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**John Deguara**  
President, Mackay West

## President's Message

The Club received some sad news last week with the passing of John McKay. On behalf of the Members of the Rotary Club of Mackay West, I offer my condolences to the McKay Family. John was a member of the Rotary Club of Mackay West for 43 years and an honorary member for 5 years.

This week is a Partners Dinner. Professor Belinda Jennings will be our guest speaker. Professor Jennings will speak about the Timor-Leste Midwives project. Time for this meeting is 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

Wednesday 15th of February is a Partners Night. District Governor Elect Prath and his wife Inthu will be in attendance. Northern Beaches Rotary and Sarina Rotary will be joining us. Please note this will be a regular meeting 5.45 pm for a 6.15pm start.

Last week Anthony Nicholls from the Pioneer Valley Men's Shed was our guest speaker. The Pioneer Valley Men's Shed is situated at the Christie George's Rifle Range, Fred George Road, Mia Mia, Mirani. The new shed is operational with both men and women as members. The committee is investigating the need to include local youth.

The members do handy man work for local non-for-profit organisations and local Pioneer Valley schools. The Pioneer Valley Men's Shed meets at 10am every second Friday at the Marian Community Hall.

The Graduation and Farewell Dinner for the visiting Midwifery Vocational Training Team will be held on Saturday 11th February at Northern Beaches Bowls Club. If you wish to attend, see the attached flyer, registration closes 7th February.

Could all members check the Weekly Bulletin with regards to Registration and Special Duties. If you are unable to make the meeting, please arrange with another member to take your place.

Imagine Rotary  
President John



**Jennifer Jones**

President, Rotary International



**John Hall**

Governor, District 9560



### Rotary Standard Dress Code: Business Casual.

Shirts & Sweaters  
in a variety of colors  
and patterns.

Slacks or  
dark jeans

Relaxed but  
elegant shoes.





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## THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY

★ Professor Belinda Jennings  
East Timor Midwife Project

**Introducing Wednesday's Speaker**

**Will be:** Michael Buckeridge

### THIS WEEK

Registration	Special Duties
Garney Woodman Eric Barry	Dale Stebbeings Eddie Woodwell
NEXT WEEK	
Registration	Special Duties
Ross Comben David Dunkley	Ian Ritchie Bill Fraser

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Wedding Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Feb 6 - Shirley Rowles  
Feb 8 - Grant Craig  
Feb 8 - Ian Cruickshank  
Feb 26 - Mary Cruickshank

### Rotary Anniversaries For February

35 yrs - Ross Walker  
32 yrs - Vic Mason  
16 yrs - Des Sievers  
11 yrs - Eddie Woodwell  
3 yrs - Bill Cleary

## DIARY DATES FEBRUARY 2023

<b>Feb 8</b>	Professor Belinda Jennings - Partners Night	<b>Feb 22</b>	Partner and Volunteers Thank You Dinner
<b>Feb 11</b>	Vocational Training Team's Graduation and Farewell Dinner	<b>Feb 25</b>	Mackay Sugar Function Serving Drinks Showgrounds
<b>Feb 15</b>	DG Prof S Prath Prathapan - Partners Night. DG Elect.		

## GOING TO MISS A MEETING?

Advise Jeff Sturdy by 2PM on Monday

Email: [secretary@mackaywestrotary.com.au](mailto:secretary@mackaywestrotary.com.au)

