

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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Phil Perry

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Ray Hodgson

Vocational Service Director -

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Youth Service Director -

Neil Porter

Environment Service Director -

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Membership & Public Image -

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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

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Laurie Barber 2006-07

Debbie Loveday 2020-21

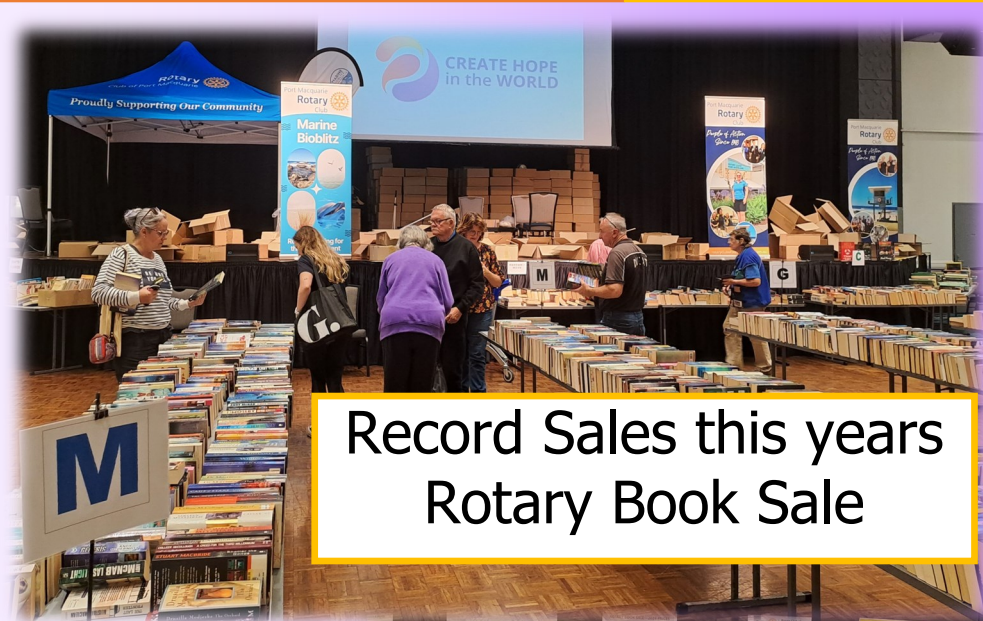
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Record Sales this years Rotary Book Sale

An all-time record of \$27,300(gross) worth of second-hand books was raised.

Torrential rains fell in Port Macquarie on the Friday, but many braved the wet & came to the sale & bought up big. First day sales were a stunning \$13,300.

Approximately 30-40% of the visitors said it it was the first time they have

attended the Rotary book sale, (many also said they did not know about the Rotary Bookshop on Hamilton Green on Saturdays). We believe this increase in new visitors was due not only to the wet weather, but also to the extensive advertising by Bob Cleland & Ian Davis & Rotarians who blitzed facebook & letter-boxes & placed posters around town plus the electric sign on the Oxley Highway, and an article in FOCUS magazine, plus radio interviews.

Thanks to our Rotary members who worked themselves almost into the ground, especially Bob C & Valda Sturrock plus friends of Rotary. We were also greatly assisted by Mark Davies from the R/C of Forster/Tuncurry who came to see how the book sale works. Also big thanks to helpers from the HOPE Shop who did some of the heavy lifting in the placement of book boxes into the Panthers auditorium. We had about 20 extra helpers, including Barbara Smith & a team from the Micro Business Network. Our box de-packers - Ray, Robert, Frank & others worked tirelessly to flatten the 100s of empty boxes in readiness for next years sale!

Phil Perry has worked tirelessly in setting up some of the logistics for the smooth running of the sale.

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Frank Moxon, Bob Cleland, Julie Medway & Marlene White



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
Apr 15th	Monday ZOOM	PP Henry	PP Henry Nsamba from Uganda via ZOOM. Update on "Hope for Young Mothers" Project	Debbie Neil Porter
Sunday 21st April Tree Planting @ 9am @ Longworth Rd, Dunbogan - RSVP to Debbie Loveday if coming.				
Apr 22nd	One hour meet at Panthers followed by bistro-tea	Dustin Welbourne	Program Dustin is co-author of Invasive Species. Plants & animals that have invaded Oz	Neil Porter
April 27th - PETS Assembly at CSU (Charles Sturt University) for ALL incoming club board members				
Apr 29th	Social Dinner at a venue TBC			

Rotary Book Sale Bonanza!



Some of our club's hard workers - Visitor Mark Davies, Mavis Wallace, Sue Gaukroger & Valda Sturrock

Special thanks to our book dealers & friends Chris & Sue Elworthy who were greatly assisting & giving expert advice. We were also blessed by Hastings Materials (Green Machine) who transported the boxes of books from storage to Panthers & J.R.Richards who provided a large skip bin.

Special thanks also to the management of Panthers for allowing us to deliver the boxes of books on Wednesday afternoon (all unloaded within half an hour before the torrential rain) & gave us the auditorium to display the 20,000 books for the next three days

Once again a HUGE thankyou to all Rotarians & those who assisted.



Plus \$2300 raised in gold coin donations for YP Space for the homeless

This year for the first time we invited people to make a gold coin donation at the door with the moneys to go assist the homeless via the YP Space Mid North Coast.

Tonight Dr Ray Inducted his partner Helen Michelmores into our club.

During the induction Ray received a phone call informing him that a baby was being born. Dr Ray put the caller on-hold & continued with the induction! More about Helen in next weeks Port Wheel. (And the baby!!!!)



Club News

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Morning Planting of Trees for Koala Habitat at Dunbogan.



This is the second part of the local 2024 environmental program, the other being the BioBlitz.

Date: Sunday 21st April 2024

Time: 7.00 am

We have purchased 50 trees and some protection to save the plants from the swamp wallabies. We are receiving 100 free seedlings from the Koala Hospital but they may not arrive until May.

Tree Planting at Dunbogan

Sunday 21st April @ 9am

At Longworth Road, Dunbogan

RSVP to Club Sec Debbie if coming

Birthdays April '24

09/04 - Gai Nixon
24/04 - Ian Davis
29/04 - Debbie Loveday

Wedding Anniversaries April '24

Nil