

The Port Wheel

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work  **stay**

Work and Stay Settlement Program

Recently, our Club was contacted by Work+ Stay, a Sydney based organisation that finds jobs for overseas professionals who want to work in regional Australia.

Work+ Stay advised that they were looking for a community partner, who they could contract a fee for service to provide:

- Community welcome + orientation to migrant infrastructure workers successfully placed with Port Macquarie Hastings Regional Council.
- Community connections for the newcomer worker and their family to feel a sense of inclusion and become functional in their new community.

Work+Stay have 22 of these Community Welcome Partnerships across regional NSW, QLD and VIC, and have partnered successfully with other Rotary Clubs in NSW.

Our first newcomer is Dinusha Prabath a Sri Lankan Civil Engineer who has found employment with the local council.

Dinusha is a married man and has spent the past 14 years working in Dubai. His wife (a lecturer in Environmental Science) and son will be joining him in early August.

The Club's commitment is to meet with Dinusha once a week for the first 4 weeks of his arrival and show him the locations of services that he and his family will need. Those include, health, medical, retail, recreational, education and tourist sites.

To date Bob Cleland, Rob Dalla Costa and Neil Porter have held a Zoom meeting and two in-person meetings with Dinusha. The Club will produce weekly progress reports for Work+Stay and at the end of the four- week program, the plan is for Dinusha and his family to have made community connections, have a sense of inclusion and have a friendly face to go to for information and assistance.

The Club will receive \$600 from Work and Stay at the conclusion of the program.

NEXT WEEK

5 August 2024

Weekly Meeting - Port Panthers Club

5:30pm for 6pm

Dinner in Bistro following



GLASS HOUSE
THAI RESTAURANT

The logo for Glass House Thai Restaurant features the words "GLASS HOUSE" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. "GLASS" is white with a red outline, while "HOUSE" is solid red. Below this, the words "THAI RESTAURANT" are written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a black rectangular background.

Thanks to everyone who came out for our Social Night at Glasshouse Thai Restaurant! We had a fantastic time enjoying great food and even better company.

Your presence made the evening special, and we really appreciate your support and participation. A big shout-out to our event organisers for making the night a success.

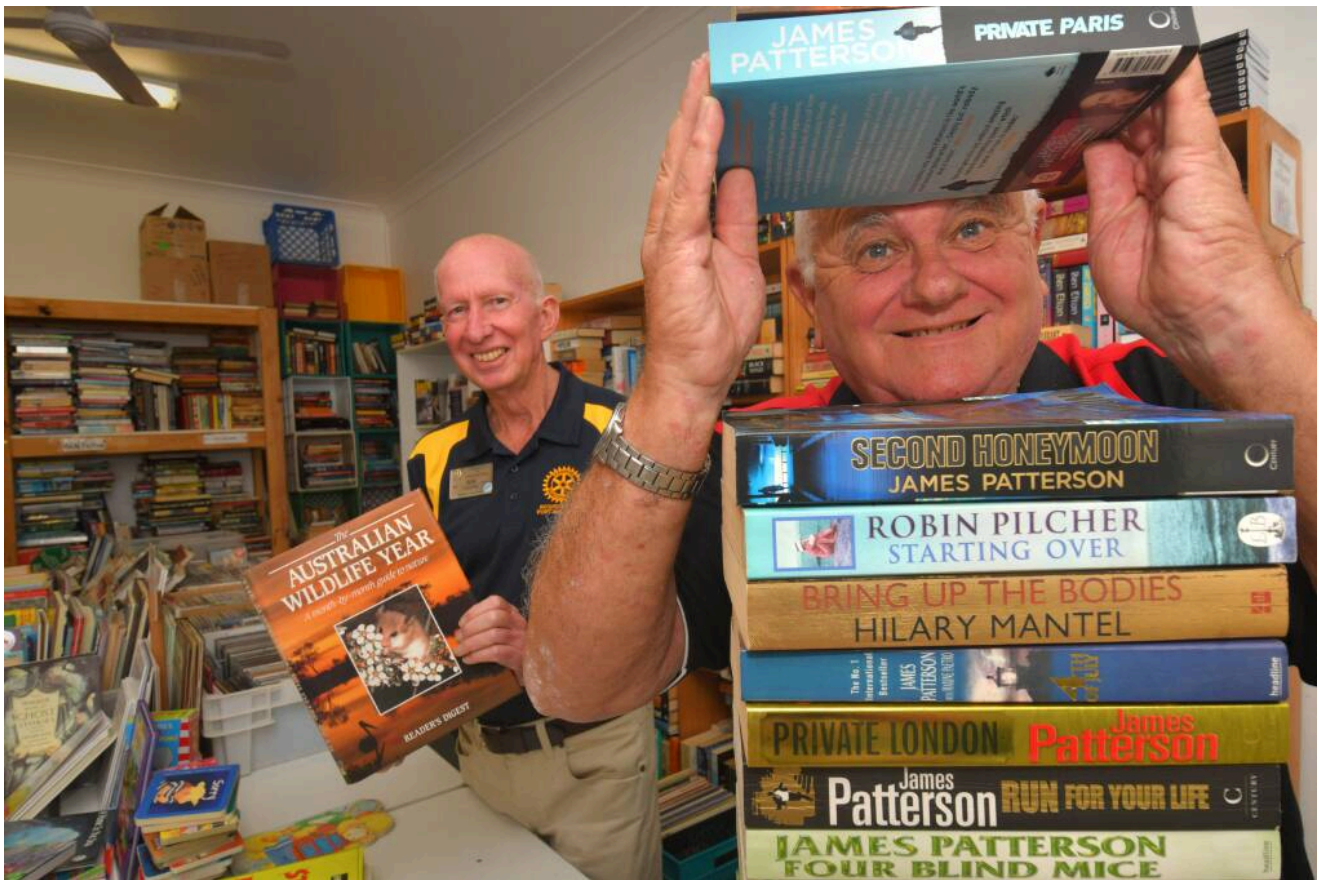
Next Social Event is the 26th August 2024 at the Port City Bowling Club!

Weekly Brain Teaser

You are in a room with three light switches. Each switch controls one of three bulbs in the next room. You can't see into the next room, and once you leave the room, you can't come back. How can you determine which switch controls which bulb?



Bookshop - Volunteers Needed!



Our bookshop, one of our club's most successful fundraisers, is in need of volunteers! If you love books and have some time to spare, we'd be thrilled to have you join our team.

Volunteering at the bookshop is a fantastic way to support our club's fundraising efforts while meeting fellow members and enjoying the bookish atmosphere. Whether you can commit to regular shifts or just help out occasionally, your contribution will make a big difference.

Thanks for your support!



Wedding Anniversaries August 2024

21/8 - Alastair and Joan Moss
28/8 - Robert and Josi Rutishauser

Birthdays August 2024

1/08 - Glenda Barber

“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”
- Martin Luther King, Jr.



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