

THE HAPPENINGS

February 2026 Edition



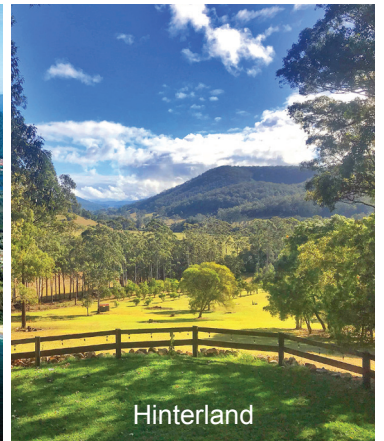
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8.00am to 6.00pm – 7 days/week – Luxury wine helicopter packages and scenic flights (new air-conditioned helicopters) www.portmacquariehelicopters.com.au

For reservations call Ph: 0487 771 200

Closing for renovations 3 May

Port Macquarie Koala Hospital

Lord Street, Port Macquarie

www.koalahospital.org.au Ph: 02 6584 1522

All koalas have been re-located to Guulaba- place of koala
Guulaba Way Lake Innes

Every Day - Ricardoes Tomatoes & Strawberries

Open Seven Days - Café, Pick your own strawberries

221 Blackmans Point Road, Blackmans Point,

Port Macquarie

[instagram@ricardoes tomatoes](https://www.instagram.com/ricardoes tomatoes) Ph: 02 6585 0663

Every Day - Facade Escape Room

Open Wed-Sunday, School Holidays, Open Seven Days

Bookings Recommended, Book online at

<https://facade-escape.com.au> Peachtree Arcade Shop 13

78 Horton Street Port Macquarie Ph: 02 5590 0023

Every Day - Hello Koalas Sculpture Trail

Follow the award-winning Hello Koalas Sculpture Trail and pick up the official Guide and Map, freely available from Hello Koalas Gallery + Gift Shop, the Glasshouse Arts and Visitor Information Centre, accommodation brochure racks or view online. Find 90+ Hello Koalas sculptures, hand-painted by local artists, dotted around the region. Opening hours vary depending on the sculpture's location. <https://www.facebook.com/hellokoalas1/> www.hellokoalas.com
Ph: 0416 641 482

Every Day - Beach to Bush Trike Tours

9.00am to 5.00pm Port Macquarie

www.beachtobushtriketours.com.au Ph: 0413 937 303

Every Day - Billabong Zoo - Port Macquarie

9.00am to 5.00pm - Personal Animal Encounters

Book online Ph: 02 6585 1060

www.billabongzoo.com.au/book-now

Every Day - Billabong Zoo - Function Centre - Port Macquarie

Book a private or corporate function in a unique setting, for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Fully licensed bar. Enquire today.

www.billabongzoo.com.au Ph: 02 6585 1060

Every Day - Bago Maze & Wine

9.00am to 5.00pm - Milligans Road, Herons Creek

Bookings online are requested

www.bago.com.au Ph: 02 6585 7099

Every Day - Escape the Expected - Self-Guided Walks

Port Macquarie (See website for days, as times of walks vary)

www.escapetheexpected.com.au Ph: 0457 178 796

Every Day - Escape the Expected – Elevate your Team Building with Escape the Expected

Port Macquarie

<https://escapetheexpected.com/download-brochure>

www.escapetheexpected.com.au Ph: 0457 178 796

Every Day - Hydro Golf & 27 Hole Putt Putt

10.00am to 4.00pm - 7 days a week

10-20 Boundary Street, Port Macquarie - bookings only

required for groups 10+ (no bookings required otherwise)

www.hydrogolf.com.au Ph: 02 6583 3200

Every Day - The Bowl Port Macquarie + The Terrace (on the deck)

159 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie

Summer Hrs: Mon-Sat 9.00am until late | Sun 10.00am to

6.00pm Ph: 02 6583 2238

Check website for bookings - www.wavebowl.com.au

Every Day - Port Macquarie Driving Range & Mini Golf

3 Lindfield Park Rd, Port Macquarie

9.00am to 5.30pm Every Day - No booking required

www.portmacquariegolfrange.com.au Ph: 02 6581 0925

Every Day - Cassegrain Wine Cellar Door Open for Tastings

10 Winery Drive, Port Macquarie

www.cassegrainwines.com.au Ph: 02 6582 8300

Every Day - Kendall Craft Co-op - Gift Shop

10am until 3pm daily – Railway Station

Email: Craftatkendall@gmail.com Ph: (02) 6559 4644

Every Day - Senior Citizens Activities Happening

Check Out Seniors Citizens Programme 43 Munster Street,

Port Macquarie Ph: 6583 7149

Every Day - Billabong Zoo – \$10 Snake Selfies

11.15am – Book online or phone

www.billabongzoo.com.au Ph: 02 6585 1060

Every Day – Oz Foiling Port Macquarie

Port Macquarie

Hydrofoil experience on the Hastings River - single riders, family groups and corporate groups.

<https://ozfoiling.com.au/port-macquarie/> Ph: 0461 298 719

Every Monday - Saturday Port Macquarie Museum

10.00am to 3.30pm - Clarence Street, Port Macquarie

www.portmuseum.org.au Ph: 02 6583 1108

Every Monday to Friday - Hello Koalas Gallery + Gift Shop

10am to 4pm - 2 / 1A Blackbutt Rd, Port Macquarie, next door to The Seed Art School. Discover unique Port Macquarie souvenirs and giftware and see 25+ sculptures in the one place! Hello Koalas Gallery + Gift Shop. www.hellokoalas.com
Ph: 0416 641 482

Every Monday & Thursday - Indoor Bowls

1.00pm - Seniors Facility - 43 Munster Street, Port Macquarie
Bookings essential for non-members Ph: 02 6583 7149

Every Tuesday - Real Food Markets

From 11.00am Port Central/Glasshouse Forecourt
Email: portcustomerservice@gowings.com Ph: 02 5525 1003
www.portcentralshopping.com.au/real-food-markets

Every Tuesday - Sunday - Long Point Vineyard Cellar Door Open for Tastings

10-00am- 5.00pm 6 Cooina Place, Lake Cathie
www.longpointvineyard.com.au Ph: 02 6585 4598

Every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday (ex. Public Holidays)

9.30am - 'Uncovering Our Past' Walking Tour -
Port Macquarie's Archaeology and History
Bookings essential: Ph: 0447 429 016
www.pmheritage.com.au/walking-tours

Every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday (ex. Public Holidays)

2.00pm - 'Grave Tales' Walking Tour - Historic Cemetery
Bookings essential: Ph: 0447 429 016
www.pmheritage.com.au/walking-tours

Every Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday - Douglas Vale Historic Homestead & Vineyard

10.00am to 3.00pm - Homestead Tours, Wine Tastings
& Cheese Platters. 235 Oxley Highway, Port Macquarie
www.douglasvale.com.au Ph: 02 6584 3792

Every Wednesday to Sunday - Hastings Fine Art Gallery

10.00am till 4.00pm - 2 William St, Port Macquarie
www.hastingsvalleyart.net.au
Facebook: Hastings Fine Art Gallery

Every Thursday to Sunday Pinot & Picasso - Paint, Sip, Laugh!

