

The Port Wheel

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YEARS
Of ROTARY in Port Macquarie
1948 - 2024

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

P.O. Box 136, Port Macquarie
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President - Ray Hodgson

President-elect - PDG Debbie Loveday

Vice President - Neil Porter

Secretary - Neil Porter

Treasurer - Bob Cleland

Club Service Director -

Community Service Director - Phil Perry

International Service Director - Ray Hodgson

Vocational Service Director -

Youth Service Director - Neil Porter

Environment Service Director -

Membership & Public Image -

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
David Mayne 2021-22

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Uncle Bill sharing "Welcome to Country" with R/C President Ray Hodgson & children from McKillop College & the Nature School at Shelley Beach



Rotarians - Diana Gammon, Neil Porter & Brian Calford on duty.



The late Dr Ted Giblin's daughter Alexi & wife Robbie with Nature School Head Catherine Shaw

A REPORT BY BOB CLELAND

The Ted Giblin BioBlitz 2024 got off to a great start with a Welcome to Country from Uncle Bill and an opening address from President Ray. Led by a team of experienced scientists from Sydney, Melbourne and Port Macquarie the budding young scientists were led through the rock pools, the beach front, the Shark Awareness exhibit and the Microscope laboratory in small groups.

All sightings of marine life were recorded on an 'i Naturalist' App to be used for future research. The unique ecosystems in this area provided a rich variety of living organisms. Over the 2 days, some 150 schoolchildren were privileged to learn firsthand much about their local environment whilst helping to provide sought-after data for environmental research. The schools were delighted with the educational experience this event provided. We were blessed with perfect weather. Considering what the weather has been like lately, we can only assume that Dr Ted's guiding hand was at work.

The media took a great interest, with Cameron Marshall from the ABC and Samantha Crowe from Prime 7 recording many interviews and giving it some valuable airtime. Thank you to Ian Davis, Debbie Loveday, Bob Cleland Diana Gammon and Phil Perry for all the planning that went into this event and to the many others who helped to make sure it all ran smoothly. Thanks to all Rotarians who assisted over the two days.

We were pleased to have great support from Port Macquarie Hastings Council.



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
May 27th	One hour meet at Panthers followed by bistro	Betty Kitchener OAM	District Chair - Australian Rotary Health	Glenda Barber	Kerry Medway
June 3rd	One hour meet at Panthers followed by optional bistro tea	Mark Lawrence	Area Manager Busways. Mark will be speaking on the new Boarding App being trailed	Bob Cleland	Glenda Barber
June 10th	One hour meet at Panthers followed by optional bistro tea	????	????		



Lyn Bowen our 1st female President 2004-05

Women In Rotary

On May 4th 1989 women were first admitted into Rotary

It wasn't until 10th December 1998 that our club inducted its first two women into Rotary - Anna Duncombe & Lyn Bowen.

Lyn went on to become our club's first female President in 2004-05.

Sadly the introduction of women into our club was not without controversy. Several members objected to their 'men's only club' being invaded by women! President Ian Coleman (1998-99) led us through some stirring debates. When the final vote was taken some members left our club & went to the all-male (at the time) Westport R/C. Another member was so disgusted with the reaction to women in Rotary that he too resigned from Rotary all-together!

Over the past 26 years we have had some amazing women members in our club throwing themselves into 'service above self'. Leading us through some challenging times. We would not be the Rotary Club we are today without the active membership of so many of our gallant women both past & present.

Some of wonderful current female members -



Mavis Wallace 12 years



Diana Gammon 10 years



Gai Nixon 10 years



PP Lorryl Rumble-Fuller 22 years



PDG Debbie Loveday 14 years



Deb Tougher 2 years



PP Glenda Barber 17 years



Valda Sturrock Honorary Member & Bookshop Mgr

Plus new members -
 - Georgia Hinton
 - Brittani Michelle
 - Helen Michelmore

Club News

Stay in the Know!

- June 2nd - Tree Planting @ Dunbogan
- July 5th (Friday evening) Club Changeover @ Panthers
- Glenda Barber another of our amazing women members has recently become a great grandmother for the 3rd time. The new baby girl is called Grace Laurien (named after Glenda's late husband Laurie. Glenda is very chuffed.
- A big shout-out to Phil Perry who took his camper-van down to Shelley's Beach on Thursday night to guard all the Rotary BioBlitz equipment
- Neil Porter has stepped into the Acting Secretary role until the end of Rotary year at the end of June. Thanks Neil.
- Phil Perry reported that the Rotary Lodge extensions have begun & big changes to car parking at the Base Hospital.

Birthdays May/June '24

20/05 - Bron Hinwood - Rob Dalla Costa's partner
 01/06 - Valda Sturrock
 13/06 - Robert Rutishauser
 25/06 - Lynn Slack

Wedding Anniversaries May/June '24

30/05 - Ross & Donna Nancarrow
 24/06 - Bill & Gai Nixon