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**Gail Davis: A Journey from City Life to
Country Living**



On Monday night, Gail Davis delivered an engaging presentation, taking us on a nostalgic journey through her transition from city living to the rugged charm of country life. With her husband Ian, Gail embarked on an adventure that began in 2015 with the purchase of 200 sheep on 50 acres at Old Theomont.

Her story, peppered with humour and reflection, revealed the steep learning curve of becoming a sheep owner. From managing four cheeky rams who delighted in escaping the property in search of “the girls,” to the joys (and challenges) of their first shearing in August 2016, Gail brought the trials and triumphs of life on the land vividly to life.

One of the standout moments of their journey was spinning their first wool. Gail shared the fascinating fact that wool fibre measures just 17 microns—remarkably fine compared to a human hair at 80 microns! This delicate transformation from fleece to yarn marked a significant milestone in their rural adventure.

By 2018, Gail and Ian decided to leave the sheep business, but the lessons and memories they gained will stay with them forever. Gail’s presentation reminded us all of the resilience, resourcefulness, and humour required to embrace change and tackle new challenges.

We thank Gail for sharing her inspiring journey and offering us a glimpse into the unpredictable yet rewarding life of going “bush.”



NEXT WEEK

25 November 2024

Social Night

Westport Club

6pm

RSVP to Andrew via Email

Weekly Brain Teaser

I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest person can't hold me for very long. What am I?



Last Weeks Answer: Pencil Lead



Annual General Meeting 2024

We are pleased to announce that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on:

Date: Monday, 9th December 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Venue: Port Macquarie Panthers Club

The Secretary has emailed out the previous meeting minutes and board member position nomination forms. Please take the time to review these documents and submit any nominations prior to the meeting.

Your attendance is important as we reflect on the past year and plan for the future. We look forward to seeing you there!





Christmas Menu

Waterfalls Restaurant Menu Functions

\$40pp

MAIN

Ham & Turkey Roast, with Potato, Pumpkin and Beans

DESSERT

Pavlova with Fresh Fruit and Cream

or

Christmas Pudding with Brandy Custard

Open to local community and groups

19 Garden Crescent Port Macquarie
Bookings: 5507 9269
marketing@gardenvillage.com.au



Garden
VILLAGE

The Club's annual Christmas dinner will be held in the Waterfalls restaurant at Garden Village on Wednesday 18 December commencing at 6.00 for 6.30pm. A

complimentary glass of bubbles or a beer will be served on arrival.

The cost of the dinner will be \$40 per person for a two-course dinner, menu attached. Of course, other dietary requirements will be catered for, just let me know what you require.

We will again be asking members who can assist, to provide a small gift for a male or female resident of Garden Village who may not be having family or friends visiting them on Christmas Day. Please wrap the gift and mark it for a male or female resident. Garden Village staff will distribute the gifts on Christmas Day. Your gift will bring joy and happiness to one of the aged care residents.

Bank Account details for prepayment of the dinner costs are:

BSB 932000

Account No. 500186792

Sorry, but the EFTPOS Square will not be available on the evening, so if you are not prepaying then only cash can be accepted on the night.

The Christmas function is available to all Club members, past and present and their partners. Friends of Rotarians are also welcome.

Looking forward to a great night of fun and catching up and celebrating another busy but successful year. We should be very proud of our efforts with the annual and weekly book sale which allows us to do so much for our local and overseas projects, that improve the lives of others.

Garden Village would like numbers of Rotarians attending the dinner, so if you can advise me of numbers by Wednesday 27 November it would be appreciated.

Please contact Neil Porter at neilp1@bigpond.com or 6582 1298.

The logo consists of the words "SOCIAL" and "NIGHT" stacked vertically in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The text is set against a solid black rectangular background.

Next Social Night

By popular demand, our next social night will be back at the Westport Club! Join us at 6 pm on 25 November for a relaxed evening with good company, delicious food, and a chance to unwind. We look forward to seeing you there!

Invitation

HASTINGS
SECONDARY COLLEGE

EXCELLENCE - INNOVATION - OPPORTUNITY - SUCCESS

The WIZARD of OZ

DECEMBER

5 **Thursday**
11:00am Matinee
6:30pm Evening

6 **Friday**
11:00am Matinee
6:30pm Evening

**PORT MACQUARIE
CAMPUS MPC**

Proudly brought to you by
Hastings Secondary College
Creative and Performing Arts
students and staff

TICKETS

Pre-purchase tickets at Port
Macquarie Campus, Westport
Campus, online via the QR
code, or at the door (if
available)

Full \$20

Concession \$15

PURCHASE TICKETS



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Wedding Anniversaries November 2024

3/11 - Brian & Bett Calford
21/11 Ian & Gail Davis
25/11 - Narelle & Frank Moxon



Birthdays November 2024

10/11 - Sue Porter
10/11 - Brian Calford
22/11 - Terry Crossley
25/11 - Dr Ray Hodgson

"Service above self is not just a motto; it's a way of life that transforms both the giver and the receiver."



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