Check website for dates & times. Bookings Essential
www.pinotandpicasso.com.au/portmacquarie

Every Thursday - Monday Eastern Air Services Seaplane Adventure

9.00am to 4.00pm - Depending on weather conditions
www.easternairservices.com.au Ph: 1300 359 327



REGULAR EVENTS



Wednesday's, Friday's & Sunday's Nights – Sky Stories & Presentations at Port Macquarie Observatory

Rotary Park, 1A Stewart St, Port Macquarie
Bookings at the new Port Macquarie Observatory are now open for Telescope viewing and Open Nights. TELESCOPE ONLY NIGHTS starting every Wednesday night from 27 November 2024 (weather permitting)
OPEN NIGHTS include a presentation and telescope viewing (weather permitting) every Friday evening and Sunday evening in school holidays. Enjoy an entertaining and interesting presentation on particular facets of our cosmos. Visit our website & make your booking.
<https://www.pmobservatory.org.au>

Luminance Art Gallery

Thursday - Saturday 11am-4pm and by appointment
2/ 26 Clarence Street Port Macquarie (Garrison Building opp. Glasshouse Gallery) Facebook: Luminance Art Gallery
Email: art@luminancegallery.com.au
www.luminancegallery.com.au Ph: 0491 764 745

Every Friday – Finding the Sunset Vibe, Art Gallery Tour & Talk

9.30am – 10.00am - 2/25 Central Road,
Port Macquarie Bookings essential 02 6583 4100
www.sunsetgallery.com.au/whatson

Sunset Framing & Gallery

10.00am - 12.00pm No bookings required
2/25 Central Rd Port Macquarie
www.sunsetgallery.com.au Ph: 02 6583 4100

First & Third Friday of each month - Sea Acres Aboriginal culture tour (boardwalk)

10.00am – 11.30am 159 Pacific Drive, Port Macquarie
<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/sea-acres-aboriginal-culture-tour>

First & Third Friday of each month - Sea Acres Aboriginal coastal tour (to Shelly Beach)

2.00pm – 3.30pm 159 Pacific Drive, Port Macquarie
<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/sea-acres-aboriginal-coastal-tour>

Every Third Friday each month – Mixed Probus Club of Hastings

9.30am – Every Third Friday
Contact: Patricia Johnson – patricia_johnson@hotmail.com
Ph: 0427 831 216 or Lynne Henry – glhenry@bigpond.net.au
Ph: 0412 875 885 or 02 6583 5801

Every Saturday - Mid North Coast Fire Museum

10.00am 12 Stevens Street, Port Macquarie
www.facebook.com/MNCMuseum

Every Saturday - Rotary Pre-Loved Book Sale

9.00am - 12.30pm - Rotary Hall,
198 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie

Every 2nd Saturday - Wauchope - Bonsai Workshop Group

10.00am till 12.00pm - Rotary Hall, Oxley Lane, Wauchope
Email: wauchope.bonsai@gmail.com

Port Writers

4th Saturday of every month (except Nov - Dec)

1.00pm – 4.00pm - Rotary Club Community Centre,
198 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie.
Writers Group offering workshops, writing activities and support. Visitors welcome. www.portwriters.com.au
Email: portwriterinc@gmail.com

18 Hole Mini Golf Course - Open 7 Days a week!

Saturday-Thursday: 9am-5pm, Friday: 9am-9pm
Just \$40 for two adults and two kids!
For bookings contact the Clubhouse on 02 6559 4203

Tandem Skydiving

Skydive Port Macquarie, 12 Abbott Close Port Macquarie
Bookings essential: Book - Skydive Port Macquarie
www.skydiveportmacquarie.com.au Ph: 0455 283 835

Port Macquarie Helicopters – ‘Fly n Wine’

Bago and Cassegrain winery packages available every day.
Fly right to the cellar door in air-conditioned comfort with no arguments on who is driving home!

www.portmacquariehelicopters.com.au

For reservations call Ph: 0487 771 200

The Seed Creative Workshops - Fantastic Range of Various Creative Classes

Resin, pottery, painting, and jewellery workshops - Check website for class dates & times

www.theseedcreativeworkshops.com Ph: 0447 114 796

Grow Farm Tours - Toms Creek – Sustainable Gardening & Living

Bookings: email - growsustainableliving@gmail.com

www.growsustainableliving.com

Port AdVenture Cruises Rhythm Boat

Morning dolphin spotting cruises and afternoon sunset cruises.

Town Wharf (end of Clarence Street, Port Macquarie)

Check website for dates & times Ph: 0434 393 199

Bookings essential: <https://cruiseportmacquarie.com.au/>

Port Jet Cruises

Whale Watching – three boats departing daily.

Ocean Blast Fun Ride – Weekends 2.00pm & on demand.

Fish and Chip Lunch Cruise with Dolphin Spotting –

Wed/Fri 12.00pm

Afternoon Cruise with Dolphin Spotting – Thurs 2.00pm

Sunset River Cruise & Dolphin Spotting – Wed/Fri/Sun

3.30pm

Jet Ski Hire – on demand.

Find us in our floating office on the river end of Short Street

Check website for dates & times Ph: 0419 620 765

Bookings essential: <https://www.portjet.com.au/>

Port Sailing - Sailing Cruises on ‘Seawindow’

Port Macquarie Marina - 18 Park Street, Port Macquarie

Bookings essential: www.portsailing.com.au

Ph: 0428 800 607

Let your HOSTS Julie & Dave spoil you on “Seawindow” with #portsailing charters for your Private Exclusive! End of year function, whether it be XMAS, birthday, anniversary, Hens, or any celebration. The weather is perfect. They have wonderful local catering options available Book Online NOW!

