

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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President - Ray Hodgson

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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
a/c 500 186 792

Past District Governors

Roger Dulhunty 1969-70

Ivan Meldrum 1975-76

Laurie Barber 2006-07

Debbie Loveday 2020-21

David Mayne 2021-22

Bulletin Editor - Kerry Medway
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Kerry also designed our



MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR 40 YEARS

KERRY MEDWAY (PHF 2nd sapphire pin) joined Rotary in June 1984 (by R/I on July 1st 1984)

I am very grateful to Rotarian John Newell who nominated me to join the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie, when I was just 37. Over the past 40 years, I have attended 1600+ club meetings & fellowshiped with some great Rotarians & heard some inspiring talks. For 17+ years I edited the club's bulletin (The Port Wheel) & for 15+ years acted as Club Sergeant at Arms at club meetings, cooked at umpteen dozen BBQs, worked in the Rotary bookshop & many working bees as well as over 35 Rotary golf days. I also spent 2 years researching & 4 months writing & collating the club's history for our 70th Anniversary in 2018.

Hi-lites have been - Presiding over the club's 50th Anniversary in 1998. 300 attending including the NSW Governor Gordon Samuels & his wife. Who will ever forget Mrs Samuels spinning the raffle barrel & the hatch flying open & 300 tickets spewing onto the floor & Mrs Samuels crawling on her knees on the floor picking up tickets! Another hi-lite was when I was Club Director for Vocational Services & for five years we held annually the Rotary Emergency Services 'Volunteer of the Year' Awards, seeing outstanding Surf Life Savers, Rural Fire Service, State Emergency Service & Marine Rescue volunteers honoured.



Kerry with Julie as he is awarded a District Club Medal at the 2022 District Conference



Kerry's 1997-98 Club Board - Fred O'Toole, Gordon Milne, Ken McKenzie, Phil Brown, Kerry Medway - President, Trevor Terrett, David Kennett, Terry Crossley & Dennis Bax.

I wish to pay tribute to my wonderful wife Julie who has served alongside me on many Rotary projects.

I am so thankful that I have been able to 'make a difference' for so many people locally & overseas through serving in Rotary these past 40 years.



Kerry writing the club's 70th Anniversary history



Club program - If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Port Wheel Editor Kerry.

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chr	Sergeant
June 10th	NO MEETING - due to King's Birthday holiday Monday + no club bulletin.			
June 17th	One hour meet at Panthers followed by optional bistro tea		Possibly Settlers Inn... tba	
June 24th	One hour meet at Panthers followed by optional bistro tea		?????????	Kerry Medway

Rotary Providing Warmth for the Homeless for Winter

President-Elect PDG Debbie Loveday delivering 120 blankets to Theo Hazelgrove from Community at 3. >>>>



They have had a 25% increase in people seeking help this year. Some of the needy people were 'suddenly homeless' due to interest rate increases forcing the property investors to sell their properties leaving the renters with nowhere to go. Rotary is seeking to make a difference in our communities and standing alongside great community aid groups like Community at 3.

Plus 100 more blankets to YPSpace Kempsey >>>

PDG Deb presenting the blankets to our Rotarian Deb Tougher who leads YPSpace and is a developing a Housing Project providing cabins for the homeless youth in Kempsey. (More about this story in a future bulletin)

Club News



- Last Sunday fourteen Rotarians worked on a tree planting project at Dunbogan. Photos & story in a future bulletin.
- Remember our club's candidate at RYLA this week - Ben Campion - one of 30 Rylarians.

Thank God for the Salvos

Tonight's guest speaker was Captain Peter Gott of the local Salvation Army Corp, who was introduced by Rotarian & former S/A Major Frank Moxon.



Captain Peter spoke warmly about the relationship between the Salvos & Rotary. He thanked us for our gifts of several Bain Marias after the floods two years ago & also for our club's donation to the Just Brass program for providing music tuition to many young people learning to play musical instruments.



Captain Peter Gott being introduced by Rotarian Major Frank Moxon

Peter shared with us the work of the Salvation Army seeking to support people from welfare to becoming self-supporting. They have counsellors & finance assessors plus face-to-face counsellors, one of whom is based here in Port Macquarie & Kempsey. The Salvos are trying to build a fence at the top of a cliff & not just be the ambulance picking up the wounded & broken at the bottom. Peter said one of the things that was said to him several times during the recent Red Shield Appeal... *never walk past the Salvation Army who were there to support us during the War*.

A motto Peter uses to sum up the Salvation Army & the incredible work they do is - *FIND HOPE, BE HOPE*. In thanking Peter for his challenging talk, Frank presented Peter with a cheque for \$1000 for the work of the Salvos from Rotary.

Birthdays June '24

13/06 - Robert Rutishauser
25/06 - Lynn Slack

Wedding Anniversaries June '24

24/06 - Bill & Gai Nixon