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The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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Ray Hodgson

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Diana Gammon

Youth Service Director -
TBC

Membership & Public Image -
PDG David Mayne

Rotary Foundation -
Phil Perry

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

Club bank details - BSB 932-000
a/c 500 186 792

Past District Governors

Roger Delahanty 1969-70

Ivan Meldrum 1975-76

Laurie Barber 2006-07

Debbie Loveday 2020-21

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Our Shawn!

Last Wednesday was one of
the most inspiring Rotary
nights we have had in a long
time.

We saw Ian Davis inducted
into our club, we had some
exciting news from Dr Ray
(see next page) and we also
heard from one of our up and
coming young Rotarians Shawn
Wilson.

Shawn is currently the leader of
a thriving Rotaract Club in
Canberra and amazingly at the
age of just 22 has been
nominated as the next President
of the prestigious Rotary Club of
Canberra.

Shawn was a former Captain of
Port Macquarie High School and
is one of our club's outstanding
young alumnus. He was selected
by our Youth Director Diana
Gammon (and her late husband
Roger) to attend MUNA and the
National Youth Science Forum in
Canberra. He was selected from
NYSF to attend the International
NYSF in London and visited
CERN, one of the world's largest
and most respected centres for
scientific research in Switzerland.

Shawn and his MUNA partner Sam Harris caught the eye of Glenda & Laurie Barber and won MUNA, beating 60 teams from throughout NSW. He attended RYLA in 2019 in District 9705.

He moved to Canberra three years ago to commence an Arts Degree majoring in Politics at the ANU. In Canberra he established a thriving Rotaract club and was invited to join the Canberra Rotary Club where he is the President Elect. Last year PDG Debbie Loveday invited Shawn to chair her District Conference here at Panthers where he acquitted himself well. Shawn is an exciting young prospect for Rotary and it was encouraging to hear him share at last week's meeting.



Shawn Wilson & Diana Gammon



Shawn at a Rotary Conference in Canberra

75 YEARS
Making a
difference.

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

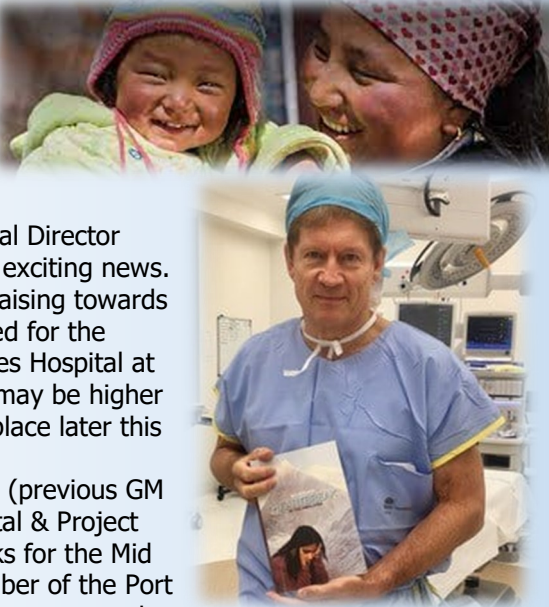
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| Sep 21 | Meeting at Golf Club Celebrating Golf Day | Kirsty Baxter MNC Cancer | Kerry Medway | | | | Kerry Medway |
| Sep 28 | One hour meeting Opt Dinner @ Bistro | Program format review | Debbie Loveday | | | | Neil Porter |
| Oct 5 | One hour meeting Opt Dinner @ Bistro | Business meeting | | | | | Glenda Barber |

\$1.6m raised for Mothers & Babies Hospital in Nepal

Dr Ray Hodgson our International Director reported to the club last week some exciting news. He has raised \$1.6million with fundraising towards the expected \$1.8million needed for the construction of the Mothers & Babies Hospital at Dolakha in Nepal. (This final figure may be higher once the final tendering has taken place later this year.)

PLUS, Ray reported that Jane Evans (previous GM of the Port Macquarie Base Hospital & Project Manager for the major capital works for the Mid North Coast Health District and member of the Port Macquarie Sunrise R/C) has offered to oversee the construction works of our Mothers & Babies Hospital. Its an absolute blessing for us to have someone with Jane's extensive experience and passion join our team.

Great news & well done to Dr Ray & the team at Australians for Women's Health and Rotary.



Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Tonight Sergeant Glenda Barber led us in a minutes silence in honour of Queen Elizabeth II & then we toasted King Charles III who is an honorary Rotarian to a Scottish Rotary club.
- Friday 16th September.. ROTARY GOLF DAY @ PMQ Golf Course**
- Wednesday 21st September** - Special meeting at the PMQ Golf Club. Please pay in advance if possible. Bank details on advert opposite.
- October 12th** - the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry night
- Saturday 22nd October @** the PMQ Surf Club at Flynn's Beach - ENCOUNTER HUMAN SHARKS INTERFACE. See Ted Giblin for details
- Normal club meeting on 19th transferred to the Saturday night.

Homelessness

Tonights special speaker was Deb Tougher from YPspace MNC (pictured right) who shared about some encouraging work that is going on to support the young people in Port Macquarie & Kempsey who are homeless. Between 2017-21 YP found temp housing for 837 young people and supported 1090 other young people sleeping on the streets, in cars or shelters.

Homelessness is sadly increasing due to the high cost of housing and it is estimated that homelessness amongst local young people has tripled in the past 3 years. YP has just purchased an old caravan park in Kempsey and is developing it into a housing facility for young people called PARK. Two acres in centre of Kempsey on which they have already placed 11 cabins and are



ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST
AT PORT MACQUARIE GOLF CLUB, OCEAN DRIVE P.M.
5.30PM FOR 6PM Canapes + 2 course DINNER \$27pp
GUEST SPEAKER KIRSTY BAXTER MNC CANCER INSTITUTE

RSVP: dloveday@hdl.com.au (friends and partners welcome)
Payment in advance would be appreciated
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planning to establish a Young People's Lifestyle Support Village.
To find out more go to the YP website - yps.org.au or LinkedIn: YP Space MNC

Birthdays September 2022

14/09 - Lorryl Rumble
- Fuller
22/09 - Doug
Heagney
28/09 - Tamara
Rumble

Anniversaries September 2022

No spring
weddings!!!!