

The Port Wheel

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76 Years
Of ROTARY in Port Macquarie
1948 - 2024

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

P.O. Box 136, Port Macquarie
NSW 2444 Australia

President - Ray Hodgson

President-elect - PDG Debbie Loveday

Vice President - Neil Porter

Secretary - Frank Moxon

Treasurer - Bob Cleland

Club Service Director -

PDG Debbie Loveday

Community Service Director -

Phil Perry

International Service Director -

Ray Hodgson

Vocational Service Director -

David Mayne

Youth Service Director -

Neil Porter

Environment Service Director -

Ted Giblin

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 Dulhanty 1969-70

Ivan Meldrum 1975-76

Laurie Barber 2006-07

Debbie Loveday 2020-21

David Mayne 2021-22

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75th Changeover

Last week President Debbie and her board presented very positive reports for the past year. Despite changes and flu & covid health lockdowns our club has done very well. The sale of books and other fundraisers has seen us being able to contribute over \$56,000 into some worthwhile community projects both locally & overseas. The Dolakha Mothers & Babies Hospital in Nepal, the Hunter Valley Bus Tragedy, Every Daughter Matters on the Nepal/India borders, the PMQ Base Hospital Paediatric Project, the Mid North Coast Cancer Council, Lifeline, Liberty Women's Refuge, are some of 29 exciting projects our club has supported.

We also supported a number of great Youth programs at Hastings Community College & MacKillop Senior College. Plus NYSF & RYLA. With only 29 active members our club's achievements have been miraculous. As well we have stepped into the Saving the Environment with tree planting, Marine Bio Blitz, shark encounters.

Well done to all our members.



Past President Debbie inducting President Ray Hodgson into office



President Ray and members of the new Club Board

President Ray's 2023-24

Vision -

"Strive to become the District's most active humanitarian organisation to improve lives - locally, nationally and globally."



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

RI Theme 2023-24

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

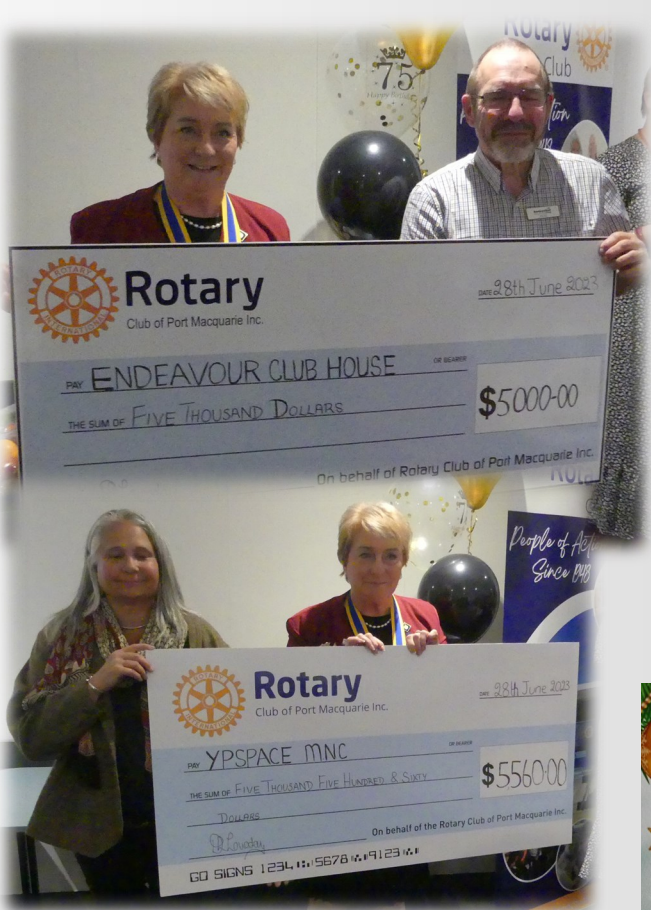
Date	Program	Speaker	Program	Program Chr	Sergeant
July 12th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	Ian Davis	Bushfires of 2020-21		Glenda Barber
July 19th			CHRISTMAS IN JULY @ Westport Club - see details below		Neil Porter
July 26th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal		Public Speaking Competition		Kerry Medway

Meeting Welcomers -

President Debbie presenting Bob Boss-Walker with a cheque for \$5000 to the Endeavour Club House.

Our club has supported this great caring club assisting many locals with mental health issues >

Below right - Deb Tougher receiving a cheque for \$5560-00 for YP Space - assisting the homeless. Deb said that this money will go towards supporting young people, providing food, clothing, access to technology and experiences that are not funded by the government and would otherwise not be available to them. Thankyou Rotary.



Club News

Stay in the Know!

- **Congratulations to Diana Gammon & Ray Hodgson** for receiving a 2nd PHF sapphire pin AND to **Bob Cleland** for receiving a 3rd PHF sapphire pin Well deserved.
- Sadly **Adam Rumble** has resigned. He has been unable to make meetings for some time due to work pressures. Thanks Adam for your contributions, especially to Rotary Park.
- Special thanks to **Valda Sturrock** for taking the Changeover photos.

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie invites you to a

CHRISTMAS in July

WED 19th JULY 2023

2 COURSE MEAL, GAMES, RAFFLE & PRIZES

Westport Club 6pm for 6.30pm \$40 per head

RSVP: dloveday@hdl.com.au by 15 July

Rotary

President Ray's 1st Club Assembly

President Ray stated that it is his dream to see our club grow to 50 members. As we are just 29, this will be a huge challenge. Ray is planning some great programs & community involvement to get outsiders interested in Rotary.

David Mayne on-line outlined some responses to the 10 questions put to the club. Firstly we are to continue with our basic ONE HOUR meetings with optional meal afterwards. We would like to have occasional meetings away from the club...eg our Xmas in July on 19th. Events and projects are envisaged to capture the interest of the wider community. Once every three months we are to focus on a special community project with media promotion. President Ray is planning to have regular special speakers on matters of health. Something we can invite guests to come to. Some environmental projects were put forward for the club to look at - Continue with our Shark Bite evening & a bigger Marine Bio-Blitz going for 3 days, collections of plastic & cans from the beaches, saving the bees, placement of defibrillators in strategic places around town & place Rotary tags on what we do.

Club Attendance tonight was - 12/29 Ian Davis reported that Ted Giblin has been in hospital last week & is not doing well.

Birthdays July 2023

02/07 - Angela Frimberger (Moore)
08/07 - Frank Gaukroger
10/07 - Mavis Wallace
15/07 - Phil Brown
16/07 - Frank Moxon
20/07 - Barbara McMahon

Wedding Anniversaries July 2023

01/07 - Tony & Angela Moore
14/07 - Neil & Sue Porter
27/07 - Lorryl & Glyn Rumble-Fuller