

The Port Wheel

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1948 - 2024

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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Membership & Public Image -

PDG David Mayne

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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

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Laurie Barber 2006-07

Debbie Loveday 2020-21

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Hope for Young Mothers in Uganda

Our club was successful in obtaining a District Grant of \$4250 (plus \$2000 sent directly from our club funds) to support a Rotary Project via RAWCs with the R/C of Kampala Kawempe, Uganda in partnership with community leadership to empower young mothers in the slums of Kawempe aiming to improve the employability & life skills & resettlement of young mothers.

Working with Rotary PP Henry Nsamba said this project will utilise Industrial Training & materials & provide computers, sewing machines & vocational training in hair braiding, cookery, computer skills & production of reusable pads.

This project is to empower young mothers to rise above the despair of their hopeless circumstances & make something of their lives for themselves & their young babies/children.



Thankyou Russell Holland

We were saddened to here that in January a former member of our club - Russell Holland died. Russell had moved to Qld to be close to family. We are not sure of the circumstances of his death nor funeral.



Russel working on the Tanna Hospital in Vanuatu

Russell was a member of our club in 2011-12 & 2013-17. He worked tirelessly alongside now Honorary Member Ray White in constructing our Rotary Community Centre extensions which now houses our Rotary Bookshop.

Russell also travelled with Ray to the island of Tanna in Vanuatu & assisted in the rebuilding of schools and the local hospital working on various RAWCs projects.

Ray White (reporting from a holiday in Perth) said that Russell was a hard worker & quiet achiever & did much to enhance the cause of Rotary.

He was a great man to turn for advise in our many building projects both here and on Tanna.

Russell did not like attending Rotary dinner meetings, he was a 'hands-on Rotarian'. We remember him with thanks.



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.

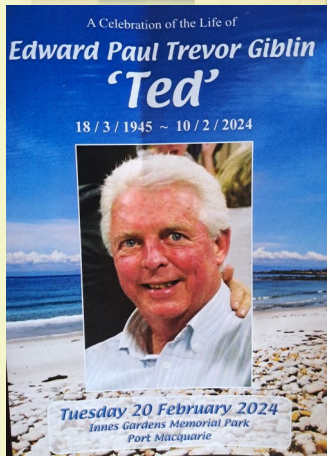
Date	Program	Speaker	Program	Program Chr	Sergeant
Feb. 28th	One hour meet at Panthers	Alison Harman	Audiology Partner with Specsavers PMQ "Ear! Ear!"	Brian Calford	Glenda Barber
Mar. 5th	Dinner Meeting @ Panthers RSVPs needed		SCIENCE NIGHT with staff & students from Hastings Secondary College	Diana Gammon	Neil Porter
Mar. 12th	ZOOM	Dr Nischal Pandey	From Delhi, India - Paediatric Heart Surgery & the Rotary Foundation	Debbie Lovedayn	Kerry Medway

The Rotary Songsters at our Club's 70th performing on stage at Panthers



Ted Giblin

Terry Crossley, David Meidling & Neil Porter



Several of our club members attended Dr Ted's funeral yesterday, dressed in our Rotary club shirts.

Sadly, today (14th) would have been Ted & Robbie's 55th Wedding Anniversary

Ian's Flying Doctors

Ian Davis gave a very interesting talk on the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Australia.

Ian was an accountant for the RFDS based at Broken Hill & has a long-time interest in this remarkable service to the outback of Australia.

The RFDS has currently 79 planes & a budget of \$80M per year of which 35% is raised by the general public. Last year it flew 45M kilometres in more than 29,000 GP clinics & 4200 hospital to hospital transfers & 68,000 medical communications to people living in isolation.

In NSW the main base is at Dubbo, the geographical centre of the state. Ian encouraged us to make an effort to visit the spectacular RFDS Base at Dubbo, it is amazing!

Thanks Ian.



Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Tomorrow (Feb 22nd) is Rotary's 119th Anniversary
- Deb Tougher presented our club with a Certificate of Appreciation for our support of the Homeless Picture in future bulletin.
- Bob Cleland gave a report on the recent meeting for planning the GIANT BOOK SALE at Panthers April 4 - 7th, 2024
- A new innovation is that we are intending to ask visitors to the book sale for a gold coin donation.

INVITATION

Science Night

Dinner Meeting 5.30 for 6.00 pm

Wednesday 6th March 2024

At Panthers Club

RSVP dloveday@hdi.com.au no later than 28th February

Price \$35pp

Raffle

Club Bank Details BSB 932 000

A/C 500 186 792 Please mention surname

Or pay at entry



Birthdays Feb/March '24

nil

Wedding Anniversaries Feb/March '24

- 13/03 - Phil & Helen Brown
- 14/03 - Terry & Helen Crossley
- 17/03 - Frank & Sue Gaukroger