Or consider a make up at a local club or online

<b>MON</b>	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Airlie Beach Pioneer Valley	Check: <a href="http://rotaryairliebeach.com">rotaryairliebeach.com</a> Mirani Hotel
<b>TUE</b>	6:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:15 PM	Mackay Proserpine Walkerston	Ocean International Hotel Metropole Hotel Proserpine Duke of Edinburgh Hotel
<b>WED</b>	5:45 PM 7:00 PM	Mackay West Mackay Northern Beaches. 2nd and 4th Wed of the month.	Shamrock Hotel Northern Beaches Bowls Club Rural View
<b>THU</b>	6:15 PM 6:30 PM	Mackay North Sarina	Goosies Sporting Club N. Mackay Sarina Motor Inn
<b>FRI</b>	7:00 AM 12:30 PM	Mackay Sunrise Port of Mackay	Ocean International Hotel Mackay Ocean International Hotel Mackay
<b>Any Day</b>	Any time	<b>Online at Rotary E-Club of Brindabella</b> <a href="http://www.rotarynews.info/club4390">www.rotarynews.info/club4390</a>	

Our Rotary Club of Mackay West Proudly Supports

## Local Charities, Events & Community Projects

International Rotary  
Programmes Foundation



The Australian Rotary  
Health Research Fund



The Mercy College  
Interact Club



Rotary Australia World  
Community Service



The National Youth Science Forum  
& Other Rotary Youth Programmes



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## John McKay

**Born:** 24/12/1930—Died 31/01/2023 - aged 92years and 1 month

**Married** to June Duffy — 08/03/1956

**Children:** Mark, Tim, Jane, Robyn, Paul, Kate

**Joined Rotary:** 01/09/1974 - President was Jim Ryan— Introduced by Mick O’Riordan

**President:** 1982—1983

**District Governor:** 1998—1999

John has six Paul Harris Fellows

### Club Positions

Rotaract	1975/76
Sergeant at Arms	1976/77
Programmes	1977/78
Club Service Director	1978/79
International Service Dir.	1979/80
Secretary	1980/81
President Elect,	1981/82
Club Service Director	1981/82
President	1982/83
Vice President	1983/84
Youth Service Director	1984/85
Christmas Fair	1986/87
Membership Development	1987/88
Christmas Fair & Corn	1988/89
Fellowship	1990/91
Fellowship	1992/93
Programmes	1994/95
Fellowship	1996/97
Rotary Foundation	2000/01
Rotary Foundation	2001/02
Rotary Foundation	2002/03
Rotary Foundation	2003/04
Sergeant at Arms	2004/05
Welcoming & Fellowship	2005/06

### District Positions

1989 / 90

Group Study Exchange Team Leader  
to Idaho, USA

1991 / 92

District Secretary & Liaison Officer &  
District Finance Committee &  
Group Study Exchange Chairman

1994/95

District Governor’s Rep. Zone 1

1997 / 98

District Governor Nominee

1998/99

District Governor

2002 / 2003

District Rotary Education Chairman

2003 / 2004

District Rotary Education Chairman

2004 2005

District Rotary Education Chairman



John McKay and Eric Barry

Two Mackay West Rotary Gentlemen - John McKay & Don Wall



John and June



John and June



Syd Cowan and John McKay



Charter President, Col Story and John



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## Pioneer Valley Men's Shed

### Completed Shed





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## President John, Anthony Nicholls and Peter Sheedy





# The Rotary Foundation



Vocational Training Team  
Graduation and  
Farewell Dinner

**Come and Celebrate our Rotary Foundation doing Good in the World.**

**Meet the 14 members of our Timor-Leste Midwifery Vocation Training Team**



**When:** 11/2/2023, 6 for 6:30 pm start  
**Venue :**  
Mackay Northern Beaches Bowls Club  
2 Rosewood Drive, Rural View, 4740  
**Cost:** \$50.00 per head  
**Dress:** Suit and Tie

**Program**  
6:00 pm--Arrival and Mingle  
6:30 pm--Start  
Video Presentation  
Dinner  
Entertainment & Presentations  
Dessert

### Area of Focus



**MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH**



Register at <https://rotarymackay.org.au/index.php/vtt/>  
For more information contact Ross Walker - RC Mackay West  
Phone: 0429 615 711 Email: rossandwendywalker@gmail.com

Please transfer the total registration amount to the Rotary Club of Mackay West INC. account below

