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**The Rotary Club of
Port Macquarie**

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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

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BioBlitz - Punching for Healthy Oceans

Our Rotary club is preparing for an
exciting environmental program to
preserve our marine life.

The program commences with an
invitation to Rotarians, surf club members
and the community to be held at PMQ Surf
Club at Flynns Beach on 22nd October with
Chantelle Doyle and her partner Mark

Rapley the keynote speakers. That
evening will lead into the BioBlitz extended
weekend to be held on 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th May 2023
involving Marine ecologists, university students, school
students, lifesavers, Rotarians and other volunteers including
the general public.

Chantelle was attacked by a great white shark at Port Macquarie in 2020

Surfing at Shelley Beach Chantelle was attacked by a shark that latched onto her
leg. Without hesitating her partner Mark Rapley jumped into the water and began
punching the shark until it let go Chantelle's leg. Her leg had the nerves severed
and she has had a slow recovery with several operations.

Chantelle is a botanist & environmental scientist and hopes to
turn her frightening experience into a public awareness cam-
paign about the importance of healthy marine
ecosystems.

Our club's BioBlitz team is headed by Dr Ted Giblin (pictured)
and our club's Vocational Director Diana Gammon with
volunteer Barbara Smith from the Roving Trainer Computer
Consultancy.



The BioBlitz weekend event will involve citizen science to record
all species on a prescribed local transect from pelagic to off-
shore to shoreline to dune habitats. Including plants, animals,
birds and marine life. There will be a No.1 BioBlitz recorder and
the results of the weekend will go to a national database. It is
intended that this will be an annual Port Macquarie event
promoted by the Port Macquarie Rotary Club and other environmentalists. Our club
contributed \$1000 as a starter grant to cover expenses for planning BioBlitz.

It is also planned that a SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD COMPETITION will be held
involving local restaurants, commencing in 2023.

NOTE THE DATE TO BE INVOLVED.

*Information for this article was provided by
Diana Gammon with thanks.*



Chantelle Doyle



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
Oct 5	One hour dinner meet. Opt dinner @	Business Meet-Inductions ??	Debbie Loveday				Glenda Barber
Oct 12	Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Evening @ Westport	Stuart Hasler from Gunnedah	Glenda B & Diana G	???????			Kerry Medway
Oct 19	Meeting transferred to Saturday 22nd	BioBlitz meeting at Flynns Beach Surf Club Sat 22nd @ 5-30pm					

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie has pleasure in presenting a
Dorothea McKellar Poetry Night

GUEST POETS INCL
STUDENTS
SURPRISE POETS

Please RSVP to Glenda Barber & pay dinner fee in advance via direct debit. See details below

SPECIAL GUEST
OWEN HASLER FROM
THE DOROTHEA
MCKELLAR MEMORIAL
SOCIETY

At Westport Bowling Club

WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER AT THE WESTPORT CLUB PORT MACQUARIE

5.30 for 6pm Dinner \$28.50pp RSVP: gbarber@midcoast.com.au EFT Payments BSB: 932 000 A/c 500186792

Club News

Stay in the Know!

- It was great seeing **Col Pickering along with Ray & Marlene White** at the Golf Day Presentation last week. A huge THANKS to Col for organising & Ray for assisting on the golf day.
- Was also good to see club stalwarts - **Phil & Helen Brown** at the Golf Day Presentation.
- It is hoped that at next weeks meeting we will induct **THREE** new members
- **October 12th** - the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry night
- <<< See advert left
- **Saturday 22nd October** @ the PMQ Surf Club at Flynns Beach - ENCOUNTER HUMAN SHARKS INTERFACE. See Daina Gammon & Ted Giblin for details
- Normal club meeting on 19th transferred to the Saturday night.
- Welcome home **Bob & Valda** from your Qld holiday. If you want to know how to land a hot-air balloon ask Valda & Bob !!!!!!!

Items from tonight's business meeting

Ted Giblin produced some samples of **new club banner designs** for members to look at. We liked the layout that is pictured here and suggested that two club banner be made with similar design & different pictures featuring the activities of Rotary & our club.


A round-table time of sharing about the **club's current program format**. Everyone present said they appreciated the new format of ONE HOUR business meetings interspersed with special vocational visits and feature meeting such as the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry evening in two weeks.

Although there was only 1/3rd of the membership present everyone agreed to keep with this new format & hopefully things will improve attendance - wise and new members will be attracted.

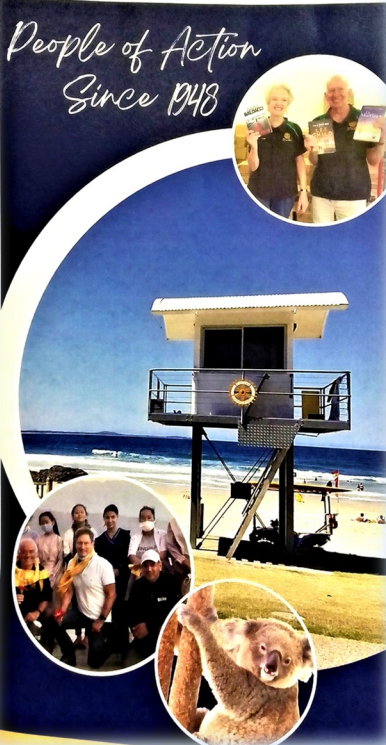
President Debbie shared her vision to invite new members to our club with special interests & passions. For example two of the three new members who will be hopefully inducted into our club are passionate about support for the Homeless. It is hoped that others with similar passions will join Rotary & we as a club can support them in their endeavours.

Dr Ray Hodgson said how he has been immensely supported by Rotary with his passion for women's health in Nepal. The idea of introducing more **stand-out club T-shirts** was discussed.

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Birthdays Sept/Oct 2022

28/09 - Tamara Rumble
01/10 - Diana Gammon
01/10 - Bob Cleland
11/10 - Julie Medway
15/10 - Josie Rutishauser
24/10 - Donna Wearne

Anniversary October 2022

16/10 - David & Heather Mayne