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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

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Rotary Park Honours

Lorryl & Adam



Following the recent announcement that a new Astronomical Observatory is to be constructed on the grounds of Rotary Park it was also noted that the Port Macquarie/Hastings Council is to take over the management and care of the park. The Council is to upgrade the park and take-over the garden maintenance.

The R/C of Port Macquarie established Rotary Park in 1955-57 and Rotary also constructed the Observatory in 1960-61. Since then the two R/Cs of Port Macquarie & Port Macquarie West have maintained the park, planting shrubs and caring for the gardens and watering & watering in times of drought.

It is a credit to the foresight of Rotary that in Port Macquarie we have a beautiful park feature on the foreshore of our great city. Today Norfolk Island Pines stand majestically tall, also planted by Rotary in the 1950s & 60s.

For the past fifteen years most of the caring of the park has been in the hands of a small team of Rotarians. In particular Westport's Geoff Jhonson and our mother and son team, Lorryl Rumble-Fuller and Adam Rumble. They have worked tirelessly to keep the park alive and looking good especially in times of drought and hot summers.

Special mention to Adam and Bill Nixon who were also responsible for the Rotary Park meeting time notice board. >>

*Thanks to all Rotarians &
friends who have worked to
maintain the Rotary Park
and leave a rich heritage for
our city.*



75 YEARS
Making a
difference.

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

Date	Program	Speaker	Program	Program Chr	Sergeant
April 12th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal		Book Sale briefing	Bob Cleland	Kerry Medway
April 19th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	ANZAC meeting	"Ari Bumu to Nui Dat"	David Mayne	Neil Porter
April 26th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal				Glenda Barber

Meeting Welcomers - April 12th April 19th..... April 26th

Deb Tougher on Hike for the Homeless in Warrumbungles

Rotarian Deb Tougher is on an arduous hike through the Warrumbungle National Park to raise funds for the homeless via YPSpace MNC. So far the hikers have raised over \$28,000! The hikers have climbed Mt Bluff, Mt Exmouth, Lugh's Throne and Beloungery Split Rock and will conclude with a hike into the Pilliga Sandstone Caves. Deb will share some of her adventures at a future Rotary meeting.



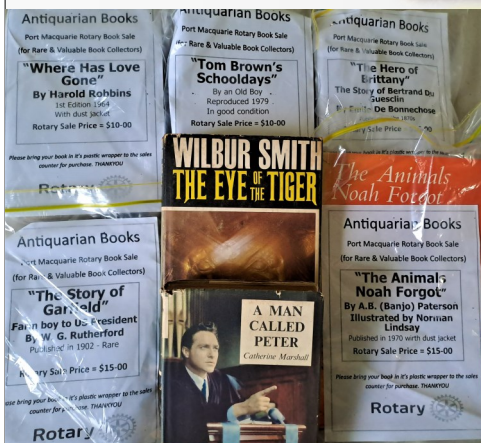
Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Wishing all Rotarians & families a very Happy/Holy Easter
- **BIO-BLITZ Billets needed.** Ian Davis asked if there is anyone who would be willing to offer their home as a back-up billet for Bio-Blitz May 12-13-14
- Ian's phone is 0407 712 096
- Tonight we enjoyed a social gathering at the Westport Bowling Club. Lots of laughs, stories & good food.
- **Dr Ray Hodgson** is heading to Nepal next week for 4 weeks. Seeing the beginning of construction of the new hospital.

SOME DATES TO NOTE IN 2023

- **April 13-16th** Rotary Giant Book Sale in Panthers
- **April 29 - May 6th** RYLA
- **May 12 - 13** - BIO Blitz
- **May 24 - 26** - International Convention in Melbourne
- **June 28th** - Club Changeover



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GIANT BOOK SALE



Fiction, Non-Fiction & Antiquarian Books

Friday April 14
9:00am to 6:00pm

Saturday April 15
9:00am to 6:00pm

Sunday April 16
9:00am to 1:00pm

PANTHERS
AUDITORIUM



PANTHERS PORT MACQUARIE

Note the dates. If you haven't already please volunteer for as many shifts as possible and see if you can co-opt friends to assist.

A big fund-raiser is our Antiquarian Book section. Let anyone you know who collects 'old books' to come and have a look-see.

Wedding Anniversaries April 2023

Birthdays April 2023

9/04 - Gai Nixon
24/04 - Ian Davis
29/04 - Debbie Loveday