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# The Port Wheel

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## The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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PDG David Mayne

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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  
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### Past District Governors

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**This weeks speaker was our very own Deb Tougher. She spoke about the major fundraiser "Hike for the Homeless"**

### THE CHALLENGE - 1st to 6th April 2023

Hike for the Homeless was a remote and spectacular hike through the Warrumbungle

National Park to raise funds for YPSpace MNC and their vital work in the community.

The name 'Warrumbungle' is a Gamilaroi word meaning crooked mountains. Created over millions of years from an extinct shield volcano, the jagged volcanic silhouette of the

Warrumbungles rises sharply from eucalypt-dotted ridges amid surrounding plains. Free from artificial light, the Warrumbungle National Park, is Australia's first Dark Sky Park and on clear nights you will encounter the starriest of skies. This is the backdrop of our exclusive new adventure. including hikes to the summit of Mt Bluff, Mt Exmouth, Lugh's Throne, Beloungery Split Rock and famous Breadknife Gap which offer close up views of the park's iconic rock formations. Six days of trekking summits to generate awareness of the growing



Numbers of Youth Homelessness on the Mid North Coast. Nearly 70km, over 140,000 steps and 70 litres of water later—job well done.

12 brave participants who challenged themselves everyday to complete the challenge. The group supported themselves through the tough times and laughed through the pain. People broke down, some had panic attacks on the high ledges, but friendships were made. **\$38,000** raised. What a fabulous effort! See YPSpace at <https://www.facebook.com/yospacemnc>.

<https://www.yps.org.au/>

### PDG David Mayne at the ANZAC day service and march .Thanks to all the service men and women for your service to this country.

Your bravery, sacrifice, and strength do not go unnoticed, and we will always be indebted to you and your family for all that you have given to the country. I would like to thank you very much for your service! Thank you for your time, bravery, and sacrifice for this country.



**Our new club banner. Thanks very much Meg Hanlon. We will be debuting this at the Marine Bio Blitz 12 -14th May. Watch out for the volunteer roster heading your way this week.**

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Club of Port Macquarie

*Serving the Community Since 1948*

**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
May 3rd	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	Ted Giblin	Bio Blitz Update	Ted Giblin	Neil Porter
May 10th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	Snr Const. Tim Preston	Crime Prevention	Deb Tougher	Kerry Medway
May 17th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal		Club Assembly - Constitution & By-Laws. Update on Survey	David Mayne	Glenda Barber

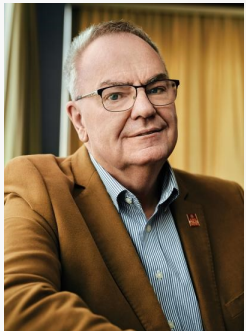
**Meeting Welcomers** - May 10th—Brian Calford

**End of Year Donations**

Calling on all members to make suggestions as to where we donate our funds to this year. If you could send your ideas to me personally and cc the Treasurer Bob Cleland in to the email that would be great.

**World Immunisation Week 24-30 April**

Our work on polio eradication is proof that vaccines save lives. 3 billion children have been vaccinated against polio and the cases of polio have been reduced by 99.9% since 1988. But we know the job is not done until every child is vaccinated, and polio is stopped for good. Polio mainly affects children under 5. There is no cure, but Polio is preventable with a vaccine. Only two countries remain endemic. Rotary has reduced cases by 99.9% since 1988. Until we end Polio every child is at risk.

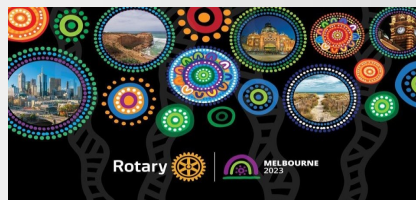


**RI President Elect Gordon McInally—Theme for 2023-2024 Create Hope In the World.**

If you ask Gordon McInally anything about his upcoming year as Rotary International president, he'll immediately stop you. "It's not about my year. It's about one of Rotary's years," he corrects. "I'm a great believer in continuity, and I don't see the years in isolation."



On a blustery October day, McInally (that's pronounced MAK'-ihn-al-ee) sat down with six members of Rotary's communications team to take questions gathered via social media from Rotary members around the world. He has a quick sense of humour and an easy banter that filled the room with laughter as a film crew set up boom mikes, cameras, and lights. In introducing himself as a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Scotland, he quipped about his distinctive speech: "Despite the lack of an accent, I am Scottish, and very proud of that fact." He would like to use the 2023-24 Rotary year — to spotlight mental health, an issue that has touched his family directly and that is all too often kept under wraps. McInally is an ambassador for Bipolar UK, an organization that supports people with the illness as well as their families and caregivers. Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland recently launched a partnership with the organization to bring members' skills to help build a more robust network of support groups around the country. "I'm a big believer in using Rotary members' skills, rather than just their check books," he says. He is a great supporter of RYLA. "I'm a great fan of RYLA [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards]. We have seen very successful RYLAs in our part of the world. If you take a high school student with potential to a RYLA experience, the change that can take place is amazing. Sometimes the quiet, introverted young students who go to a RYLA experience have, by the end of it, found themselves and are blossoming. It's important we send people with potential to the RYLA experience — not the highfliers, because they're going to fly high anyway. It's the people we have the potential to develop." Read more: <https://www.rotary.org/en/you-asked-gordon-mcinally-answered>



*Club News*

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**SOME DATES TO NOTE IN 202**

- **April 29 - May 6th** RYLA
- **May 12 - 13** - BIO Blitz

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**MARINE BIO BLITZ**  
Biodiversity Survey

**12 & 13 MAY**  
Shelly Beach 8am - 5pm

Rotary working for the environment

- **May 24 - 26** - International Convention in Melbourne
- **June 28th** - Club Changeover at Panthers
- Please book early \$40pp

**Birthdays**  
**April/May 2023**

- 29/04 - Debbie Loveday
- 1/5 - David Mayne
- 4/5 - Lyn Slack
- 9/5 - Rod McCormick
- 11/5 - Helen Brown
- 15/5 - Jill Heagney

**Wedding Anniversaries**  
**May 2023**

- 3/5 - Geoff & Lynn Slack