

# The Port Wheel

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## The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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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

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## Australia Day - Citizen of the Year Awards - Group of the Year 2024



Contributed by  
Rotarian Deb Tougher  
(pictured 2nd from right at awards)

"Our Place" (The Homeless Hub) is run by a collective of local services (including YP Space) that provide support for people in our community experiencing homelessness and hardship. We provide free breakfast, lunch, pantry items, clothing, health checks,

showers, laundry facilities and much more.

"Our Place" won the Community Group of the Year at the recent Citizen of the Year Awards at the Glasshouse on 26th January. The photo shows some of the core staff members with members of Council and Mayor Pita Pinson. The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie donations that cannot be used by Young People are donated to "Our Place" to give to participants. In the past we have received items such as winter coats, cots, baby items. All donations were warmly received and appreciated.

Well done - Deb & team.

## Nepal Doctor's Visit

Following the visit to our club last week of three Nepali doctors from Dhulikhel Hospital who are supporting Dr Ray's construction of a Mother's & Babies Hospital in Dolakha, we received this note from Dr Aujana's husband,

*Dear Kerry,*

*Thanks for sharing the pictures. I loved that.*

*We are very encouraged to have such an august gathering and this has taken us to the next level of thoughts for our collaboration between Australia and Nepal and our mutual development.*

*Best regards*

*Rajendra*

Pictured - above right - Dr Aujana & Rajendra Singh at Jenolan Caves, on tour with PDG David Mayne.



**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
Feb. 14th	One hour meet at Panthers		Joanna McNamara & Kate Ford Chivers Garden Village	Glenda Barber	Neil Porter
Feb 21st	One hour meet at Panthers followed by optional Bistro tea	Ian Davis	Royal Flying Doctor Service	Ray Hodgson	Kerry Medway
Feb 28th	One hour meet at Panthers with optional bistro meal	Alison Harman	Audiology Partner with Specsavers PMQ - "Ear! Ear!"	Brian Calford	Glenda Barber

**Imagine a School with 350 students AND numbers of teachers with ONLY two working toilets!**



Last year our club heard of this dilemma & began a project with the R/C of Dhulikhel to provide urgent funding for toilets at the Shree Rastriya Adharbhut School in Janakpurdham in Nepal.

We are thrilled to advise that a RAWCS grant of \$6000 was approved on 5th December '24 and construction and and repair of the toilets has commenced.

To watch - go to - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=1i963RF8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1i963RF8)

Thankyou DEBBIE'S DUNNIES... what a blessing to so many!

Thankyou David & Heather

PDG David & Heather Mayne, hosted our Nepali visiting doctors, collecting them from the airport & taking them to Canberra & Bathurst. President Ray Hodgson greatly appreciated all they did.

Monday or Wednesday??

President Ray reported that the survey has been largely in support of our meetings on Monday nights from April 8th, for 3 months.

Bunnings BBQ Success

Phil Perry reported the success of the Rotary BBQ at Bunnings on Saturday 27th January. The club cleared \$1500. Well done Phil & team.

Grants to CSU Students

Bob Cleland reported that our club has sponsored two paramedic students at CSU for \$500 each. The students are required to do a month's placement somewhere & the cost for them is distressing trying to pay rent, etc. Our club has two more sponsors to allocate when the University advise eligible students.

**R/C of Port Macquarie Environmental Program for 2024**

- Tree planting @ Dunbogan Sunday 21st April & more tree planting in other spots.
- BIO Blitz @ Shelly Beach May 16-18th.
- Bee Hive Installation - Date TBC

*Club News*

Stay in the Know!

- This was posted on Ted Giblin's Facebook page this week - *This is Robbie Gibling using Ted's phone to inform far flung family and friends, that Ted Gibling is terminally ill in Port Macquarie NSW. I am sorry that we wont be able to respond to comments just now. Thank you and all best wishes. Love, Robbie*
- Our love & prayers go out to Ted & Robbie & family in this very difficult time.
- Book Sale meeting
- Bob Cleland asked that ALL members attending a special meeting to plan for the upcoming Giant Rotary Book sale on April 4th - 7th, 2024. The meeting is at 3pm on Tues 13th @ the Rotary Hall.
  - *Please attend.*
- Science Night on March 6th.
- A special dinner night at Panthers when students will be in attendance.. Diana is keen for all members to register their RSVPs for this amazing night.



**BIO Blitz at Shelly Beach with Dr Ted Gibling in 2023**

**Birthdays February '24**

11/02 - Bett Calford

**Wedding Anniversaries February '24**

10/02 - Kerry & Julie Medway  
14/02 - Craig & Donna Wearne  
21/02 - Ted & Robyn Gibling