

# The Port Wheel

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**76**  
YEARS  
**Of ROTARY in Port Macquarie**  
1948 - 2024

## The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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**Youth Service Director** -

Neil Porter

**Environment Service Director** -

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**Membership & Public Image** -

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**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

Roger Dulhunty 1969-70

Ivan Meldrum 1975-76

Laurie Barber 2006-07

Debbie Loveday 2020-21

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## Henry Nsamba - Uganda via Zoom

PP Rotarian Henry gave an inspiring & challenging presentation of the work our club has supported on HOPE FOR YOUNG MOTHERS.



Kampala Kawempe is a town of 262,000 people. The town is mostly slums & devastating poor living conditions. 82% of the population are young mothers, there is 68% unemployment & prostitution is rampant on the streets.

PP Henry & the R/C of Kampala Kawempe have created a positive program of assisting young mothers in training them in life & practical skills such as sewing/tailoring, making reusable sanitary pads, liquid soap, etc. They have the capacity for 100 women in the classes. Some have to drop out, but there is a long list of other women waiting to grasp a chance for their future. Because many of these young women have worked as prostitutes there are many moral & health issues for them to overcome.

Rotarians hold a weekly breakfast for Mothers to Mothers where a Rotarian speaks to the women about life matters. Other Rotarians & members of the community from the church & council also assist.

Our club & a District Grant gave an initial grant of \$5000. It is envisaged we will contribute again to this successful project ably run by Henry & Ugandan Rotarians.



Henry with the District Governor DG Kakumbo Edward at the Graduation of Young Mothers after 4 months of training.



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Ten sewing machines donated by the Ugandan Rotary DG. Plus 10 more for future students



**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 Chr	Sergeant
	Sunday 21st April Tree Planting @ 9am @ Longworth Rd, Dunbogan - RSVP to Debbie Loveday if coming.			
Apr 22nd	One hour meet at Panthers followed by bistro tea	Dustin Welbourne Welbourne	<b>Program</b> Dustin is co-author of Invasive Species. Plants & animals that have invaded Oz	Neil Porter
Apr 29th	April 27th - PETS Assembly at CSU (Charles Sturt University) for ALL incoming club board members			
	Social Dinner possibly at Settlers Inn - tbc			



## Rotary Koala Tree Planting

Sunday 21st April at 9am at Dunbogan

Rotary Tree planting at Dunbogan in 2022

A report from Diana Gammon

*“The R/C of PMQ is approaching its second year of significant environmental projects since placing a special Environmental Service Director within the Board of Directors. The First BioBlitz program was held in May 2023. The Second BioBlitz program will be held at Shelley Beach on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. Preparation is well under way.*

*The first Dunbogan tree planting was to assist the Rotary Young Leaders’ first project in 2022. The next Rotary tree planting of koala seedlings at Dunbogan is on Sunday morning 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2024. The seedlings have been under attack by swamp wallabies and need some star pickets for protection. This operation will probably take only a couple of hours as the seedlings are small.*

Time:.....9.00a.m  
 Date: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024  
 Short briefing.....Andy McCoubrie  
 Address:.....Longworth Road, Dunbogan

*With some Rotary planters on hand and a few friends we should be finished around 11.00 depending on numbers planting the 50 small seedlings and protection (star pickets). Andy and Nette have invited us to retire to what is known as “The Shed” a little further along the road where they will supply a tea and coffee. The Koala Hospital is giving Rotary 100 free seedlings as a contribution but those will arrive in May. (We have not offered to plant them!!!!.)*

*As background, the range of the Dunbogan Koalas is restricted by the ocean, the Camden Haven River, and a lack of habitat to the south. This has geographically isolated the colony on the peninsula and consequently it has developed its own unique blueprint.*

*Please let Secretary Debbie know if you are coming. Hope to see you there, don't forget your hat and water.“*

## Club News

Stay in the Know!

### Bookshop Bonanza Continues

Following our record sales at the Giant Book Sale a week ago (\$27,300-00) it was expected our Rotary Bookshop would be quiet this last weekend and it was.

However we still sold over \$1000 worth of books (\$630 on Saturday & \$374 on Sunday). As well Valda has sold almost \$1000 worth of rare or collectors books on E-Bay.

So another \$2000 we can use to bless our community.

Well done Valda & Bob & all who helped with the book sales.

### BBQ for the Homeless

Tomorrow Phil Perry has a team working with the R/C of PMQ West cooking 300 sausages each. See Phil if you can assist at the last minute.

#### **Birthdays** **April/May '24**

24/04 - Ian Davis  
 29/04 - Debbie Loveday  
 01/05 - David Mayne  
 04/05 - Lynn Slack  
 09/05 - Rod McCormick  
 11/05 - Helen Brown

#### **Wedding** **Anniversaries** **April/May '24**

03/05 - Geoff & Lynn Slack  
 30/05 - Ross & Donna Nancarrow