

# The Port Wheel

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**76**  
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**OF ROTARY in Port Macquarie**  
1948 - 2024

## The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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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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## Happy Birthday Debbie Loveday

Last week we celebrated PDG Deb's birthday at the Settlers Inn at a Social Evening.

A lovely casual & informal evening with us all enjoying the \$15-00 max for all meals on the menu for a Monday night.

The Moxons had their two daughters join us.

Was also great to see Honorary Member Ray White fellowship with us. Diana Gammon had as her guests her daughter & son-in-law. Also wonderful to see Andrew & Georgia Hinton just back from a week in Bali.



**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	Area Manager Busways. Mark will be speaking about the New Boarding Assisted Challenge being trialled in PMQ	Program Chr	Sergeant
May 13th	One hour meet at Panthers followed by bistro	Mark Lawrence		Bob Cleland	Glenda Barber
May 20th	One hour meet at Panthers followed by optional bistro tea	Club Service Evening	Updates from Bob (books), Debbie & Diana (Bio-Blitz) Bookshop report. International projects updates	Bob, Debbie & Phil	Neil Porter
May 27th	One hour meet at Panthers followed by optional bistro tea	Betty Kitchener OAM	District Chair—Australian Rotary Health	Glenda Barber	Kerry Medway

## Brittani's Nepal Chickens



Tonight's guest speaker was our own club member Brittani Michelle who shared with us about her Chicken Project in Nepal.

Brittani shared that in 2018 she travelled to Nepal to teach some English at Dhulikhel Primary School. While she was there she visited a school located in Chulthada village. She noticed there were not many children attending the school. She found out that this was due to poverty within the village as the children were having to work at markets and bus stops to provide income to their families.

Upon her return, Brittani funded a 'lunch-time' project for the children where if they attended school they would be fed a nutritious meal. This project lasted 12 months whilst Brittani developed a sustainable solution which became the Chulthedada Chicken Project.

Travelling back to Nepal in 2019 Brittani established this chicken project. Over 2000 chickens, plus coops, water buckets and feed were delivered to the villagers. They also were asked to attend an educational workshop about chicken farming. The goal for the chicken farming was to breed chickens to lay eggs that could be sold locally at market for income. When the chickens started reproducing they could also be sold for meat. The eggs were sold and eaten within the families and the chickens continued to breed.

The overall goal for this project was to release some of the financial pressure within the village, through boosting their economy so the children were able to attend school and be educated. School attendance rose to over 80% within 6 months of the program being implemented.

Fast forward 5 years to 2024 and the chickens are still breeding and the project is still active. Many of the children who were attending school are now in college and the next generation of children are benefiting from the Chulthedada Chicken Project.

*Well done Brittani.*

*What one Rotarian can do to make a huge difference for others.*



## Club News

*Stay in the Know!*

BOOK SHOP continues to raise revenue for our club - Sat. \$1141.

BIO BLITZ is on May 16-17. Possibly 200 + schoolchildren to participate.

Two of our club members are currently overseas - Rob Dalla Costa & Ross Nancarrow & Frank Gaukroger is on his fishing spree in Queensland

- May 19th - Incoming 2024-25 Club Board meeting at Rotary Lodge
- June 2nd - Tree Planting @ Dunbogan



- July 5th (Friday evening) Club Changeover @ Panthers

### Birthdays May '24

09/05 - Rod McCormick  
11/05 - Helen Brown  
20/05 - Bron Hinwood - Rob Dalla Costa's partner

### Wedding Anniversaries May '24

30/05 - Ross & Donna Nancarrow