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The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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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
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Exciting News for Rotary Lodge

A News Release by PDG Debbie Loveday

Today marks a significant milestone for Port Macquarie Rotary Lodge!

We're thrilled to announce that the Board has officially signed a construction contract with Kevin Butterworth of Butterworth Building Construction for the \$1.4 million expansion to the Lodge! This expansion will add 12 extra rooms, bringing us to 48 rooms, and further increasing capacity to provide affordable accommodation for Port Macquarie Base Hospital patients, their families, Mid North Coast Cancer Institute patients and visiting medical staff.

Thanks to the support of Port Macquarie MP Leslie Williams, the project received a generous \$510,000 NSW Government Grant last year. This support will ensure the expansion project moves forward smoothly and efficiently.

We're incredibly grateful for this opportunity to better serve our community and provide essential accommodation for those in need. Together, we're making a difference in the lives of many. Anyone wanting to support the build through donations can contact manager@rotarylodge.com.au. Stay tuned for more updates as we eagerly anticipate the grand opening of the expanded Port Macquarie Rotary Lodge by the end of the year!



Pictured above l/r - Rotary Lodge Board members - Phil Perry, Phil Brown, Chairman PDG Phil Hafey, Builder Kevin Butterworth & Board Treasurer Kevin Pike.



Phil Perry & Paula Johnson outside Rotary Lodge



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
May 6th	One hour meet at Panthers followed by bistro	Brittanie Michelle	Debbie Loveday	Kerry Medway
May 13th	One hour meet at Panthers followed by optional bistro tea	Mark Lawrence	Bob Cleland	Glenda Barber
May 20th	One hour meet at Panthers followed by optional bistro tea	Club Service evening	Bob, Debbie & Phil	Neil Porter

Rotarians Marching on Anzac Day 2024



David Mayne (marching on right of left photo) & Terry Crossley playing the bagpipes. Well done troops!



Bob Cleland Reports on the recent Rotary Book Sale

Dear Rotarians & Friends,

Thank you so very much for your contribution towards the success of our Annual Book Sale. More than 40 people pitched-in to help get the books into Panthers, onto tables and then to keep it all in order so that book lovers could find what they were after. Other helpers welcomed customers and manned the checkout tables. Then there was the clean-up crew.

The joy that so many people get from reading would almost make this worthwhile without taking into account the funds raised. I estimate that we found new homes for some 12,000 books over the three days.

Our income was 22% higher than last year, reaching \$29,500 which certainly exceeded our expectations and will allow us to provide even more help to many within our community.

Once again thank you, we couldn't have done this without you and a special thank you to the many non-Rotarians who contributed their time and energy to make this such a success.

Wishing you all the best and 'almost' looking forward to next year's sale.

*Bob Cleland -
Rotary Club of Port Macquarie - Book Sale Co-ordinator.*

Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Next weeks speaker - Brittani Michelle
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- April 30th - Club Board Meeting
 - May 19th - Incoming 2024-25 Club Board meeting at Rotary Lodge
 - June 2nd - Tree Planting @ Dunbogan
 - July 5th (Friday evening) Club Changeover @ Panthers
 - **Tonight's meet**
 - Tonight we celebrated PDG Debbie's birthday at Settlers Inn with a social night. Food was excellent & everything on the menu was only \$15
 - Valda reported that we had another successful bookshop last weekend. Saturday \$1152 & Sunday \$500+. Almost \$1700.

Birthdays April/May '24

29/04 - Debbie Loveday
01/05 - David Mayne
04/05 - Lynn Slack
09/05 - Rod McCormick
11/05 - Helen Brown

Wedding Anniversaries April/May '24

03/05 - Geoff & Lynn Slack
30/05 - Ross & Donna Nancarrow