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Bookstore Celebrations & Working Bee



Last Saturday we celebrated the achievements of our Book Store over the past 7 years. In that time, we have found new homes for more than 150,000 books and have raised over \$350,000 to be used in community support projects.

The day also marked Valda's retirement from managing the store and her skill set will be sorely missed by both club members and our book store clients. We marked the day with balloons, posters and a coffee van which provided

complimentary drinks to our customers and crew. The Club presented Bob and Valda with a large thank you cake which was then shared with customers and crew.

Many of our regular customers brought gifts for Valda and expressed their thanks with beautifully worded cards etc. It is clear that Valda has had a big impact on many lives as she sourced and recommended reading material for our regulars.

We look forward to books continuing to provide the Club with funds to do more work in the community, both locally and overseas and hope that more of our members will find time to contribute to this great project.

Whatever you do please keep the 20th to 23rd March free for our Giant Book Sale at Panthers next year.





NEXT WEEK

02 December 2024
Nominal Meeting
Port Macquarie Panthers Club
6pm
Dinner in Bistro

Weekly Brain Teaser

What has many keys but can't open a single lock?





Annual General Meeting 2024

We are pleased to announce that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on:

Date: Monday, 9th December 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Venue: Port Macquarie Panthers Club

The Secretary has emailed out the previous meeting minutes and board member position nomination forms. Please take the time to review these documents and submit any nominations prior to the meeting.

Your attendance is important as we reflect on the past year and plan for the future. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Dinner Update

Unfortunately, we have only 13 members and partners who have registered their interest in attending the Club Christmas party. Our Club has been allocated the entire Waterfalls Restaurant, as last year we had 35 members, partners and guests in attendance. The restaurant will only open for us if we have a minimum of 25 diners. So, we will have to forgo the Wednesday the 18th booking.

However, Jo McNamara from the Village has offered us a table on Thursday 19th December if we have any members interested. Jo has kindly booked us a table for up to 15 persons if members would still like to attend. The bonus for us is a two course Christmas meal is now only \$25 per person and we still get a free glass of bubbly or a beer. Great value in anyone's language.

Could you please let me know by this Friday if you are able to attend on the 19th December. I will then let Jo know if we have any interested members.

Thank you to Mavis, Glenda, Frank and Sue, Helen and Ray, Frank and Narelle, Brian and Bett and guest for accepting for the 18th, i hope you are able to make the 19th, but i understand if you have another engagement.

Sue and i will be there, so hopefully we can catch up and share some Christmas cheer.

If we don't catch up before Christmas, please everyone, have magnificent festive season with family and friends,

Best wishes, Neil.

Neil Porter

Please contact Neil Porter at neilp1@bigpond.com or 6582 1298.

Westport Social Night

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Monday night social gathering at the Westport Club! It was fantastic to see so many friendly faces come together to enjoy an evening of laughter, connection, and camaraderie.

The relaxed atmosphere of the club provided the perfect backdrop for us to unwind and strengthen the bonds that make our Rotary family so special. Conversations flowed freely as we shared stories, experiences, and a meal in great company.

Events like this remind us of the importance of taking time to socialise and celebrate the spirit of Rotary beyond our projects and meetings. Your presence truly made the night a success, and we're grateful for the energy and enthusiasm you bring to every gathering.

Invitation

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The WIZARD of OZ

DECEMBER

5 **Thursday**
11:00am Matinee
6:30pm Evening

6 **Friday**
11:00am Matinee
6:30pm Evening

**PORT MACQUARIE
CAMPUS MPC**

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TICKETS

Pre-purchase tickets at Port
Macquarie Campus, Westport
Campus, online via the QR
code, or at the door (if
available)

Full \$20

Concession \$15

PURCHASE TICKETS



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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

"Service above self is not just a motto; it's a way of life that transforms both the giver and the receiver."



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