



# Rotary

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## The Port Wheel

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## Welcome to Our New Member, Nathan Barnett!



On Monday, the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie proudly inducted our newest member, Nathan Barnett, in a warm ceremony led by President Ray Hodgson. Nathan is a dedicated leader and community volunteer who brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to service and excellence.

Nathan's journey in leadership began in 2018 as School Captain at Hastings Secondary College Westport Campus, where he demonstrated exceptional skills and a passion for supporting his peers. Following his time as captain, he took on the role of Manager at Seasalt Cafe, where he fostered a welcoming environment and honed his customer service skills until earlier this year.

Currently, Nathan serves as a Customer Service Representative at Commonwealth Bank, prioritising customer satisfaction and building meaningful connections within our community.

Beyond his professional achievements, Nathan is also actively involved with the Australian Air Force Cadets at the 317 (City of Taree) Squadron, where he volunteers as a Sergeant, bringing invaluable experience from his time as a Cadet in Port Macquarie, where he achieved the highest rank of Cadet Under Officer.

When he's not serving his community, Nathan enjoys unwinding on the golf course with friends.

We are thrilled to have Nathan join us, and we know his dedication and diverse experiences will make a positive impact on our Rotary Club and the community.

Welcome, Nathan!

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**NEXT WEEK**

**11 November 2024**

**Special Guest Speaker: Laurie Smith OAM**

**Port Macquarie Panthers**

**6pm**

**Dinner in Bistro Following**

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## Weekly Brain Teaser

I am taken from a mine and shut up in a wooden case, from which I am never released, and yet I am used by almost every person. What am I?



## Nepal Hospital Update

The Mothers & Babies Hospital is in its final two months of construction. A total of AUD \$2.53 million has been raised to date with exceptional support from Rotary.

A Global Grant is underway for the purchase of an all-terrain ambulance for the hospital which will provide transport for mothers and babies in need of critical care, as well for local midwives to and from villages for maternal and neonatal care.

More photos and information to come after President Ray's presentation on the upcoming Monday night.

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### Next Social Night

By popular demand, our next social night will be back at the Westport Club! Join us at 6 pm on 25 November for a relaxed evening with good company, delicious food, and a chance to unwind. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Book Shop Update

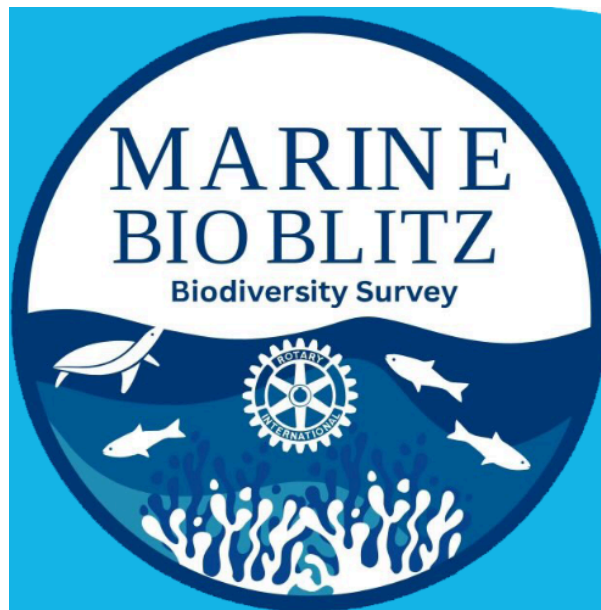
With Bob and Valda bowing out of the Bookshop from 23 November, we have made a couple of changes to the future operations. The operating hours will be reduced to 9am to 12.30pm Saturdays to allow volunteers to close up and get away by 1pm. The Sunday

opening in school holidays run by Bob and Valda will not continue due to a lack of volunteers to take on this additional time. Apart from the Saturday group of Helen Michelmore, Julie Brown, Tony Moore , Gail Davis and me, each of whom has volunteered to run the operation on Saturday mornings, there is another group who will take responsibility for all other operations of the Bookshop. This group is Bob Cleland, Neil Porter, Phil Perry and me. If there is anyone else who would like to be involved , please let me know.

Vice President  
Ian Davis

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## BioBlitz Update



We have set the dates for the 2025 Bioblitz for 22 and 23 May. A committee of Bob Cleland, Neil Porter, Phil Perry and Ian Davis has been formed and will meet for the first time on Monday 11 November at 5pm (prior to our regular meeting) at Panthers to get underway with the planning. Again, if there is anyone else who can spend some time supporting this project, please let me know or come and join us on Monday. The Marine BioBlitz represents a vital initiative to study, appreciate and conserve the marine biodiversity of this stunning coastal region.

Vice President  
Ian Davis

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### Wedding Anniversaries November 2024

3/11 - Brian & Bett Calford  
21/11 Ian & Gail Davis  
25/11 - Narelle & Frank Moxon



### Birthdays November 2024

10/11 - Sue Porter  
10/11 - Brian Calford  
22/11 - Terry Crossley  
25/11 - Dr Ray Hodgson

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*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*

**-Mahatma Gandhi**



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