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The Port Wheel

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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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King Charles III a Rotarian



Crime Prevention

Tonight's Guest Speaker was Snr
Constable Tim Preston of the Crime
Prevention Unit. Tim has been in the
force for 21 years serving in Sydney in
some of the tough areas, Walgett &
Lighting Ridge and a few years ago was
transferred to Port Macquarie/Kempsey
where he took over the C/P Unit two
years ago.

Tim has a huge challenge ahead in crime
prevention, especially in how to address
youth crime in the area.

The three main crime issues on the Mid
North Coast - Domestic Violence, Break &
Enter & Stealing Motor Vehicles.

Tim shared some of the frustrations of
policing and the verbal attacks officers
come under whilst doing their duty. Tim
pleaded with the public to report all

suspected crimes, no matter how small or incidental they may seem. **PLEASE
CALL CRIME STOPPERS 000.** Thanks Tim for sharing tonight at Rotary &
be assured we greatly appreciate ALL our police & law enforcement.



**Deb Tougher
introduced Constable
Tim Preston as speaker**

Attendance Call from our President,

For the last eighteen months attendance at club meetings has dwindled. We do not
keep a record of attendance anymore but it is obvious from the small numbers at-
tending each week that there is a problem. We understand about current health
issues and accept this is a part of our lives and a very valid reason for absence.

Being a member of Rotary does come with some expectations. Attendance is still in
the Constitution.

**Please let me or any member of the board know if
you have any suggestions for improvement.**

Kind Regards Debbie

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 17th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal		Club Assembly - Constitution & By-Laws. Update on club survey	Deb Loveday	Kerry Medway
May 24th	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal	Yumiko Obi YEP 1977-78	Return of our 2nd YEP 45 yrs	Lorryl Rumble	Neil Portert
May 31st	One hour meeting followed by bistro meal		Hybrid meeting - Youth Allumni - Panel Discussion	Diana Gammon	Kerry Medway

Meeting Welcomers -

Yumiko is revisiting our club after her time here in 1977-78 as an Inbound Exchange student for Japan. She was our club's second inbound exchange student. The article below appeared in the Port Macquarie News in 1978.

Club News

Stay in the Know!

SOME DATES TO NOTE IN 2023

- **May 12 - 13 BIO Blitz**
- **May 27 - 31 - International Convention in Melbourne**
- **June 28th - Club Changeover**
- Tonight we welcomed PDG Brian Beazley, here from Gloucester here on business, but especially came to hear Constable Tim.
- David Mayne reported that the recently completed RYLA week was a stunning success. Our three candidates were exemplary. We will look forward to hearing them speak in weeks to come.
- Gai Nixon reported that Bill is improving after a run of illness. Terry Crossley said that Helen is still doing it tough.
- Ted Giblin reported that all is ready for BIO-BLITZ and hopefully all volunteers will turn up for their shift & the weekend will be a great success.
- Frank Moxon is doing the Changeover Booklet & asking ALL directors to send in their reports.

JAPANESE GIRL LOVED STEAK

A young Japanese girl, Yumiko Ogawa, who saw much of Australia during her twelve months here — and loved steak — left Port Macquarie yesterday afternoon to return to her homeland.

presented her with a huge koala.

Yumiko planned to take some steak home with her but she already had so much to take the koala was "the last straw" and the family won't see any steak. Rotarians, and host families, were at the airport her last Sunday and earlier this week Form 12, at the High School, also gave her a farewell party, and farewell.

As a Rotary exchange student she arrived in Port Macquarie in March last year and enjoyed 12 months study at Port Macquarie High School.

And within that time, Yumiko saw more of this country than the average Australian would in a lifetime.

Indeed, it would be safe to say that Yumiko goes home knowing more about Australia as a sightseer than 99 per cent of our Australian girls.

At a farewell appearance at Rotary on Wednesday night, and wearing an opal necklace and ear-rings — gifts from Rotarians — she was reduced to tears after talking about her experiences here and how much she loved her stay in Port Macquarie and Australia generally.

Slimmer than when she came, well tanned, and sporting an "afro" style hair-do, and with a much better command of the English language, she is wondering if her family will know her.

Yumiko spent the year here with the Gordon Milne, Rex Lind, Frank Eldridge, and Keith Hardaker families, and she made special reference to her stay with the butcher because of her love for steak.

She started in Year 11 at the High School and found it "very hard" but with teacher help she improved.

High School principal, Gordon Milne, said Yumiko was bright and a good mixer. She did very well at maths, and was a prizewinner at the end of term.

She goes to University in April when back home in Japan and intends to concentrate on her English.

She said she would love

to come back to Australia, and no wonder. Strangely enough, she saw her first real koala in Brisbane.

In May last, Yumiko was one of a party of students who travelled via New England to Brisbane, to the Barrier Reef, went to Mt. Isa, Tennants Creek, Alice Springs, Ayres Rock and the Olgas, to Adelaide, Broken Hill and Cobar, where she met up with the kangaroo.

On other excursions out of Port Macquarie she visited the Jacaranda Festival at Grafton, the Gold Coast, Canberra, and the Warrumbungles.

The Christmas holidays she spent in Tasmania, Melbourne, and Sydney. She found Tassie much like Japan — snow, cold and mountainous.

Turkey for Christmas was a new experience, as was the Aussie barbecue and sleeping in a tent.

"I was at a Catholic school in Japan for girls only and Port Macquarie was my first experience of a co-ed school. I liked that," she said.

Yumiko tried her hand at netball, squash, water skiing, surfboard riding, pony riding and mastered none — but she was a trier.

The George Roberts — across the river — gave a



Yumiko Ogawa

WEATHER IN PORT

One inch of rain for the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday has brought welcome relief to town gardens. 97mm (4 inches) have been recorded this month. Maximum temperature today is expected to be as yesterday, 25 to 26C. Overnight minimum was 17.1, the barometer is steady, seas slight, south east winds.

Outlook: Showery periods likely.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Fire Brigade 83 1064
 Police 83 1044
 Ambulance 83 2222
 Al Anon 83 3944
 Hospital 83 1066

After 8.00 p.m. and weekends, 83 1445

Birthdays May 2023

11/5 - Helen Brown
 15/5 - Jill Heagney
 20/5 - Bron Hinwood (Rob Dalla Costa's partner))

Wedding Anniversaries May 2023