Cooeee Sistas Art

Held at Sea Scouts Hall, 9 Buller Street, Port Macquarie

Ph/Txt 0434 464 646 or msg Cooeee Sistas Art Facebook

page to find class dates & times. Operates almost every

Saturday throughout the year.

Port Macquarie ‘Street Libraries’

Holy Goat Coffee - 5/8 Merrigal Road, Port Macquarie

The Shack - 1 Munster Street, Port Macquarie

Miss Nellies Café - 33 River Street, Kendall

Shelbourne Place - Port Macquarie

Joeys House Early Education Centre - 4 Walters Street, Port Macquarie

WEEKLY EVENTS

Planet Skate

Mondays closed

Tuesday 11am – 1pm, 1pm – 3pm,

Cheapskates Tuesday 6pm - 9pm

Wednesday 11am – 1pm, 1pm – 3pm,

Skate Fitness 6pm -8pm

Thursday 11am – 1pm, 1pm – 3pm,

Learn to skate + games 4.30pm – 6pm

Friday 11am – 1pm, 1pm – 3pm,

Disco 6pm - 9pm

Saturday 11am – 1pm, 1pm – 3pm, 3pm - 5pm

Sunday 11am – 1pm, 1pm – 3pm, 3pm - 5pm

Planet Skate, 10 Chestnut Road, Port Macquarie

www.planetskate.com.au Ph: 02 5526 0484

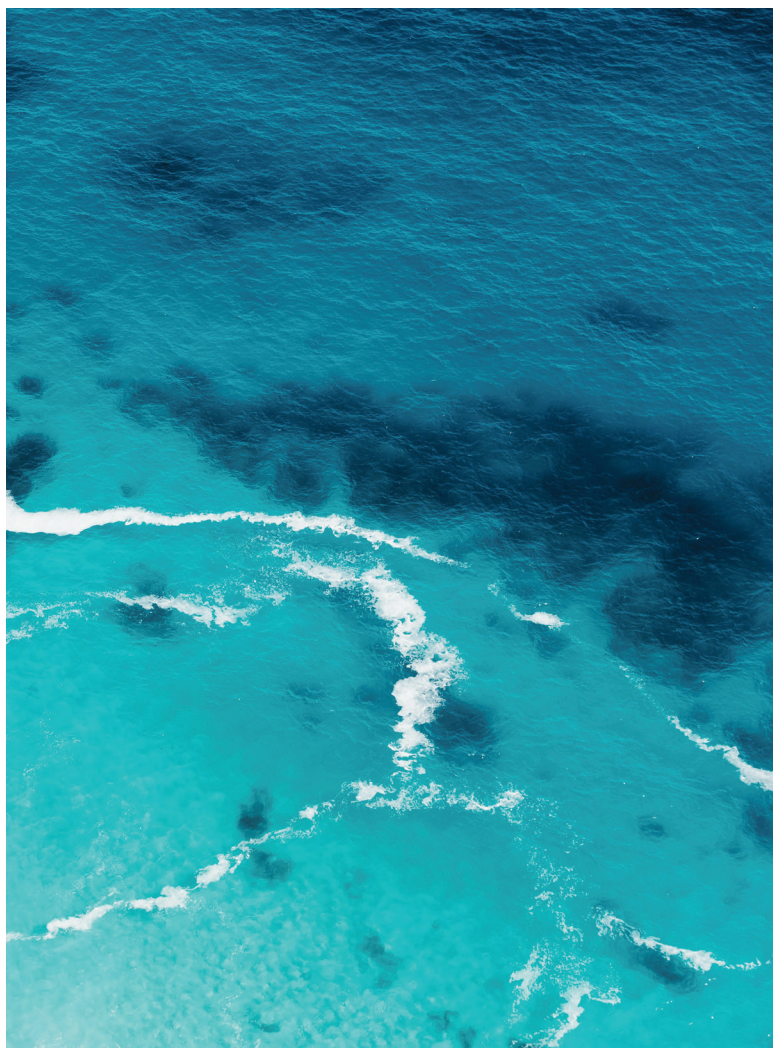
Morning Dolphin Spotting & Sunset Cruises

Port AdVenture Cruises, Town Wharf Port Macquarie

Check website for dates & times. Bookings essential.

<https://cruiseportmacquarie.com.au> Ph: 0434 393 199

Please note that all advertised dates are subject to change - check relevant websites





Every Monday – Saturday Cash Bingo

9.30am Mon - Thu, 9.45am Fri, 9.45am Sat
Panthers Port Macquarie, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
<https://portmacquarie.panthers.com.au/>
Ph: 02 6580 2300

Every Monday - Club Bingo

10.45am - Wauchope RSL Club, Cameron Street, Wauchope
www.wauchopersl.com.au
Ph: 02 6585 2244

Every Monday – Rock n Roll Dance Lesson in the Kove Lounge

6.30pm – Panthers Port Macquarie - 1 Bay Street,
Port Macquarie. www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au
Ph: 02 6580 2300

Every Monday – Thursday - Bingo

9.00am – Panthers Port Macquarie - 1 Bay Street,
Port Macquarie www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au
Ph: 02 6580 2300

Every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – Happy Hour

4.00pm – 6.00pm - Port Macquarie Golf Club, 698 Ocean
Drive, Port Macquarie <https://www.portmacquariegolf.com.au/>
Ph: 02 6582 0409

Every Tuesday – Free Trivia

6.30pm - Club Lake Cathie - 45 Evans Street, Lake Cathie
www.clublakecathie.com.au Ph: 02 6585 5701

Every Tuesday – Table Tennis

9.00am - Wauchope RSL Club, Cameron Street, Wauchope
www.wauchopersl.com.au Ph: 02 6585 2244

Every Tuesday – Snooker

5.30pm - Wauchope RSL Club, Cameron Street, Wauchope
www.wauchopersl.com.au Ph: 02 6585 2244

Every Tuesday – Latin Dance Lessons in the Kove Lounge

6.00pm – Panthers Port Macquarie - 1 Bay Street,
Port Macquarie www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au
Ph: 02 6580 2300

Every Tuesday – Comfort Tuesday

From 5.30pm - Port Macquarie Golf Club. 698 Ocean Drive,
Port Macquarie. Kids eat free with any main meal.
<https://www.portmacquariegolf.com.au/> Ph: 02 6582 0409

