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**The Rotary Club of
Port Macquarie**

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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 Dulhunty 1969-70

Ivan Meldrum 1975-76

Laurie Barber 2006-07

Debbie Loveday 2020-21

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Govt Gives Rotary Lodge \$510,00 Grant

Rotary Lodge is celebrating the news today that the NSW Government will provide almost \$510,000 towards an additional 12 rooms to meet public demand.



MP Leslie Williams with the Rotary Lodge Board

Member for Port Macquarie Leslie Williams has been a strong supporter of Rotary Lodge so we are delighted her advocacy has delivered this outstanding result. The additional 12 rooms will help us meeting growing demand for affordable accommodation from Mid North Coast Cancer Institute patients and their carers, PMBH patients and their families, people from the greater Hastings and Macleay who have medical appointments in Port Macquarie, and rooms for visiting medical and nursing staff.

The NSW Government grant means we can start almost straight away on our expansion project. Stay tuned.

Numbers for School Visit by March 17th

On 29th March we are visiting Port High School. The school is catering for us & needs numbers by this Friday 17th. Cost is \$20-00 p/p.

RSVP to - <https://forms.office.com/r/2rRCGcGvKx>
More details/details in next weeks bulletin

And the vinner is ...
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Tony Moore!!!!

Tony won the fabulous basket of goodies in last weeks raffle

Tony & Angela looked 'delighted'!!!



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 22nd	One hour Club meeting + bistro meal	Julianne Weatherley	Int meet - topic "Growing Up With Apartheid"	Ray Hodgson	Glenda Barber
March 29th	Vocational Visit to School		Port High School Campus followed by BBQ cooked by the students. RSVP on page 1	Diana Gammon	
April 5th	Easter Social Outing @ Westport Club	Easter Message - Kerry	Details to come		

Meeting Welcomers - March 22nd - Frank Gaukroger ; March 29th - Nil; April 5th ??????

A Message from Bob Cleland re club polo shirts



Dear Rotarians

It is important that when we are dealing with members of the public, we identify as members of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie. With our weekly book store opening and our annual Giant Book Sale and the Marine BIOBlitz coming up in the next few months, it is important that we all have similar outfits.

If you do not have a Rotary polo shirt or think it is time to get a new one or a second one, then please call into Uniform Solutions at The Hub, 11 Bellbowrie Street, Port Macquarie and order a size that fits. The shirts may be ordered with or without a pocket.

Note that it is a requirement to display your name when fundraising from the public. Cost: Polo Shirt in Club colours with Rotary Logo \$34.85 Name embroidered on shirt \$4.40 Pocket added \$7-70 Total (Maximum) \$46.95

Please call me if you need more information.

Kind regards ...Bob (Cleland).

Club Assembly

President Deb led us in a time of looking at our club and its activities -

- **ONLY FOUR WEEKS TO THE GIANT BOOK SALE...** Bob reminded us that our biggest event of the year is looming. All members are urged to put your name on the roster. Please step-up.
- **RYLA...** our club has three young people attending the RYLA week starting April 29 - Georgia Hinton (who was unable to attend last year); Nicholas Taylor from the SES; Ciara Poppleton - Early childhood.
- **HOSPITAL IN NEPAL** Dr Ray shared some exciting news. The final quotes have come in for the construction of the hospital. They were expected to exceed \$1.4million. The actual quote is just under \$1million. Great news.
- **ROTARY LODGE GRANT** - Phil Perry gave an update on this exciting news (see page 1 story). Phil answered questions re. the new extensions & the running of Rotary Lodge.
- **CLUB SURVEY** - David Mayne spoke on a survey that will be circulated by Secretary Frank Moxon. Please fill-in the survey & return to David asap.

Club News

Stay in the Know!

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

** Please join us next week for a great International night.*

Birthdays March 2023

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

Wedding Anniversaries March 2023

17/03 - Frank & Sue Gaukroger