

# The Port Wheel

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**Of ROTARY in Port Macquarie**  
1948 - 2024

## The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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PDG Debbie Loveday

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David Mayne

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Neil Porter

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**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 Dulhunty 1969-70

Ivan Meldrum 1975-76

Laurie Barber 2006-07

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## A Huge 'Rotary THANKYOU' to Pete Coulon

After just a short time in our Rotary Club, Peter Coulon has had to resign due to health issues. But Pete has been a Rotarian for 28 years.

Pete joined the R/C of Wauchope in 1995 and served with distinction there for many years. He was President 1998/99 and has served on the club board in almost every position except Treasurer. He was very involved with Youth Exchange sending four students to New Zealand and a couple of students to Japan. He was very much part of the formation of Rotary Lodge with Richard Marraco.

Pete was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow and a Silver Fern for Rotary Health.

He was a foundation member of ROTI (Rotarians on the Internet) and it was made into a Rotary Fellowship.

He was a member of the Port Macquarie Sunrise Club for some years and the E.Club of Next Gen Rotarians before joining the R/C of Port Macquarie.



Pete has been involved in many other Rotary projects and has enjoyed great fellowship and friendship in Rotary over his 28 years, visiting many other Rotary Clubs as a guest. Pete sends best wishes to all his Rotary friends and will continue to keep an interest in Rotary via receiving the club bulletin.

Once again Pete - THANKS.



September 15th

# Charity Golf Day 2023

**\$1,000 IN PRIZES**

**4 Person Ambrose**  
Registration 1.30pm at the Club

PORT MACQUARIE GOLF CLUB  
2 PM HIT OFF SHOTGUN START  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Raising Funds for MARINE RESCUE

ENTRIES TO THE PRO SHOP OR PHIL PERRY 0477 146 985  
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Rotary Club of Port Macquarie



**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 13th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	Rotoractors Keiren & Tamar	Mental health Ball Update	Ray Hodgson	Glenda Barber
Sep 15th	Friday 15th - Annual Rotary Golf Day - Proceeds towards the local Marine Rescue				
Sep 20th	Social Dinner @ Blue Water Bar & Grill..... See advert below.. RSVP to Glenda				

**Meeting Welcomers** - Attendance tonight -

## RYLA Feed-back

Tonight we had two RYLarians sharing about their experience at this years RYLA at Lake Keepit. (RYLA = Rotary Youth Leadership Awards).

Hosted by Diana Gammon our first speaker was the Unit Commander of the local SES Michael Ward who sponsored Nicholas Taylor. After six years as leader of the local SES, Michael is about to step down and a new Unit Commander is to be appointed.

Both Georgia & Nicholas found their week at RYLA a life-changing experience.

Georgia (who is a Disability Support leader & Airforce Cadet leader) hated the first three days until the information clicked. One take-away "you need to keep your head and mind active to achieve". Nicholas who works at ESP Fire Protection & is a volunteer SES worker spoke of how his confidence grew and he learned to be himself and not comparing himself to others. Georgia had a huge breakthrough in her confidence, learning how to handle conflict which has been invaluable at her work. Both Georgia & Nicholas have indicated an interest in joining Rotary.



RYLarians Georgia Hinton & Nicholas Taylor with Diana Gammon



with us week at

## Club News

Stay in the Know!

RYLA Chair PDG David Mayne was listening in on-line thanks to wife Heather being at our meeting.

Bulletin Ed Kerry Medway will be away for next 3 weeks. Assist Editor PDG Deb Loveday is hoping to get a number of our bulletins out over the next couple of weeks, but will also be away at the end of the month. Club Secretary Frank Moxon is having a knee reconstruction tomorrow & will be out of action for a few weeks. Blessings Frank.

### Birthdays September 2023

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

### Wedding Anniversaries September 2023

## Info from Diana Gammon on a new Software Program introduced by club alumni Rachel Alger



Rachel spoke to our club via zoom a while back and presented an impressive PowerPoint and offered an online design program called CANVA which she used. This was being offered for free for first time users. Diana is taking up this offer.

Rachel can pursue a CANVA A/c for non-profit organisations which gives access to all the features that a paid a/c has. If Rotary is eligible (& she assumes it is) Is anyone interested???? Contact Diana.