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The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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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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Marine-Coastal Bio Blitz



Shelly Beach, Port Macquarie

Tonight Ted Giblin gave us an update on the Bio-Blitz to be held at Shelly Beach on 12-13 May. Friday 12th will be for schoolchildren with more than 180 students expected. Saturday 13th will be open for families and the general community.

Bio Blitz has twin aims - to collect data and involve the community. It's the first time a B/B has been held in Port Macquarie and Ted & the team hope it may become a regular event, so that data can be collected & compared to previous years to give us an insight on the state of health of our marine life on the east coast of Australia.

Ted encouraged all to get a special app on our phones called I NATURALIST. When seeing an object that you wish to identify, take a photo & submit it to the app & all-sorts of information about the marine object will be revealed.

Six environmental experts will be coming to Port Macquarie for the weekend and will spearhead the Bio Blitz discoveries and investigations.

Bio-Blitz is a scientific study of the health and biodiversity of the place in which we live. This first year will form a baseline of our Port Macquarie environment. Over the years with further Bio-Blitz s, it is hoped we can learn about the health of our marine environment. All information will be stored as data on a national database called the Atlas of Living Australia.

As well, there will be several display tents, including a Shark display trailer that already has attracted much interest, especially from the school students.

Wanted urgently

Rotarians to sign-up as volunteers to assist with various activities over the two days. Please advise Ted or Pres Deb if you can assist?

Port Macquarie
Rotary
Club



12 & 13 MAY

Shelly Beach 8am - 5pm



**Rotary working for
the environment**



Our Rotary team -

Dr Ted Giblin, Diana
Gammon, Bob Cleland, David
Mayne & Chantelle Doyle

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
May 10th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	Tim Preston	Crime Prevention	Deb Tougher	Kerry Medway
May 17th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal		Club Assembly - Constitution & By-Laws. Update on club survey	David Mayne	Glenda Barber
May 24th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	Yumiko Obi YEP 1977-78	Return of our 2nd YEP 45 yrs	Lorryl Rumble	Neil Porter

Meeting Welcomers -



RYLA at Lake Keepit this week



RYLarians at this weeks RYLA Camp. Above - Leader PDG David Mayne with a RYLArian

Do remember our three - Clara Poppleton, Nicholas Taylor & Georgia Hinton.



Club News

Yumiko Obi
from Japan
YEP 1977-78

Speaking on
May 24

Then Yumiko will attend the International Conf in Melbourne



• **Welcome home Dr Ray**
Ray Hodgson returned on Sunday from Nepal with an update. The hospital to be built has grown from 3 stories to 5 stories to accommodate all the health needs. Work is hopefully to start in early June & it is hoped the hospital will be completed in 14 to 24 months!!!

* **Helen Crossley.** Terry reported that Helen is not doing well. Do uphold her in your prayers. It has been a long run with illness for Helen.

SOME DATES TO NOTE IN 2023

- **May 12 - 13** - BIO Blitz
- **May 27 - 31** - International Convention in Melbourne
- **June 28th** - Club Changeover

**Birthdays
May 2023**

- 4/5 - Lyn Slack
- 9/5 - Rod McCormick
- 11/5 - Helen Brown
- 15/5 - Jill Heagney
- 20/5 - Bron Hinwood (Rob Dalla Costa's partner)

**Wedding
Anniversaries
May2023**

- 3/5 - Geoff & Lynn Slack