- Account Name: Rotary Club of Mackay West INC
- BSB: 645646
- Account: 107329573
- Reference: Last Name VTT

Send proof of transfer to [treasurer@mackaywestrotary.com.au](mailto:treasurer@mackaywestrotary.com.au)

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Rotary International District 9560

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## Rotary Club of Mackay West 2022 - 2023 Structure

<b>PRESIDENT</b> John Deguara  <b>SECRETARY</b> Jeff Sturdy  <b>TREASURER</b> Peter Thomas	<b>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT</b> Dale Stebbeings  <b>PRESIDENT NOMINEE</b> Jeff Sturdy	<b>DISTRICT GOVERNOR</b> John Hall  <b>ASSISTANT DISTRICT GOVERNOR</b> Andrea Pozza	<b>RI CHAIR</b> Ian Cruickshank  <b>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY</b> Warren Benjamin	<b>SERGEANTS AT ARMS</b> Warren Benjamin - C Ross Walker Peter McFarlane Vic Mason
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<b>Club Administration Director</b> Kevin Casey	<b>Membership Director</b> Ross Comben	<b>Public Image Director</b> Bill Fraser	<b>Services Projects Director</b> Todd Shannon	<b>Rotary Foundation Director</b> Ian Cruickshank
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<b>Clubs Programs</b> Garry Dobbie - C Col Meng - VC Chris Attard Bill Fraser Ian Ritchie Warren Benjamin Steve Taylor  <b>Insurance</b> Trevor Townsend  <b>Risk Management</b> Des Sievers  <b>Safety</b> Des Sievers  <b>Social Events</b> Dale Stebbeings - C Warren Benjamin John Deguara Ross Walker  <b>History</b> Grant Craig - C Ian Ritchie John Lacey	<b>Recruitment &amp; Retention</b> Ross Walker - C Michael Curtin - VC Des Sievers Garry Dobbie Trevor Townsend  <b>New Member Orientation</b> Col Meng - C Eric Barry John Lacey Doug Neville  <b>Diversity</b> Peter Sheedy - C John Palmer  <b>Duty Roster</b> Eric Barry - C Jim Brown David Dunkley  <b>Honorary Members</b> Brendan Gunning John McKay	<b>Media Relations, Advertising &amp; Marketing</b> Peter McFarlane - C Ross Walker - VC Eddie Woodwell Todd Shannon  <b>Web &amp; Social Media</b> Todd Shannon - C Eddie Woodwell Ross Walker Dale Stebbeings  <b>Club Communications</b> Dale Stebbeings - C Ross Walker - VC Vic Mason Ian Cruickshank  <b>Christmas Fair</b> Colin Meng - C Ross Walker - VC Michael Curtin Dale Stebbeings Alan Keogh Ross Comben	<b>Community Projects</b> Warren Benjamin - C Ian Ritchie - VC Trevor Townsend Brian Dean  <b>Vocational</b> Des Sievers - C Peter McFarlane - VC Bill Cleary Ross Walker  <b>Youth Services &amp; Interact</b> Garry Dobbie - C Geoff Morgan - VC Peter McFarlane Chris Attard Doug Neville Bill Cleary  <b>Fundraising BBQ</b> Des Sievers - C Kevin Casey - VC Peter Sheedy Trevor Townsend Warren Benjamin Grant Craig	<b>Fundraising Grants &amp; Grants</b> John Palmer - C Grant Craig - VC Garry Dobbie Michael Curtin Ross Walker Warren Benjamin  <b>Polio &amp; Rotary Health</b> Brian Dean - C David Dunkley Eric Barry  <b>3 Minute Talk</b> Garn Woodman - C Bill Cleary Peter Sheedy  <b>International Projects</b> Ian Ritchie - C Grant Craig - VC Steve Taylor John Palmer Vic Mason  <b>Swap Meet</b> John Palmer - C Steve Taylor - VC Todd Shannon Ian Cruickshank Bill Fraser Peter McFarlane
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