Every Wednesday - \$18 Pasta with FREE drink

Club Lake Cathie - 45 Evans Street, Lake Cathie
www.clublakecathie.com.au Ph: 02 6585 5701

Every Wednesday - Free General Trivia & \$18 Chicken Schnitzels

Port Macquarie Golf Club, 698 Ocean Drive, Port Macquarie
<https://www.portmacquariegolf.com.au/> Ph: 02 6582 0409

Every Tuesday and Wednesday Cash Housie

From 9.00am - The Westport Club, 25 Buller Street,
Port Macquarie www.westportclub.com.au Ph: 02 6588 7201

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Every Wednesday - Club Bingo

Wauchope RSL Club, Cameron Street, Wauchope
www.wauchopersl.com.au Ph: 02 6585 2244

Every Wednesday – Trivia

7.00pm - Settlers Inn - Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie
www.settlersinn.com.au Ph: 02 6583 3100

Every Thursday – Social Golf Club Raffle & Wild Card Draw

7.00pm - Club Lake Cathie - 45 Evans Street, Lake Cathie
www.clublakecathie.com.au Ph: 02 6585 5701

Every Thursday Club Bingo

7.00pm - Wauchope RSL Club, Cameron Street, Wauchope
www.wauchopersl.com.au Ph: 02 6585 2244

Every Thursday Night – DJ Bingo

7.00pm - Settlers Inn - Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie
www.settlersinn.com.au Ph: 02 6583 3100

Every Thursday – Members Superdraw

6.00pm – 8.00pm - Club North Haven – 1 Woodford Road,
North Haven www.clubnorthhaven.com.au Ph: 02 6559 9150

Every Thursday - Ribs & Grill Specials

5.30pm - Port Macquarie Golf Club, 698 Ocean Drive,
Port Macquarie Free courtesy bus available Thursday,
Friday & Saturdays from 5pm.
<https://www.portmacquariegolf.com.au/> Ph: 02 6582 0409

Every Thursday – Putt for Dough Jackpot

6.00pm - Port Macquarie Golf Club, 698 Ocean Drive,
Port Macquarie Free courtesy bus available Thursday,
Friday & Saturdays from 5pm.
<https://www.portmacquariegolf.com.au/> Ph: 02 6582 0409

Every Thursday – Chuck Yeah Oyster Day

Rocksalt, The Marina, Shop 10/18 Park Street, Port Macquarie
www.rocksaltmarina.com Ph: 02 6581 0501

Every Friday – Live Music & Raffles

6.30pm - Club Lake Cathie - 45 Evans Street, Lake Cathie
www.clublakecathie.com.au Ph: 02 6585 5701

Every Friday – Raffles

5.30pm - Wauchope RSL Club, Cameron Street, Wauchope
www.wauchopersl.com.au Ph: 02 6585 2244

Every Friday - Friday Night Meat Raffles

6.00pm - Port Macquarie Golf Club, 698 Ocean Drive,
Port Macquarie Free courtesy bus available Thursday, Friday
& Saturdays from 4pm. <https://www.portmacquariegolf.com.au/>
Ph: 02 6582 0409

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Every Friday – Chase The Ace + Meat Raffles

7.00pm - Settlers Inn - Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie
www.settlersinn.com.au Ph: 02 6583 3100

Every Friday – Member's Badge Draw

6.30pm - Port Macquarie Golf Club, 698 Ocean Drive, Port Macquarie. Free courtesy bus available Thursday, Friday & Saturdays from 4pm. <https://www.portmacquariegolf.com.au/>
Ph: 02 6582 0409

Every Friday – Community Meat Tray Raffles

5.30pm - Beechwood Hotel - 735 Beechwood Road, Beechwood www.beechwoodhotel.com.au Ph: 02 6585 6170

Every Friday - Bingo

9.45am – Panthers Port Macquarie - 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au
Ph: 02 6580 2300

Every Friday – Happy Hour

4.00pm – 6.00pm - Rocksalt, The Marina, Shop 10/18 Park Street, Port Macquarie www.rocksaltmarina.com
Ph: 02 6581 0501

Every Friday and Saturday - Level Up 18+

9.00pm - DJ until late
128 William Street, Port Macquarie
Email: info@leveluppmq.com.au www.leveluppmq.com.au

Every 1st Friday – Karaoke with Happy Dave

Lake Cathie Tavern - 1609 Ocean Drive, Lake Cathie
www.lakecathietavern.com.au Ph: 02 65848024

Every Friday & Saturday - Live Music at Little Shack

5.00pm - Little Shack - 1 Munster Street, Port Macquarie
<https://www.littleshack.com.au/>

Every Friday and Saturday – Live Music

8.00pm - Settlers Inn - Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie
www.settlersinn.com.au Ph: 02 6583 3100

Every Friday and Saturday – Live Music

6.30pm – Tacking Point Tavern Cnr Ocean & Emerald Drives, Port Macquarie www.tackingpointtavern.com.au
Ph: 02 6582 3939

Every Saturday Eureka

Westport Club, 25 Buller Street, Port Macquarie
Eureka mixes Bingo, Trivia, & Novelty Games into one exciting game with plenty of chances to win GREAT prizes. Saturday night at 6.00pm. www.westportclub.com.au
Ph: 02 6588 7201

Every Saturday – Live Music

7.00pm - Lake Cathie Tavern - 1609 Ocean Drive, Lake Cathie
www.lakecathietavern.com.au Ph: 02 6584 8024

Every Saturday - Live Music or DJ

7.30pm - Settlers Inn - Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie
www.settlersinn.com.au Ph: 02 6583 3100

Every Saturday – Live Music

7.30pm - Hastings Hotel, 12 High Street, Wauchope
www.hastingshotel.com.au Ph: 02 6586 1963

Every Saturday - Bingo

9.45am – Panthers Port Macquarie - 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie. BINGO will not be played over the following sessions over the festive season. No game 24, 25, 26 & 27 December and no game 1 January.
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

Every Sunday – Sunday Roast & Raffles

Wauchope Country Club - 24 King Street, Wauchope
Tickets on sale 12.00pm, drawn at 1.00pm
www.wauchopecountryclub.com.au Ph: 02 6585 3020

Every Sunday – Raffles

5.30pm - Wauchope RSL Club, 22 Cameron Street, Wauchope
Tickets on sale from 5.30pm, Raffle begins at 6.30pm start.
www.wauchopersl.com.au Ph: 02 6585 2244

