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# The Port Wheel

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## The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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Ray Hodgson

**Vocational Service Director** -

Diana Gammon

**Youth Service Director** -

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**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  
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### Past District Governors

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## Rotary Club of Port Macquarie YOUTH SCIENCE NIGHT 2023



Another inspiring night led by Diana Gammon & Gerald Haynes featuring students our club has sponsored to the NYSF (National Youth Science Forum) & RyMarine from the Hastings Secondary College and Mckillop Catholic College. The two schools our club sponsors in our youth programs. Three young people - Sam

Reniers, Tia McGrath & Elliott Worner (pictured above) spoke on their NYSF experiences in Canberra & Sydney. Ruby Gallagher spoke about her experience with RyMarine at Coffs Harbour. Their talks were inspirational. Thanks to school leaders Mark White and Stewart Smith for their leading of this presentation. (Pictured above)

Physics teacher from the HSC, Tim Gilchrist (pictured above) baffled us with his great Science Quiz. We learnt so much. At the end of a most encouraging evening, student Ruby presented Diana with a bunch of flowers. Thanks teachers & students for a great night.



## Celebrating International Women's Day



Celebrating at an International Women's Day breakfast - Diana Gammon, Debbie Loveday, Glenda Barber & Elizabeth Fielding

**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 15th	One hour Club meeting + bistro meal		Club Assembly/Service Night	Pres Deb Loveday	Neil Porter
March 22nd	One hour Club meeting + bistro meal	Julianne Weatherley	International Meeting - Topic - "Growing Up With Apartheid"	Ray Hodgson	Glenda Barber
March 29th	Vocational Visit		Port High School Campus followed by BBQ	Diana Gammon	

**Meeting Welcomers** - March 15th - Nil; March 22nd - Frank Gaukroger ; March 29th - Nil

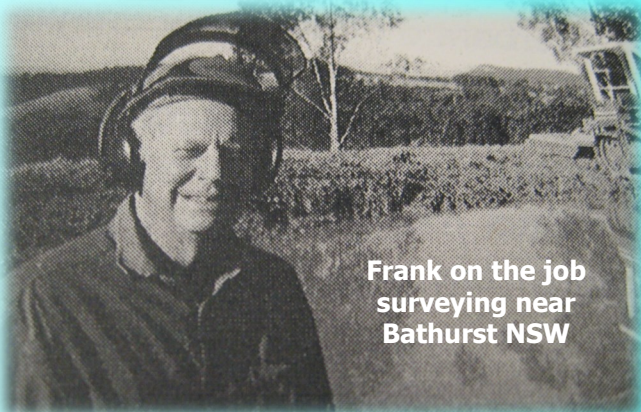
## Frank Urban RIP

This week we lost one of our club stalwarts Frank Urban. Frank had been a member of our R/C for 18 years. (Frank is pictured with his wife Patricia on right) >

Frank & Patricia came to Australia from South Africa in 1981. He was a land surveyor and became the Director of Central Mapping in Bathurst NSW. Frank joined the Bathurst R/C serving for 10 years and was President of this club. He served in Rotary for a total of 28 years.

He had a passion for supporting Meals on Wheels and the Rotary Bowel Scan program. In 2010 he received a Rotary Distinguished Service Award for Community Service.

Frank loved to create and wear some 'crazy hats' for the Rotary Hat Day supporting Rotary Mental Health. (See picture below right).



Frank on the job surveying near Bathurst NSW



< Frank published a book on his surveying adventures. It was a good read.

For the past few years he has supported and cared for his wife Patricia.

Vale - Frank Urban.

Frank's funeral will be at the Innes Gardens Crematorium on Thursday 9th March at 1pm.

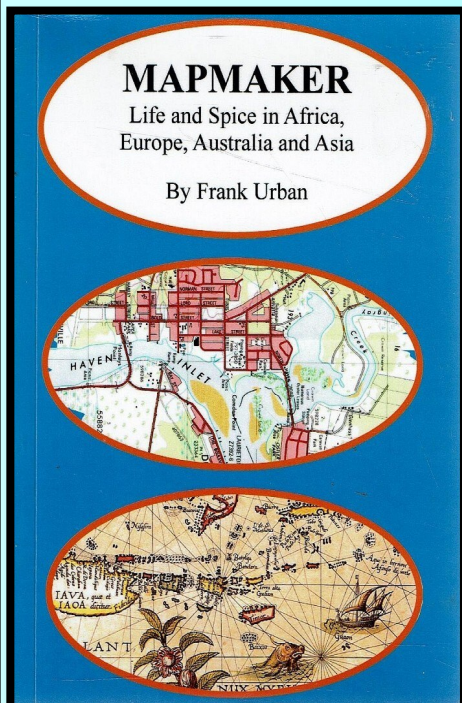
## Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Tonight we had a minutes silence in honour of Frank Urban.
- Tony Moore won the raffle & received a huge basket of goodies. Picture in next weeks bulletin.
- Next week - Club Assembly. Don't miss.
- On March 29th we will be visiting the Hastings Secondary College, Port Macquarie Campus. We need numbers as the students are catering.

### 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 13 - 14** - BIO Blitz
- \* **May 24 - 26** - International Convention in Melbourne



### Birthdays March 2023

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

### Wedding Anniversaries March 2023

17/03 - Frank & Sue Gaukroger