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# The Port Wheel

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## The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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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

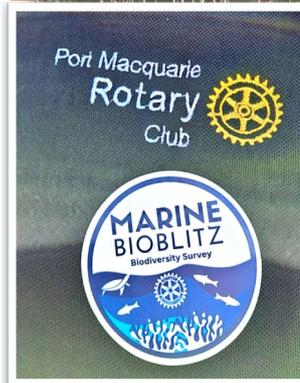
Laurie Barber 2006-07

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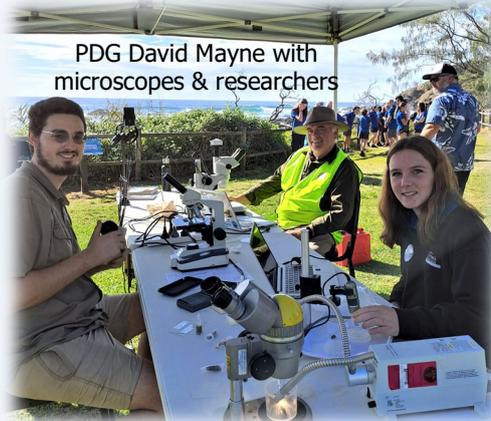
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## Marine Bio Blitzers!



200 students from three High Schools enjoyed the Friday at Bio Blitz. The children from Hastings Secondary College, McKillop Secondary College & The Nature School enjoyed learning from our visiting science experts. They discovered 11 octopuses in the rock pools & many other marine creatures.



PDG David Mayne with  
microscopes & researchers



Lorryl Rumble-Fuller & Diana Gammon &  
Bob Cleland with Head Science teacher  
at Hastings Secondary College



Ted Giblin (pictured left) with a team from the Port Macquarie Rotary Club spearheaded a three-day event that focused on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short time period. It was an opportunity to take a snapshot of the biodiversity of the Shelly Beach, Port Macquarie area. DG Neville Clarke & Patti visited on Saturday and were very impressed at this new venture for the PMQ R/C. Neville wrote it up in this weeks DG Newsletter.

**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 24th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	Yumiko Obi YEP 1977-78	Return of our 2nd YEP 45 yrs	Lorryl Rumble	Niel Porter
May 31st	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal		Hybrid meeting - Youth Alumni - Panel Discussion	Diana Gammon	Kerry Medway
June 7th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal		Don't miss hearing Yumiko at next weeks meeting		Glenda Barber

**Meeting Welcomers -**



< Scientific advisers - James Douch, Nick Lambert, Thomas Mesaglo & Paul Crowcroft with Chantelle Doyle & Ted Giblin & David Mayne at the Bio Blitz weekend. Absent from the photo was Simon Gorta, Pelagic Boat Study.

Special thanks also to Ted Giblin's two sons who acted as overnight security guards for two nights - Dominic & Luke Giblin & their guard dog.

**Tonight's Club Assembly**

President Deb invited members present to express their thought re. our current meetings & suggest any alternatives.

99% agreed to continue to meet on Wednesday evening at Panthers with the optional meal at the bistro downstairs.

It was suggested that once a month we may have a breakfast meet or a lunch meeting for fellowship.

There were many good ideas put forward re. improving our meetings and other suggestions.

A request was made for ALL OUR members to get involved in some way with our major fundraiser the Rotary bookstall & book sorting, etc. This is how we raise funds to support things like bio blitz and youth & other community support programs we want to be part of.

*Club News*

Stay in the Know!

**SOME DATES TO NOTE IN 2023**



President Debbie Love day and President Elect Dr Ray Hodgson of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Invite you to attend our **CHANGEOVER NIGHT DINNER**  
**WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE 6PM FOR 6.30PM \$40pp**  
 Panthers Bay St. Port Macquarie  
 RSVP: pamox@gmail.com Before 20TH JUNE

**Ted's Report -**

Our club can pat ourselves on the back for a job well done. We have successfully completed the Mid-North Coast's first ever Marine Bioblitz.

In the process we have collected between 1000 and 2000 scientific records for Atlas of Living Australia, which can be used for research nationally and internationally. Results and a report, will be available in a few weeks.

We can claim some limited success in our second aim of involving and educating members of our local community in our environment and biodiversity. We involved three local schools and over 200 students and about 50 interested local people in the event.

Thanks are owed to our Rotary Club members, to our small sub-committee and to our visiting scientific advisors.

It is my hope that the club will pick-up the baton and run the event next year. Having learnt a lot from this inaugural program, next year promises to be even better!  
 - Ted Giblin

**Club By-Laws & Constitution**

With so much discussion re our club meetings, we only had a short time to discuss any changes.

President Deb is going to circulate the By-Laws & Constitution to ALL club members for examination & minor adjustments that may be needed for us to continue to function legally.

Please forward your comments to President Debbie ASAP.

**Future Bio Blitzs**

Ted Giblin requested the club to consider holding the Bio Blitz annually? A sub-committee together with the club board will consider this request & the allocation of funds for future B/Bs.

**Birthdays May 2023**

20/5 - Bron Hinwood (Rob Dalla Costa's partner))

**Wedding Anniversaries May2023**