wheel

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John Oxley goes EEEeee!

Tonight our club sadly farewelled John Oxley who is joining the on-line Rotary E-Club. John has been a Rotarian for 33 years, his early service in South Africa and then upon coming to Port Macquarie in 2005 he joined our Rotary Club. John has been a valued member of our club, especially in the areas of financial and strategic matters. He has been our 'Senator Don Chip' in seeking to keep us in line and '*keeping the bastards honest!*'



John introduced into our club the Happy/Sad dollar sharing in our fine sessions with people mentioning special birthdays or anniversaries or other special moments in their lives. He also introduced the International Toasts, which has been a feature of our club meetings for several years.

John has been a Board Director of our club and regular supporter of our club's monthly shift for meals-on-wheels. He and Mary have been on Rotary Friendship tours with the International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians and Recreation Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians with weekends away. He has been a great supporter of our Book Sale, Golf Day and other community events or fund raisers our club has participated in.

Even though he has moved on, John has committed to continue to support us in some of these activities.



Pictured right - John sharing about his tour with Rotary Cricket Friendship to India.

Left - John delivering Meals-on-Wheels



**Thanks John & Mary,
we wish you well.**

<< DG David is exciting company!!!!

The photo on left was in the Wauchope R/C's bulletin. DG David is so exciting to sit next to - Dr Sengupta fell asleep!!!
 Thanks Reg Fowler for the photo.



The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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Club Service Director - PDG Debbie Loveday

Community Service Director - Phil Perry

International Service Director - Ray Hodgson

Vocational Service Director - Neil Porter

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Club Meetings Wednesdays @ Port Panthers 5-30pm for 6pm start. BUT check program on page 2 for what is happening.

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 Spotlight	InterToast	Sergeant
April 27th	Zoom - Malaria	Henry Nsamba	Deb Loveday/ Ray Hodgson			Gerald Haynes	Kerry Medway
May 4th	Dinner at Panthers	?????????	Gerald Haynes	Frank Gaukroger		Brain Calford	Neil Porter
May 11th	Dinner at Panthers	?????????	Glenda Barber	Phil Perry	3 on Me - Tony Moore	Robert Rutishauser	Kerry Medway

Insight into PROBUS

PROBUS stands for Clubs for Retired Professional & Business Persons, former Executives and Others.

A former member of our R/C Gordon Hannah founded the first PROBUS club in PMQ in 1984, the Hastings Men's Probus Club. Gordon was the driving influence in the formation of 12 other Probus clubs in the Hastings Area.

Tonight's speakers were Pamela Williams (pictured right with Bob Cleland) and she was assisted by Jane Morris and Ray Evans. Each told us fascinating stories of their working lives and how they were led to be part of the PMQ Combined Probus Club which has 116 members and five on their waiting-list.

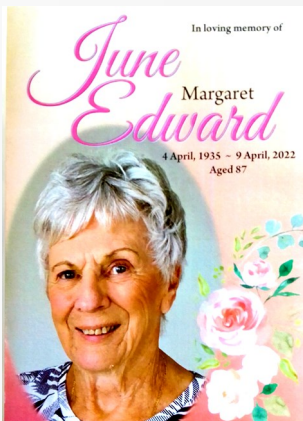
There are over 400,000 members of Probus world-wide and a good proportion are in Australia.

Jane gave us a run-down of some of the interesting activities the Probus club has been involved in the past couple of years.



Today we farewelled June Edward. The Innes Gardens Chapel was packed to overflowing. June was the wife of Past-President of our club Keith Edward. Lots of great stories.

Will feature Keith & June in next weeks bulletin. Some great memories flooding back!



Club News

- Tonight's International Toast was presented by **Gai Nixon to the R/C of Addis Ababa West in Ethiopia.**
- **International Director Ray Hodgson is heading to Nepal** and on Monday 25th April he will be turning the first sod for the Mother's & Babies Hospital at Dolakha. This will be an exciting moment for Ray & all concerned. Thanks to Rotary for our huge support.
- **Next week's meeting** - Our speaker via ZOOM will be Henry Nsamba, the President of the R/C of Kampala Kawempe. He will speak on **MALARIA**
- * **Former member Fred O'Toole attacked by a dog**
Fred was walking last week and went to pat a passing dog and it rose up and attacked him. Fred suffered a bite to his arm as he protected his face.. Fred is okay after a bandage & a tetanus needle!
- The R/C of PMQ West has invited us to sail with them on a **RHYTHM BOAT EXPERIENCE** Tuesday 3rd May at 6pm. Its Fancy Dress. RSVPs and payment by April 26th

Inspirational Quote of the Week

from Ted Giblin

"When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know; but when you listen, you may learn something new." - Dalai Lama



Birthdays April/May 2022

29/04 - Debbie Loveday
01/05 - David Mayne
09/05 - Rod McCormick
11/05 - Helen Brown
13/05 - Frank Urban
15/05 - Jill Heagney

Anniversaries May 2022

03/05 - Geoff & Lynn Slack