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Club Meetings Wednesdays @ Port
Panthers 5-30pm for 6pm start. BUT
check program on page 2 for what is
happening.

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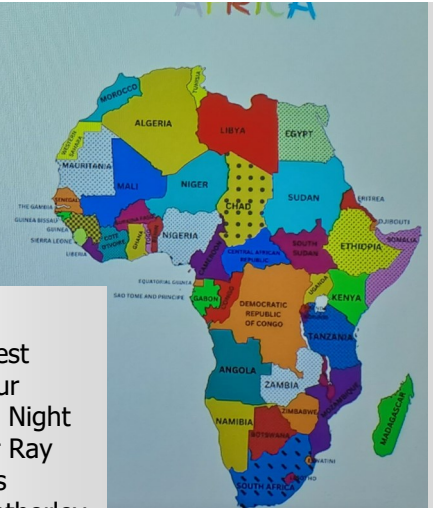


Growing up in Southern Africa

Julianne Weatherley



Tonight's guest
speaker at our
International Night
hosted by Dr Ray
Hodgson was
Julianne Weatherley.
Julianne is the
Campus Co-
Ordinator of the
NSW University
Rural Doctors
Medical School (Port
Macquarie Campus)



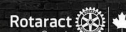
She had us all enthralled with
her stories of living in Africa
during Apartheid in the 1970-
80s. Julianne told us of
growing up as a 'white girl' in a
troubled segregated country.
She worked as a Parks Ranger
for a couple of years rearing
two young orphaned elephants
and an orphaned Eland
antelope named Rosalie
(pictured right). She told us of



her special 'nannie' (a black woman) who
she adored and tried to invite to her
wedding. We all agreed it was a great talk
and thank Dr Ray for inviting Julianne.
Pictured above... Dr Ray & Julianne with Ian
Davis.



"ROTARY IS A WEIRD PLACE. BUT IF
YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN A WEIRD
PLACE WITH WEIRD PEOPLE, IT MAY
AS WELL BE HERE" - BRITANNY ARTHUR



75 YEARS
Making a
difference.

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
March 29th	Vocational Visit to School		Port High School Campus followed by BBQ cooked by the students.	Diana Gammon	
April 5th	Easter Social Outing @ Westport Club	Easter Message - Kerry			
April 12th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal		Book Sale briefing	Bob Cleland	Kerry Medway

Meeting Welcomers - March 29th - Nil; April 5th



German Exchange Student Makes a Return Visit to Australia

Last week hosts to 2019 exchange student Lenia Collier had an unexpected visitor.

Lenia has just recently arrived in Australia, and expects to be mostly in Sydney with a few short visits to Qld. She is staying in a hostel in Woolloomooloo at present.

Lenia has found herself employment in a French inspired fine dining restaurant in Potts Point and before commencing work, made a visit to Port Macquarie to

catch up with some of her 2019 hosts.

These were Lyn Bowen and David Meidling, Shaun and Fiona Smith, and Philip and Dete Gammon.

We had lots of fun and shared memories during her few days stay.

Lenia was not able to be here long enough to attend a Rotary meeting, but she asked me to remember her to our Club Members.

- Diana Gammon.

Vocational Visit to Hastings Secondary College

Our next event is the Hastings Secondary College – Port High visit on 29th March.

For your initial information, the program will commence at 5.00 for 5.30 p.m. in the staff common room near reception in Owen Street. Nibbles will be served.

At 5.30 p.m. we will be taken around the school to see the substantial upgrades that are taking place. The grounds need a bit of an upgrade of course. However I have "walked the walk" and except for the odd pot hole, two sets of 8 stairs with handrails (the steps can be avoided if necessary) the walk is easily manageable for everyone. We will collect the money. I will pay the school. We will be taken around by a senior staff member and will return to the staff common room for a meal prepared by hospitality students.

The cost of the evening is \$20.00. RSVP closed last Friday 17th.

GIANT BOOK SALE

3 DAYS ONLY!

Fiction, Non-Fiction & Antiquarian Books

Friday April 14
9:00am to 6:00pm

Saturday April 15
9:00am to 6:00pm

Sunday April 16
9:00am to 1:00pm

PANTHERS AUDITORIUM

PANTHERS PORT MACQUARIE

Please check the roster & put your name down for as many shifts as you can. Invite members of family to assist too. All hands needed.

Bob Cleland is inviting any members to take a bundle of book sale flyers and hand them out in the week before the book sale. See Bob for your bundle.

Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Following Frank Urban's death, Patricia has been moved into higher care at Garden Village Westerweller for next 6 weeks.
- Several members from our club will be attending the District Conference in Tamworth this weekend.

SOME DATES TO NOTE IN 2023

- **April 15 - 16 or 22-23** PETS
- **April 13-16th** Rotary Giant Book Sale in Panthers
- **April 29 - May 6th** RYLA
- **May 13 - 14** - BIO Blitz
- **May 24 - 26** - International Convention in Melbourne

Birthdays March/April 2023

31/03 - Helen Crossley
9/04 - Gai Nixon
24/04 - Ian Davis
29/04 - Debbie Loveday

Wedding Anniversaries April 2023

03/04 - Gerald & Hazel Haynes