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## The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

P.O. Box 136, Port Macquarie  
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**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 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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or 0413 349 144 & text - "Rotary YES" or "Rotary, NO"

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### Past/Present District Governors

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Ivan Meldrum 1975-76

Laurie Barber 2006-07

Debbie Loveday 2020-21

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## Rob Dalla Costa

**Tonight we inducted Rob Dalla Costa as a new member of our Rotary Club. Rob has a very interesting story -**

I was born on a tobacco farm in northern Victoria, the first son of immigrants from Italy in the 1950's. My parents did not speak English and came with very little to their name.

After some years working tobacco my parents bought a dairy farm near Shepperton in Victoria where I grew up. My parents sent me to a Marist brothers boarding school just outside Melbourne for my secondary education. I went on to complete an honors degree in Commerce at Melbourne Uni and on graduation packed my bags for the Commonwealth Treasury in Canberra where I served some nine Treasurers over 20 years.

During my time at Treasury, I was involved in reforming the taxation of beer and was part of the team that designed Australia's GST system. Other highlights included being Australia's representative on the Committee for Consumption taxes at the OECD in Paris and two years as an economic adviser to the then Shadow Treasurer under John Howard's leadership working at old Parliament House.

Unrelated to work but what I consider to be a major achievement was that in 1994, with the help of my then wife who was a lawyer, we won a landmark Human Rights case against the ACT government concerning services to our son who has Down Syndrome. That case opened the way for many parents with children with a disability to access a broader choice of services for their children with a disability.

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Rob Dalla Costa's induction by President Frank Moxon with Bob Cleland >>>



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	3 ON ME	InterToast	Sergeant
June 15th	Dinner at Panthers	Mike Greenslade Shelterbox	Brian Calford	Gerald Haynes	_____	Bob Cleland	Neil Porter
June 22nd	At Panthers meal at bistro	Angela Frimberger Inv	Ted Giblin	Diana Gammon	Neil Porter	Alastair Moss	Kerry Medway
June 29th	Dinner at Panthers	Club Changeover	Frank Moxon - Deb Loveday				Kerry Medway

### Rob's story - continued.....

With the introduction of the GST in July 2000 I left Treasury and joined Ernst & Young as a GST consultant before returning to Treasury 10 years later to reform the GST law. After which I took a position with Deloitte in Malaysia to consult on that country's implementation of GST in 2014. This was my first time in an Asian country, and I was stunned by the level of poverty and corruption.

In 2016 I moved to Dubai with KPMG to consult on the introduction of VAT (GST equivalent) in 2018 across the Middle East before moving to Jeddah in Saudi Arabia to manage the VAT practice there for Ernst & Young. I came back to Australia in February 2020 just as COVID limited international travel and eventually retired from full time work in mid-2020 but still consult back to the Middle East as required.

In between I managed to propose to my now wife Bron at the Taj Mahal. We now have four children from each of our previous marriages.

I look forward to being able to now contribute to Rotary's objectives.



## Club News

### PROGRAM

25 June - District Changeover LUSC

29 June - Club Changeover

### President Deb needs YOU & YOU & YOU!!!!!!

Incoming President for our club in 2022/23 PDG Debbie Loveday needs some members to put their hands-up to take-on positions on the new board.

We need - a President -Elect  
- a Club Service Director  
- a Youth Director  
- an Attendance officer  
- an assistant bulletin editor

Please contact Deb ASAP with your willingness to step-up and keep our club vibrant for the next Rotary year.

### Cluster Changeovers

June 18th - Port Macquarie Sunrise

June 21st - Port Macquarie West

June 25th - District Changeover @ Laurieton

June 29th - Port Macquarie

July 1st - Hastings Rotaract

July 2nd - Young Leaders

July 12th - Wauchope

**Please note the date -  
ROTARY GIANT BOOK  
SALE at Panthers  
April 14-15-16th, 2023**

### Birthdays June 2022

13/06 - Robert Rutishauser  
25/06 - Geoff Slack  
30/06 - Patricia Urban  
30/06 - Darryl McMahon

### Anniversaries June 2022

24/06 - Gai & Bill Nixon

**President Frank Moxon and President Elect Debbie Loveday**

Invite you to attend the Changeover Dinner of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

At Panthers, Bay Street, Port Macquarie

Wednesday 29th June 2022  
At 6 for 6.30pm \$38per person

RSVP: pamoxy@gmail.com  
Bookings close 22nd June 2022

**Rotary**  
Club of Port Macquarie

\* Tonight's International Toast was proposed **by Geoff Slack for the R/C of Nashville, Tennessee.** This club has 504 members and they meet at the Wild Horse Saloon.

\* Members are asked to bring in some tin food to give to Lorryl Rumble-Fuller for the St Thomas Soup Kitchen. Our club has donated \$1000 for the kitchen.

\* Pres Frank advised that our club will be giving \$62,000 in donations to the community at the Club Changeover on June 29th.

*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.*

*Helen Keller*

### Inspirational Quote of the Week