

# The Port Wheel

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1948 - 2024

## The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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PDG Debbie Loveday

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Phil Perry

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Ray Hodgson

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David Mayne

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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**

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## Merry Christmas & a Prosperous New Year

*A message from President Ray Hodgson*

*Fellow Rotarians, As we approach this festive season, I'm delighted to say we're ending this year on a high note. I'm thrilled to announce that over these last months we've welcomed a number of new members into our Rotary family, and several more are set to join us early next year. This growth in membership is a testament to the vibrant and supportive community we've built - a community committed to making a positive impact both locally and globally.*

*As President, I couldn't be prouder of the spirit of camaraderie within our club and the efforts we've all put in to make a real difference in our world.*

*I want to express my gratitude to Bob, Valda, and the entire book team for their tireless efforts again this year. The success of our book sales has been nothing short of amazing. Once again these sales have been the powerhouse in financing our life-changing local and international ventures.*

*On behalf of myself and Helen, I extend my warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May the New Year bring us even more enthusiasm and drive to spread the joy of service to the lives of the less fortunate.*

*Thank you all, and let us continue to Create Hope in the World in all that we do.*

*Ray Hodgson - President -  
Rotary Club of Port Macquarie*

### Xmas presents for those orphaned in Garden Village >>>

President Ray & PDG Debbie presenting gifts to the rep from Garden Village Joanna McNamara



**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
Jan 24th			First gathering in 2024 - BBQ Party @ Shelley Beach on January 24th @ 5-30pm		y
Jan 31st			First official Rotary meeting back at Panthers in 2024 Present will be FOUR doctors from Nepal who will be working in the new hospital.		

**Update - PDG Debbie Loveday  
Hope for Young Mother's Project** – partnering with the Rotary Club of Kampala Kawempe in Uganda, our contact, PP Nsamba Henry RAWCS Project No. 11 of 2023-24

The club has received notification that we have been successful in gaining a District Grant for \$4450. This together with monies gained during PP Frank Moxon's year and other fundraising will be transferred to our RAWCS project account.

The aim of this project is to partner with the local Rotary Club and Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT) to train the ladies to improve their employability capacity and life skills.

The local Uganda DG is very excited about this project and will be following it closely. He has asked to be involved on the start day. This is something close to his heart as he was raised by a single mum.



# Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Cluster BBQ @ McInernany Park on Tuesday 16th January..
- January 24th - Club Shelly Beach BBQ
- January 31st - 2024 return to Rotary (or on Monday 29th!!)

**Rotary Club of Port Macquarie**  
Shelly Beach Sundowner  
**BBQ PARTY**  
BRING A CHAIR AND A PLATE TO SHARE!  
Shelly Beach, Port Macquarie,  
Your hosts Debbie and Phil  
Meat supplied  
BYO Drinks  
Bring salads, vegetables and deserts  
R.S.V.P. [dloveday@hdl.com.au](mailto:dloveday@hdl.com.au)

Rotary Christmas Party at Cascades at Garden Village



Tonight 26 members & their partners enjoyed a scrumptious Christmas Dinner at Cascades at Garden Village. Was lovely to see Hazel Haynes with us tonight (see right) who lost her husband Gerald this year & also Mavis Wallace who lost her partner Peter also. Members brought along a gift for an orphan resident in Garden Village who is not expected any visitors or gifts this Christmas.



**Birthdays  
Dec '23 & Jan '24**

- 26/12 - Phil Perry
- 27/12 - Donna Nancarrow
- 28/12 - Kerry Medway
- 29/12 - Georgia Hinton
- 23/01 - Neil Porter
- 31/01 - Narelle Moxon

**Wedding  
Anniversaries  
Dec '23 & Jan '24**

- 15/01 - Darryl & Barbara McMahon