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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  
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### **Past District Governors**

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## Book Sale Bonanza - \$24,400



<Neil Porter on the floor helping out at the sale. Neil along with several other Rotarians spent almost four days working at the book sale.

<<Some of the team of Rotarians and friends who helped out at the book sale.

### Book Sale Co-ordinator Bob Cleland reports -

Our three day sale in Panthers Auditorium was a huge success raising \$24,400, well in excess of our expectations.

Thursday saw a big team of Rotarians and helpers unloading some 18 tonnes of books and with 15 extra tables we were able to get many more of the books on display than in previous years.

Media support was excellent in the lead-up to the sale and the 'icing on the cake' was Prime 7's coverage in their 6 o'clock news on Friday night.

There was a consistent flow of people throughout the three days. Sunday, our \$10 bag day, saw nearly double the number of bags of books sold and after Wauchope and South West Rocks Rotarians picked through the remainder, the clean-up was completed in record time.

**A big thanks to all of those involved** and it was great to be telling many more locals and visitors about Rotary and our weekly book store.

A shout-out to all who helped with the book sale, setting-up and selling. Especially to the local Vietnam & Afghanistan Vets who helped with some of the heavy lifting. Bob's signs around the town advertising the sale were also a great drawcard.

Valda Sturrock also sold \$800 worth of books at the Rotary Book Store on wknd

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**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 26th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	Deb Tougher	Hiking for the Homeless	Deb Loveday	Glenda Barber
May 3rd	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	Ted Giblin	Bio Blitz update	Ted Giblin	Neil Porter
May 10th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	Tim Preston	Crime Prevention	Deb Tougher	Kerry Medway

**Meeting Welcomers -**



**David Mayne's Anzac talk - Ari Burnu (Gallipoli) to Nui Dat (Vietnam).**

PDG David Mayne, who is a 4th generation son of war veterans (going back to the Boar War) gave a most interesting Anzac talk tonight from Gallipoli to Vietnam. David showed some stirring photos from the Gallipoli landings to Long Tan & Nui Dat in Vietnam. An heroic defeat in WW1 to an amazing victory at Long Tan when 100 Australian soldiers fought off 3000 Viet Cong soldiers. Thanks David. Below is a quote from the Viet Cong leader Colonel Binh describing the Long Tan battle -



**Debbie Loveday baked a batch of Anzac cakes**

"We knew if the Australians were anything like the Americans, it would be a short battle and Nui Dat would soon be ours again."  
 "Initially we estimated that there were only about 200 to possibly 300 Australians. I only found out later that there were only around 100."  
 "We prepared to overrun them but they surprised us with their ferocity and determination far beyond their numbers."  
 "I remember hearing one of my men say... why are they fighting so hard they must know that they are about to die."  
 "...they were about to overrun us"

*Club News*

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- **Dismantling & stacking** hundreds of empty boxes at the Book Sale were - Robert Rutishauser, Ray White, Darryl McMahon, Terry Crossley & possibly many others. Great job guys.
- On the Friday there was a strange incident when someone stole one of our Book Sale signs along with some other signs. They were found in an obscure driveway somewhere out of town!!!
- Today at Officeworks, I met an excited Kieren. He has been sponsored by PMQ Sunrise Rotary to attend RYLA. Remember our clubs three sponsored RYLarians - Clara Poppleton, Nicholas Taylor & Georgia Hinton.

**SOME DATES TO NOTE IN 2023**

- **April 29 - May 6th** RYLA
- **May 12 - 13** - BIO Blitz
- **May 24 - 26** - International Convention in Melbourne
- **June 28th** - Club Changeover

President Deb Loveday will be the Port Wheel editor next week

**Birthdays April/May 2023**

- 24/04 - Ian Davis
- 29/04 - Debbie Loveday
- 1/5 - David Mayne
- 4/5 - Lyn Slack
- 9/5 - Rod McCormick
- 11/5 - Helen Brown
- 15/5 - Jill Heagney

**Wedding Anniversaries May 2023**

- 3/5 - Geoff & Lynn Slack