Every Sunday – Live Music

2.00pm – Tacking Point Tavern Cnr Ocean & Emerald Drives, Port Macquarie www.tackingpointtavern.com.au
Ph: 02 6582 3939

Every Sunday – Kids Eat Free at Dinner

Hastings Hotel, 12 High Street, Wauchope
www.hastingshotel.com.au Ph: 02 6586 1963

Every Sunday – Kids Eat Free & Free Barefoot Bowls

Club Lake Cathie - 45 Evans Street, Lake Cathie
www.clublakecathie.com.au Ph: 02 6585 5701

Every Sunday - Sunday Roast Lunch Special

11.30am - Port Macquarie Golf Club, 698 Ocean Drive, Port Macquarie <https://www.portmacquariegolf.com.au/>
Ph: 02 6582 0409

Every Sunday – Stella Sunday

Rocksalt, The Marina, Shop 10/18 Park Street, Port Macquarie
www.rocksaltmarina.com Ph: 02 6581 0501

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Every Tuesday - Tacking Point Tavern - 7.00pm
Every Tuesday - The Westport Club - 6:30pm
Every Wednesday - Lake Cathie Tavern - 7.00pm
Every Wednesday - Settlers Inn - 7.00pm
Every Wednesday - Port City Bowling Club - 7.00pm
Every Thursday - Port Macquarie Panthers - 7.00pm

6 February - Live Music in the Tapp with Steve Taylor

8.00pm – The Tapp, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

6 February – Live Music with Anthony Staines

Rocksalt, The Marina, Shop 10/18 Park Street, Port Macquarie
www.rocksaltmarina.com Ph: 02 6581 0501

7 February – Live Music with Jake Davey

Rocksalt, The Marina, Shop 10/18 Park Street, Port Macquarie
www.rocksaltmarina.com Ph: 02 6581 0501

7 February – Country Night on The Terrace with Brad Lockwood Band

7.00pm – 10.00pm – Terrace at The Bowl, 159 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie. www.theterrace2444.com
Ph: 02 6583 2238

7 February – Live Music in the Kove Lounge with Whiskey Rock

7.30pm – Kove Lounge, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

7 February – Live Music in The Tapp with The Goodfellas Band

8.00pm – The Tapp, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

7 February – Acoustic Music in the lounge with Pete Roberts

Wauchope RSL Club, 22 Cameron Street, Wauchope
www.wauchopersl.com.au Ph: 02 6585 2244

8 February – Live Music in The Tapp with Anna Vee and Blue Smoke

2.00pm – The Tapp, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

8 February – Live Music with Bill Roberts

Rocksalt, The Marina, Shop 10/18 Park Street, Port Macquarie
www.rocksaltmarina.com Ph: 02 6581 0501

13 February – Live Music in The Tapp with Cassidy-Rae

8.00pm – The Tapp, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

13 February – Live Music with Tom Mwanza

Rocksalt, The Marina, Shop 10/18 Park Street, Port Macquarie
www.rocksaltmarina.com Ph: 02 6581 0501

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14 February - Rock n Roll night in the Kove Lounge with Sideshow

7.30pm - Kove Lounge, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

14 February – Live Music with Brad Hunt

Rocksalt, The Marina, Shop 10/18 Park Street, Port Macquarie
www.rocksaltmarina.com Ph: 02 6581 0501

15 February – Live Music in The Tapp with Leigh l'Anson

2.00pm – The Tapp, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

20 February – Live Music in The Tapp with Dan Hopkins

8.00pm – The Tapp, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

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20 February – Live Music with Pete Robert

Rocksalt, The Marina, Shop 10/18 Park Street, Port Macquarie
www.rocksaltmarina.com Ph: 02 6581 0501

21 February – Live Music with Charlie Oderry

Rocksalt, The Marina, Shop 10/18 Park Street, Port Macquarie
www.rocksaltmarina.com Ph: 02 6581 0501

21 February - Live music in the Kove Lounge with Brad Lockwood Trio

7.30pm – Kove Lounge, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

21 February – Live Music in The Tapp with Who's Charlie

8.00pm – The Tapp, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

22 February – Live Music in The Tapp with Pure Acoustic

2.00pm – The Tapp, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

22 February – Live Music with Pete Robert

Rocksalt, The Marina, Shop 10/18 Park Street, Port Macquarie
www.rocksaltmarina.com Ph: 02 6581 0501

27 February – Live Music in The Tapp with Jonah James

8.00pm – The Tapp, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

28 February – Live Music with Craig Stewart

Rocksalt, The Marina, Shop 10/18 Park Street, Port Macquarie
www.rocksaltmarina.com Ph: 02 6581 0501

28 February - Rock n Roll night in the Kove Lounge with The Shuffle Boys

7.30pm – Kove Lounge, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

28 February – Live Music in The Tapp with 8Ball Aitken

8.00pm – The Tapp, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

28 February – Live Music on The Terrace with Pete Roberts

6.30pm – 9.30pm – Terrace at The Bowl, 159 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie
www.theterrace2444.com
Ph: 02 6583 2238



SPECIAL EVENTS

30 January – Dave Hughes - Cooked

7.00pm & 8.00pm – Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie www.glasshouse.org.au
Ph: 02 6581 8888

31 January – Red Hot Summer Tour

1.00pm - Westport Park, Port Macquarie
Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4oLtiAN>

30 January – 1 February - LatinFest

2.00pm – 5.00pm - Panthers, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
A fantastic Latin dance festival, with 3-days of workshops (salsa, bachata, kizomba and Brazilian zouk and more!). Plus, live music with a 7-piece band from Brisbane and incredible professional performances. Tickets on sale now: LatinFest 30 Jan - 1 Feb 2026 Tickets, Panthers Port Macquarie, Port Macquarie | TryBooking Australia
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

31 January – 26 February – Stephen Killick

Luminance Art Gallery, 2/26 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
Open Thursday to Saturday, 11am - 4pm, and by appointment.
www.luminancegallery.com.au Ph: 0491 764 745

Until 8 February – Regional Creative Showcase 2025

10.00am – 2.00pm – Glasshouse Regional Gallery, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie www.glasshouse.org.au
Ph: 02 6581 8888

Until 23 February – Frothin' Bowls Fridays

6.00pm – 7.30pm – On the Greens, Port City Bowling Club, 4 Owen Street, Port Macquarie. Sausage sizzle, music, prizes, mates & laughs. Book your team in today. Visit our website for more details. <https://portcity.com.au/> Ph: 02 6583 1133

