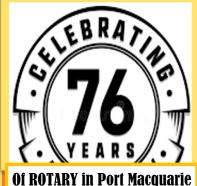
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Uncle Bill sharing "Welcome to Country" with R/C President Ray Hodgson & children from McKillop College & the Nature School at Shelley Beach



Rotarians - Diana Gammon, Neil Porter & Brian Calford on duty.



The late Dr Ted Giblin's daughter Alexi & wife Robbie with Nature School Head Catherine Shaw

A REPORT BY BOB CLELAND

The Ted Giblin BioBlitz 2024 got off to a great start with a Welcome to Country from Uncle Bill and an opening address from President Ray. Led by a team of experienced scientists from Sydney, Melbourne and Port Macquarie the budding young scientists were led through the rock pools, the beach front, the Shark Awareness exhibit and the Microscope laboratory in small groups.

All sightings of marine life were recorded on an 'I Naturalist' App to be used for future research. The unique ecosystems in this area provided a rich variety of living organisms. Over the 2 days, some 150 schoolchildren were privileged to learn firsthand much about their local environment whilst helping to provide sought -after data for environmental research. The schools were delighted with the educational experience this event provided. We were blessed with perfect weather. Considering what the weather has been like lately, we can only assume that Dr Ted's guiding hand

was at work.

The media took a great interest, with Cameron Marshall from the ABC and Samantha Crowe from Prime 7 recording many interviews and giving it some valuable airtime. Thank you to Ian Davis, Debbie Loveday, Bob Cleland Diana Gammon and Phil Perry for all the planning that went into this event and to the many others who helped to make sure it all ran smoothly. Thanks to all Rotarians who assisted over the two days.

We were pleased to have great support from Port Macquarie Hastings Council.





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