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The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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Diana Gammon

Youth Service Director -

TBC

Membership & Public Image -

PDG David Mayne

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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 Dulhunty 1969-70

Ivan Meldrum 1975-76

Laurie Barber 2006-07

Debbie Loveday 2020-21

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Rotary Park to be Transformed

In 1965 the Rotary Club of Port
Macquarie constructed the
Astronomical Observatory on
the grounds of Rotary Park.

Club members Bill Thomas &
Ted Townsend led this huge
Rotary project which began in
1962. The club working with
Albert York and budding
members of the Astronomical
Association. The observatory
has been a feature in Port
Macquarie for the past 58 years.

Our club guests tonight were
David Edgeley & Emily Cooper
(pictured below right) who
spoke about the exciting
construction of the new
Astronomy & Science
Centre on Rotary Park.
Most of the funds for
construction will come
from a \$4.86m Govt grant.
It will include a new
observatory dome &
telescopes with science
exhibits and education
space. Plus public toilets.
The auditorium will feature
a stretch-ceiling roof. It
will be a major attraction
for Port Macquarie.



ALERT
for your diary
Members, Parents
and Teachers
Rotary Club of
Port Macquarie
SCIENCE NIGHT
at Panthers
Wednesday
8th March 2023
5.30 for 6.00 pm

Speakers
Rymarine Program
Erin Kaczorowski
Natasha Day
Ruby Gallagher
National Youth Science Forum
Tia McGrath
Elliott Wornor
Samuel Reniers

Urgent RSVPs for Science Night

Please reply to Diana Gammon by
Wednesday 1st March. 0428 656 633

Email- dianagammon@hotmail.com

Cost \$30-00 per person

Club bank details - BSB 932-000
a/c 500 186 792 (include your name)

Please pay ASAP & don't miss this great
night.

75 YEARS
Making a
difference.

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

Date	Program	Speaker	Program	Program Chr	Sergeant
March 1st	One hour club meeting at Panthers + bistro	Mark Wilson	Traffic Offenders Prevention Program	Brian Calford	Glenda Barber
March 8th	Dinner Meeting. See advert below		Science Night - six Alumni , students & teachers	Diana Gammon	Kerry Medway
March 15th	One hour club meeting at Panthers with optional bistro		Club Assembly/Service Night	Pres. Debbie Loveday	Neil Porter

Meeting Welcomers - March 1st - Ian Davis; March 8th - Gerald Hayes; March 15th - ??????



Rotary International turns 118 on 23rd February 2023.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY

Club News

Stay in the Know!

Alastair Moss steps down after 36 years in Rotary

After 15 years in the PMQ R/C, Alastair has 'called it a day'! The Club Board has made Alastair an Honorary Member of our club. Here is a little Alastair's story - *I joined the Rotary club of Burwood, Sydney, on 1st December 1986 and over a period of time have held every position in the club with the exception of Treasurer. I was President of Burwood for the 1994/95 Rotary year and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow 17th May 2004. (picture) One of the highlights of my year as President was to organise an all day Rodeo at the Hoxton Park Horseworld to entertain 4000 disabled children. We also provided them with food and drinks at no charge. The expressions on the children's faces was incredible. When Joan and I moved to Port Macquarie in 2007 we visited clubs to decide which one to join I discovered that a member of Burwood was a friend of Jim McClennan so I joined Port Macquarie by transfer on 3rd of October 2007. On several overseas trips I "made up" at clubs in Germany and England and am*



disappointed that it is no longer necessary to make up to retain membership. To me it is a backward step. My time as a member of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie has been an enjoyable and inspiring time and we appreciate the friendship of it's members.



Alastair & Joan cutting Alastair's 90th birthday cake

Her: "babe, can you take me to one of them places where they cook in front of you?"

Me: "say no more baby"



- RSVPs for Science Night by March 1st. See info on page 1.
- **John Meldrum has died.** After a long illness John who has been a stalwart of the Wauchope R/C died. John was the son of PDG Ivan Meldrum a member of our club from 1964-86 & DG in 1975-76. A special celebration of John's life will be on Tuesday 7th March at the Telegraph Point Sports Club at 4pm & will be MC'd by PDG David Mayne.
- Next weeks club bulletin will be done by Pres Debbie Loveday

SOME DATES TO NOTE IN 2023

- **March 24-26th** District 9660 Conference in Tamworth
- **April 15 - 16 or 22-23** PETS
- **April 13-16th** Rotary Giant Book Sale in Panthers
- **April 29 - May 6th** RYLA
- **May 12-13** - BIO Blitz
- * **May 24 - 26** - International Convention in Melbourne

Birthdays March 2023

18/03 - Ted Giblin
31/03 - Helen Crossley

Wedding Anniversaries March 2023

14/03 - Terry & Helen Crossley
17/03 - Frank & Sue Gaukroger