1 February – Jazz on The Terrace

1.00pm – 4.00pm – The Bowl, 159 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie <https://thebowlpmq.com.au/> Ph: 02 6583 2238

1 February – Sighthounds Social

10.00am – 12.00pm – Terrace at The Bowl, 159 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie www.theterrace2444.com
Ph: 02 6583 2238

1 February – 26 April – Northern Exposure 9

10.00am – 2.00pm – Glasshouse Regional Gallery, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie www.glasshouse.org.au
Ph: 02 6581 8888

1 – 2 February - Gatsby

Port Bus, Port Macquarie
To book: <https://www.portbus.com.au/tours-and-event-transport> www.portbus.com.au Ph: 02 6583 3330

5 February - Michelle De Angelis Show in the Rushcutter Room

6.30pm - Panthers, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
Tickets: <https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/Show.aspx?sh=MCDANG26> www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au
Ph: 02 6580 2300

6 February – ABBA Thank You For The Music

7.30pm – 9.50pm – Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie www.glasshouse.org.au
Ph: 02 6581 8888

6 February – Sound Bites on Clarence – Got It Covered

5.00pm – 8.00pm – Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
<https://www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/Places/Events/Events-calendar/Sound-Bites-on-Clarence>

6 – 8 February – Surf Reflections Junior Series Bonny Hills

7.00am – Rainbow Beach, Bonny Hills
<https://www.surfest.com/events/reflections-cadet-cup-2/>

7 February – Monster Truck Mayhem Thrills & Stunt Show

6.00pm – 7.45pm - 93a High Street, Wauchope
<https://monstertruckpromotionsaustralia.com/locations/wauchope-showground-2/>

7 February - An evening with Matty Johns in the Auditorium

6.30pm - Panthers, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
Tickets: <https://megatix.com.au/events/an-evening-with-matty-johns-7-feb-2026?source=home>
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

7 February – Country Night on The Terrace with Brad Lockwood Band

7.00pm – 10.00pm – The Bowl, 159 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie Tickets sold at the door.
<https://thebowlpmq.com.au/> Ph: 02 6583 2238

7 - 8 February – NSW Beach Volleyball State Tour

8.00am – 6.00pm – Town Beach, Port Macquarie
<https://www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/Places/Events/Community-events/NSW-Beach-Volleyball-State-Tour-Port-Macquarie-2>
8 February – Cavalier Catch Up at The Terrace
10.00am – 12.00pm – Terrace at The Bowl, 159 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie www.theterrace2444.com
Ph: 02 6583 2238

8 February - The Good Thank You Mystery Box Rally Fundraiser

12.00pm - Port Macquarie Race Club, Oxley Highway Port Macquarie www.portmacquarieraceclub.com.au
Ph: 02 6581 1964

SPECIAL EVENTS

8 February – Bago Maze & Wine Annual Grape Stomp Festival

11.30am – 2.30pm - Bago Vineyards, Wauchope
Live music & maze entry. BK Blues music 11.30am – 2.30pm.
Grape stomp at noon – entry by ballot on the day. Bago's
cheese & charcuterie platters available. Book online.
<https://www.bago.com.au/> Ph: 02 6585 7099

9 February – Super Bowl

10.00am - Settlers Inn - Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie
Watch on two mega screens. Lunch specials. American beers,
hot dogs & share plates available all day.
www.settlersinn.com.au Ph: 02 6583 3100

10 February – Steady Eddy – Return of the Steady Tour 2026

Moorebeer Brewing Co, 18/ 35 Merrigal Road, Port Macquarie
Tickets: STEADY EDDY – Moorebeer Brewing Co.
www.moorebeer.com.au Ph: 0466 628 640

13 February – Live Baby Live: The INXS Tribute Show

8.00pm – 10.30pm – Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie www.glasshouse.org.au
Ph: 02 6581 8888

13 February – Sing Your Heart Out at Setts

8.00pm - Settlers Inn - Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie
Karaoke with host Jimmy Laing. Singing from 8pm, open till
2am. www.settlersinn.com.au Ph: 02 6583 3100

13 February – Sound Bites on Clarence – Jordan van der Heide & Ruby Blunt

5.00pm – 8.00pm – Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
<https://www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/Places/Events/Events-calendar/Sound-Bites-on-Clarence>

14 February – Valentine's Day Skate Date Night

7.00pm - Planet Skate, 10 Chestnut Road, Port Macquarie
Adults only. Bookings required. www.planetskate.com.au
Ph: 02 5526 0484

14 February – 19 April – Primavera: Young Australian Artists

10.00am – 2.00pm – Glasshouse Regional Gallery, 30-34
Clarence Street, Port Macquarie www.glasshouse.org.au
Ph: 02 6581 8888

14 February – Valentine's Day Dinner

5.30pm – 8.00pm – Port Macquarie Golf Club - Ocean Drive,
Port Macquarie. Choose from a 2 or 3 course dinner, complete
with a complimentary glass of bubbles for your Valentine.
Bookings are essential - payment to be made at the restaurant
on the night. www.portmacquariegolf.com.au
Ph: 02 6582 0409

15 February – OODLE Meet and Greet at The Terrace

10.00am – 12.00pm – Terrace at The Bowl, 159 Hastings
River Drive, Port Macquarie www.theterrace2444.com
Ph: 02 6583 2238

15 & 16 February – The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Port Bus, Port Macquarie
To book: <https://www.portbus.com.au/tours-and-event-transport> www.portbus.com.au Ph: 02 6583 3330

16 - 25 February – Outback Queensland Silos and Pubs

Port Bus, Port Macquarie
To book: <https://www.portbus.com.au/tours-and-event-transport> www.portbus.com.au Ph: 02 6583 3330

17 February – Bravissimo 2026: HSC Music Showcase Concert

12.15pm – 2.30pm – Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie www.glasshouse.org.au
Ph: 02 6581 8888

20 February – Sound Bites on Clarence – Alter Ego

5.00pm – 8.00pm – Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
<https://www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/Places/Events/Events-calendar/Sound-Bites-on-Clarence>

20 February – Echoes of Pink Floyd: 60 Years of Pink Floyd

8.00pm – 10.50pm – Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie www.glasshouse.org.au
Ph: 02 6581 8888

