

The Port Wheel

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OF ROTARY in Port Macquarie
1948 - 2024

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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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
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Past District Governors

Roger Dulhunty 1969-70

Ivan Meldrum 1975-76

Laurie Barber 2006-07

Debbie Loveday 2020-21

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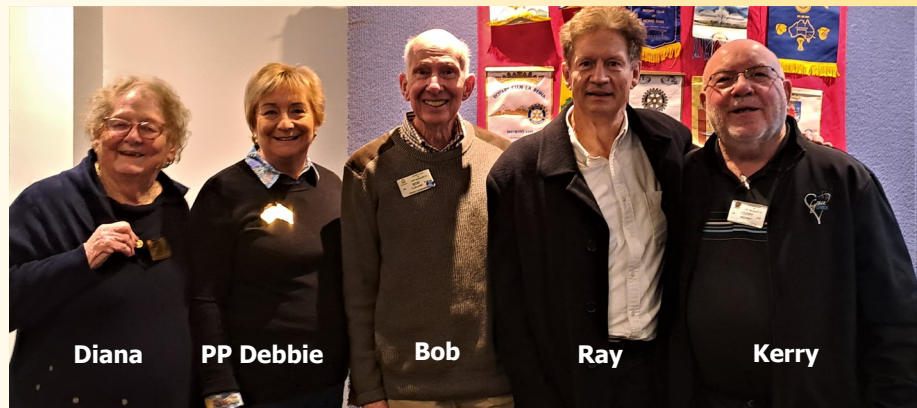
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Four Paul Harris Sapphire Pins



At the recent Changeover Past President Debbie Loveday presented three outstanding Rotarians in our club with Paul Harris Sapphire Pins. Last week, Deb also presented another pin to Kerry Medway. Debbie said that she presented these pins because all four have exceeded in a 'service above self' capacity in Rotary & the community.

Diana Gammon - 2nd Sapphire Pin - Diana (and her late husband Roger) have built a great bridge towards our youth over the past 10 years.. Our club has become an inspiration for many young people in NYSF, RYLA & Youth Exchange, Public Speaking & Poetry Awards.. She has built close connections to our support schools - Hastings Secondary College and Mckillop Senior College.

Bob Cleland - 3rd Sapphire Pin - Bob has been a member of our Club for 20 years and has been on our board as Treasurer or Community Service Director for many of those years. Bob and Valda have developed our Bookshop and he has been one of the main drivers for our Annual Giant Book Sale. He has also been responsible for establishing the Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants program resulting from a donation of \$2million from Dick Smith and supervised over 120 projects for those who had lost hope because they had fallen through the cracks!.

Ray Hodgson - 2nd Sapphire Pin - Ray has been passionately involved in supporting the construction of a Mothers & Babies Hospital in Nepal and has raised over \$1.18 million towards this amazing project. He has brought hope to 100s of women providing surgery and restoring their dignity. He has provided training for doctors & nurses in Nepal. Ray has been our International Director for several years & very supportive of several overseas projects and student activities.

Kerry Medway - 2nd Sapphire Pin - Kerry has been a member of our club for 39 years & is our second longest current member. He has been the Editor of our club's bulletin, The Port Wheel for over nine years (and several years before this) and he and wife Julie are great supporters of our Rotary Book Shop. He has been one of our club Sergeants for many years. He wrote our club's history "Seventy Years of Service Above Self".

WELL DONE FOUR MUSKETEERS!!!!



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 19th	Dinner meeting @ Westport B/C		CHRISTMAS IN JULY @ Westport Club - see details below - RSVP by 15th July		Neil Porter
July 26th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal		Public Speaking Competition Details below	Neil Porter	Kerry Medway
Aug 2nd	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal		??????		Kerry Medway



Meeting Welcomers - Attendance tonight – 10 members (disappointing)

Rotary Park Master Plan to be Adopted by Council

Lorryl Rumble-Fuller has been invited to speak at the Council meeting. There is a proposal from a Resident's Action Group for the removal of some Norfolk Pines from the park AND the removal of the eastern shelter shed. If you have a comment, please let Lorryl know before July 20th.

Astronomical Dome at Rotary Park

The Astronomical Observatory built by our club in the 1960s has now been demolished in readiness for the construction of the new Astronomy Centre. The dome has been transported to Long Flat where it will be re-set-up in a dark zone for continuing to see into space.



Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Pres Ray asked us to note the date of an exciting film release by Rach el Ward "Rachel's Farm" with some great insights into how farming can assist the environment. Majestic Cinemas on Friday 28th July.
- Pres Ray & PDG Deb attended last nights Rotaract meeting along with several other Rotarians for other clubs. Helping the local club to survive.

Ian Davis - Black Fire Bushfires 2019

Club member Ian Davis stepped-up at the last minute to fill-in the speakers slot for this weeks meeting. Ian gave a great presentation with lots of pictures on how he and his family survived the horrendous bushfires in 2019.



Ian subtitled his talk - Resurgence - Renewal - Resilience.

Ian told of his farm down at Holbrook & showed beautiful pics of how the farm looked before and after the fires & the amazing recovery. The bushfire swept through the property in January 2019, destroying most of the farmland & the woolshed. But because of modern farming methods, the farmland made an amazing recovery. We were all inspired by Ian's story & President Ray was pleased that Ian gave some practical examples of how we can maintain & save the environment.

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Save The Date
Club Public Speaking Competition
2023-2024

Date: Wednesday, 26th July 2023
Time: 5.30 for 6.00 pm
Location: Panthers Port Macquarie

Rotary THE FOUR-WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say or do:

- first Is it the TRUTH?
- second Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- third Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- fourth Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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@hdf.com.au by 15 July

Birthdays July 2023	Wedding Anniversaries July 2023
15/07 - Phil Brown	14/07 - Neil & Sue Porter
16/07 - Frank Moxon	27/07 - Lorryl & Glyn Rumble-Fuller
20/07 - Barbara McMahon	
22/07 - Brittani Michelle	
31/07 - David Mayne	