

The Port Wheel

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The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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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

Roger Dulhunty 1969-70

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Rotary Commended as a Platinum Sponsor

A report from PDG Debbie Loveday

At the HEF Mid-Year Sponsors Thank You Night, six members including Neil Porter, Bob Cleland, Diana Gammon, Debbie Loveday, Geoff and Lyn Slack attended the event at the Mercure Hotel on Friday. The evening provided a valuable opportunity for networking among individuals who share a commitment to supporting youth in the community and helping them achieve their aspirations. The event featured speeches from local students who shared their experiences and highlighted the significance of sponsorships during their tertiary studies. The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie was recognized as a Platinum Sponsor, and their ongoing support for Luka Marshall, a medical student at UNE Armidale, was acknowledged through the Laurie Barber Memorial Scholarship. The Rotary Club eagerly anticipates hearing an update from Luka during the upcoming Christmas and New Year break, detailing the progress of his studies and how the sponsorship continues to make a positive impact.

Learning from Horses

Tonight's guest speaker was Jason Gill, President of the PMQ RSL Sub-branch. Jason spoke about a special "Learning from Horses" therapy program for War Veterans. Using about 20 rescue horses at a farm west of Wauchope offers therapy for veterans and other NDIS youth & children. Jason who is a multi theatre war veteran having served in Timor, Afghanistan, Sudan & Israel spoke of how many veterans struggle mentally. This 4-5 week program has greatly blessed many veterans. Our club donated \$1000 which will sponsor two veterans to do the horse therapy program.

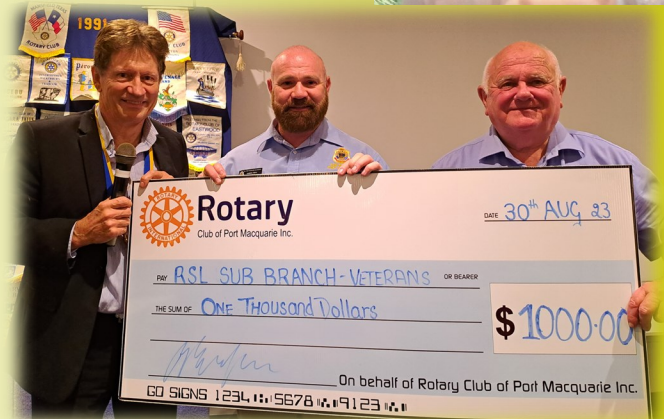
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Luka Marshall



A Laurie Barber Memorial



President Ray Hodgson & Community Director Phil Perry with RSL President Jason Gill receiving a cheque for \$1000 for Veteran's Horse Therapy



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
Sep 6th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	RYLA	Feedback from three RYLA recipients	Diana Gammon	Kerry Medway
Sep 13th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	Rotaractors Kieran & Tamar	Mental Health Ball Update	Ray Hodgson	Glenda Barber
Sep 15th	Friday 15th - Annual Rotary Golf Day - Proceeds towards the local Marine Rescue				

Meeting Welcomers - Attendance tonight -

Homelessness Week

By Rotarian Deb Tougher, Outreach Manager for YPSpace

Homelessness Week is run annually to raise awareness of the impact of homelessness, and the solutions needed to end homelessness. In 2023, Homelessness Week 2023 was held from Monday, August 7 to Sunday, August 13.



Deb Tougher & the YPSpace team at the Homelessness Week stall

The theme for Homelessness Week 2023 was "It's time to end homelessness".

This is one of the busiest weeks of the year for YPSpace. This year we participated in three separate days.

YPS as part of the Kempsey Housing Partnership ran a Community Day on Tuesday 8th August. There was a free BBQ and loads of free giveaways for the community. YPS gave away 100's of men's underwear and lovely winter woolies (all donated to YPS for this reason).

Wednesday 9th August saw us in the Glasshouse Forecourt at the Community Awareness Day organised by the Port Macquarie Hastings Homelessness Collective. We ran the Fill a Tent campaign on the day and received a huge amount of donations of clothes, toiletries, and camping equipment. This was such a huge success that it will become an annual feature.

On Thursday 10 August, we held a special event at "Our Place" for our regular visitors. There was live music, free haircuts, and a delicious free curry lunch as well as the usual things on offer such as free clothes, pantry items, legal support, mental health support, free BBV testing, flu shots, showers, laundry facility, and Centrelink.



Fill-a-tent-campaign

Rotary Supports the Homelessness

At the club changeover at the end of June, our Rotary Club donated a cheque to YPSpace for \$5560-00

Club News

Stay in the Know!



- Sadly, **Pete Coulon** has had to resign from the club due to poor health. We wish Pete every blessing.
- The **2025 Bio-Blitz** weekend at Shelly Beach will be on May 16-17-18. Note the dates.
- Next social will be on Wednesday 20th September at the Blue Whale Restaurant. Please RSVP to Glenda Barber ASAP
- A student our club sponsored in conjunction with Port Macquarie West R/C was the winner for the Public Speaking at Kempsey last weekend. Her name is Aticus Starr.

Birthdays
September 2023

Wedding
Anniversaries
September
2023

14/09 - Lorryl Rumble-Fuller
20/09 - Debra Tougher