20 February - The Julie Goodwin – Your time starts now tour in the Auditorium

2.00pm – 5.00pm - Panthers, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
“Your Time Starts Now is not just a cooking demonstration
—it’s an invitation into Julie’s world. A space where food and
storytelling collide, where vulnerability is strength, and where
laughter and tears often sit at the same table.”
Tickets: <https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=JULGOOD26> www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au
Ph: 02 6580 2300

21 February – Latin Dance Social Night

7.00pm – The Basement, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

21 February – Urban Wine Walk

12.00pm – 4.00pm – Multi Venue, Port Macquarie
The streets and laneways of Port Macquarie are set to come
alive again this Summer as a line-up of venues each play
host to an incredible winemaker who'll be there, pouring and
chatting their way through an unforgettable afternoon!
For more information & tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/wwwportmacquariesummer2026>

SPECIAL EVENTS

21 February – 80's to the Max

Doors 7.30pm - Laurieton United Services Club, 2 Seymour Street Laurieton Tickets: <https://bit.ly/49RmKgb>
www.laurietonclub.com.au Ph: 02 6559 9110

21 February – Geraldine Hickey – A Weight Off My Chest

7.30pm – 8.30pm – Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie www.glasshouse.org.au
Ph: 02 6581 8888

21 February – Hastings Long Lunch and Markets

11.00am – Hastings Street, Wauchope
<https://bit.ly/3Nm2CcU>

22 February – Line Dancing

9.00am – 3.00pm - Wauchope RSL Club, 22 Cameron Street, Wauchope www.wauchopersl.com.au Ph: 02 6585 2244

22 February – Evergreen Turf MNCRA Country Championships Qualifier

12.00pm - Port Macquarie Race Club, Oxley Highway Port Macquarie www.portmacquarieraceclub.com.au
Ph: 02 6581 1964

22 February – Paws and Play: Golden & Lab Meet Up

10.00am – 12.00pm – Terrace at The Bowl, 159 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie www.theterrace2444.com
Ph: 02 6583 2238

22 February – Mystery Lunch

Port Bus, Port Macquarie
To book: <https://www.portbus.com.au/tours-and-event-transport> www.portbus.com.au Ph: 02 6583 3330

26 February – The Big Chill Out – Celebrating The Soundtrack That Saved Motown

7.30pm – 9.50pm – Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie www.glasshouse.org.au
Ph: 02 6581 8888

27 February – 15 March – Neighbourhood Watch

Various Times – Players Theatre, 33 Lord Street, Port Macquarie <https://www.players theatre.org.au/>
Ph: 02 6584 6663

27 February – Sound Bites on Clarence – John Ryll & Nikki Rudge

5.00pm – 8.00pm – Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
<https://www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/Places/Events/Events-calendar/Sound-Bites-on-Clarence>

28 February – 1 March – Comboyne Show

Showground Rd, Comboyne www.agshowsnsnsw.org.au
Ph: 02 6550 4006

Save the date! 1 March – Runfest 2026

Town Green, Port Macquarie
<https://www.portmacquarierunningfestival.com.au/event/>

Save the date! 6 March – International Women's Day Lunch 2026

Port Macquarie

Save the date! 6 March – International Women's Day Lunch 2026 at The Stunned Mullet

The Stunned Mullet, 24 Williams Street, Port Macquarie
<https://thestunnedmullet.com.au/> Ph: 02 6584 7757

Save the date! 13 March – Brooke McClymont & Adam Eckersley

Panthers, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
Tickets: <https://bit.ly/49ihdPw>
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au Ph: 02 6580 2300

Save the date! 19 May – Spin Doctors celebrating 35 Years of Pocket Full of Kryptonite

7.00pm - Port Macquarie Race Club, Oxley Highway Port Macquarie Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4aJx7my>
www.portmacquarieraceclub.com.au Ph: 02 6581 1964

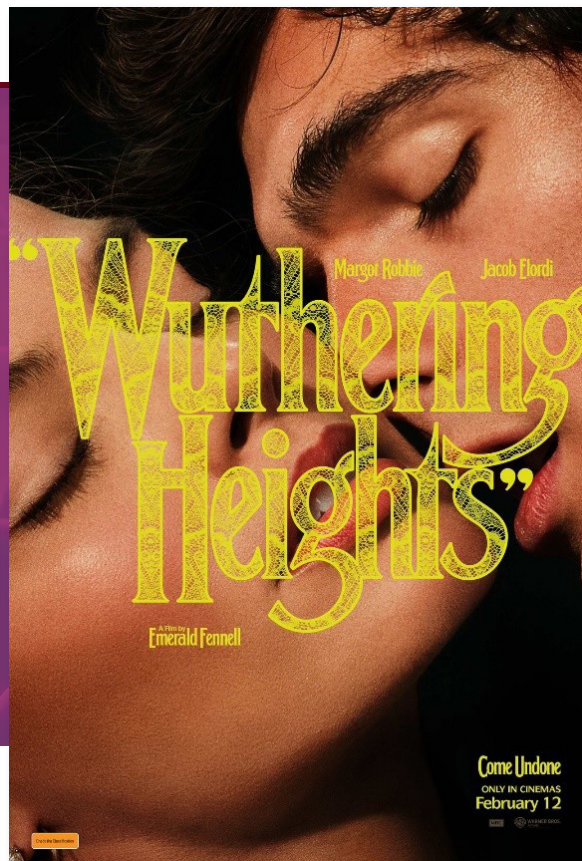
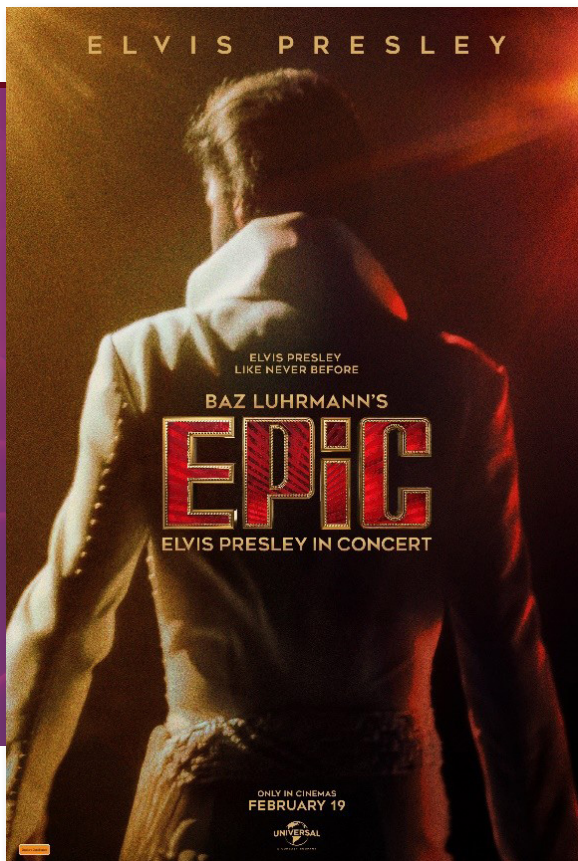
Save the date! 15 May – 7 June – Georgy Girl: The Seekers Musical

