

The Port Wheel

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YEARS
OF ROTARY in Port Macquarie
1948 - 2024

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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David Mayne

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Neil Porter

Environment Service Director -

Ted Giblin

Membership & Public Image -

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Rotary Foundation -

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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
a/c 500 186 792

Past District Governors

Roger Dulhunty 1969-70

Ivan Meldrum 1975-76

Laurie Barber 2006-07

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Dr Ted, a Twitcher & a Great Rotarian

Sadly on Friday 9th February, Dr Ted Giblin died.

Ted had a great love for his wife & family & also loved bird watching. For us Ted was a great Rotarian for 33 years.

He first joined the R/C of Darwin North 1983-2001 & then joined the Letchworth Garden R/C in the UK from 2001-2004. On his arrival in Port Macquarie, Ted joined the Port Macquarie R/C in 2011 where he served with distinction until his death on the 9th February 2024.

Ted was President of the Darwin North R/C in 1993. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1994.

At the PMQ R/C he was President in 2013/14 & was on the District Rotary Committee for Australian Rotary Health.

Ted instigated the Rotary Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year Award, which ran for several years & saw some outstanding Life Savers, SES (State Emergency Service) & RFS (Rural Fire Service) volunteers

being honoured. He introduced a Rotary Passport for Rotarians travelling overseas & was also a driving force in the weekly International Toast which was proclaimed at each Rotary meeting & a card sent to the club overseas. We received some lovely replies from R/Cs around the world.

Ted was one of the driving forces for the BIO BLITZ event at Shelley Beach last year which saw the recording of environmental impacts on the beach & surrounding rain forest.

Ted is survived by his wife Robbie & five children.

Ted's funeral service will be @ 10am on Tuesday 20th February @ Innes Gardens, Philip Charley Drive.



Dr Ted, organising Rotary's BIO-BLITZ in May 2023.



Dr Ted with wife Robbie on his induction into Port Macquarie Rotary Club on July 20th, 2011. Club President Glenda Barber & Ted's sponsor Lorryl Rumble-Fuller are on the left of the photo.



Dr Ted, with fellow twitchers - bird watching.

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. 21st	One hour meet at Panthers	Ian Davis	Royal Flying Doctor Service	Ray Hodgson	Kerry Medway
Feb 21st	One hour meet at Panthers followed by optional Bistro tea	Alison Harman	Audiology Partner with Specsavers PMQ "Ear! Ear!"	Brian Claford	Glenda Barber
Feb 28th	Dinner Meeting @ Panthers RSVPs needed		SCIENCE NIGHT with staff & students from Hastings Secondary College	Diana Gammon	Neil Porter




Club News



INVITATION

Science Night
 Dinner Meeting 5.30 for 6.00 pm
 Wednesday 6th March 2024
 At Panthers Club
 RSVP dloveday@hdl.com.au no later than 28th February
 Price \$35pp
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 Club Bank Details BSB 932 000
 A/C 500 186 792 Please mention surname
 Or pay at entry




Club Sergeant (& GV Board Member) Neil Porter with Joanne McNamara & Kate Ford Chivers.

- Tonight Sgnt Neil began our meeting with a Minute's Silence in memory of Dr Ted Giblin.
- President Ray spoke a little about Ted's life in Rotary. Something I didn't know about was that Ted was instrumental in starting the R/C of Deli in Timor Lesta while he was in Darwin.

GARDEN VILLAGE OPEN DAY

10am - 2pm Saturday 16th March

Come & see what a great retirement-living village we have.

Tonight's guest speakers were Joanna McNamara the Marketing Manager & Kate Ford Chivers the new Retirement Living Manager at Port Macquarie's Garden Retirement Village.

The girls gave an interesting presentation re. the introduction for seniors of DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION a program that they are hoping to introduce for GV residents to take them on virtual reality trips to Africa, & around the world. They have raised \$5000 towards the \$10,000 costs for the devices. We saw excited seniors watching via the virtual screens. One man even speaking to the animals in his native African!

Garden Village has 234 residential units - 52 in Cascades, 35 in Banksia & 147 in Classic. People are urged to consider the lifestyle of GV so as to prepare for their end-of-life living & providing support for their partners.

<p>Birthdays February '24</p>	<p>Wedding Anniversaries February '24</p> <p>14/02 - Craig & Donna Wearne 21/02 - Ted & Robyn Giblin</p>
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