Various Times – Players Theatre, 33 Lord Street, Port Macquarie <https://www.players theatre.org.au/>
Ph: 02 6584 6663

Save the date! 24 July – 9 August – Don't Dress For Dinner

Various Times – Players Theatre, 33 Lord Street, Port Macquarie <https://www.players theatre.org.au/>
Ph: 02 6584 6663





Normal Shows

Starts 5 February – Shelter, Scarlet

Starts 12 February – Wuthering Heights, Crime 101, Solo Mio, Whistle, Little Wonder Bear, Blue Moon

Starts 19 February – EPIC: Elvis Presley in Concert, Fackham Hall, Is This Thing On?

Starts 26 February – Scream 7, The Testament of Ann Lee, How to Make a Killing

Events

Thursday February 26 to Wed March 11: Oscars Festival

Sunday 1 March and & Wednesday 4 March: National Theatre Live: Hamlet

Session times at www.majesticcinemas.com.au

MONTHLY MARKETS

EVERY TUESDAY

Real Food Local Produce Markets

11am to 5.30pm

Port Central

Hay Street Forecourt, Port Macquarie

EVERY THURSDAY

Kendall Bazaar and The Meeting Place

9am to 12pm

Kendall Community Centre

19 Comboyne Street, Kendall

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAY

Mid North Coast Markets

8am to 1pm

Cassegrain Wines

10 Winery Drive, Port Macquarie

FIRST SATURDAY

Uniting Church Markets

8am to 11am

Uniting Church

Cnr. Oxley Highway & Sherwood Rd, Port Macquarie

FIRST SUNDAY

Kendall Community Markets

9am to 1pm

Kendall Showground. Kendall

FIRST SUNDAY (Additional)

Laurieton Riverwalk Markets

8am to 1pm

Cnr Tunis & Short Street, Laurieton

SECOND SATURDAY

Johns River Markets

8am to 12.30pm

Johns River Community Hall & Recreation Reserve

Johns River Road, Johns River

SECOND SATURDAY

Port Macquarie Markets Foreshore

9am to 2pm

Westport Park

Cnr Buller & Park Streets, Port Macquarie

SECOND SUNDAY

Crescent Head Markets

8am to 12pm

Near Surf Club Reserve

Crescent Head

THIRD SUNDAY

Laurieton Riverwalk Markets

8am to 1pm

Cnr. Tunis & Short Street, Laurieton

FOURTH SATURDAY

Wauchope Farmers' Markets

8am to 12pm

Wauchope Showground

High Street, Wauchope

FOURTH SUNDAY

Port Macquarie Markets Town Square

9am to 2pm

Town Green

Horton Street, Port Macquarie

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ADVERTISED DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID AND WEATHER CONDITIONS



11 & 25 February - Mobile Library Van @ Sovereign Hills (15 Chancellors Drive, Thrumster)

10.00am – 12.00pm - Port Macquarie Library
mnclibrary.org.au/van Ph: 02 6581 8755

12 & 26 February - Mobile Library Van @ Lake Cathie (Lake Cathie Community Centre Lot 3 Mullet Drive)

10.00am – 12.00pm - Port Macquarie Library
mnclibrary.org.au/van Ph: 02 6581 8755

Toddler Time - every Monday - excluding school holidays

10.00am - Port Macquarie Library Ph: 02 6581 8755

Storytime - every Tuesday & Wednesday - excluding school holidays

10.00am - Port Macquarie Library Ph: 02 6581 8755

Baby Bounce - every Thursday - excluding school holidays

10.00am - Port Macquarie Library Ph: 02 6581 8755

1 December – 27 February - Bookmark and Poetry Competitions – All ages

Bookmark Design Competition: Entries open until 27th February 2026 Port Macquarie Library
More info: mnclibrary.org.au/bookmark Ph: 02 6581 8755

Summer Poetry Competition: Entries open until 27th February 2026

More info: mnclibrary.org.au/poetry-competition

3 February - Sydney Writer's Festival livestream interview - Geraldine Brooks

6.30pm - Port Macquarie Library
Please register - mnclibrary.org.au Ph: 02 6581 8755

9 February - Sydney Writer's Festival livestream interview - Kathy Lette

11.00am - Port Macquarie Library
Please register - mnclibrary.org.au Ph: 02 6581 8755

10 February - Stories Behind the Storyteller - Christopher Williams launching 'The formula of memory'

2.30pm - Port Macquarie Library
Please register - mnclibrary.org.au Ph: 02 6581 8755

10 February - Wauchope Seniors Session - Can you spot a scam?. Bookings essential

3.00pm - Wauchope Library
mnclibrary.org.au Ph: 02 6581 8162

12 February - Please join former seniors advocate Jill McDonnell for Aged Care Answers - Answering questions relating to Aged Care Matters

11.00am - Wauchope Library
mnclibrary.org.au Ph: 02 6581 8162

14 & 28 February - Writing for wellbeing workshops with Alice

10.00am – 2.00pm - Port Macquarie Library
Please register - mnclibrary.org.au Ph: 02 6581 8755

16 February - Sydney Writer's Festival livestream interview - Tyree Barnette

11.00am - Port Macquarie Library
Please register - mnclibrary.org.au Ph: 02 6581 8755

17 February - Stories Behind the Storyteller - Christopher Williams launching 'The formula of memory'

11.00am - Port Macquarie Library
Please register - mnclibrary.org.au Ph: 02 6581 8755

21 February - Stories Behind the Storyteller - Pete Harris launching 'So you got f*cked up'

1.30pm - Port Macquarie Library
Please register - mnclibrary.org.au Ph: 02 6581 8755

23 February - Sydney Writer's Festival livestream interview - The Festival's signature rollicking 'Mardi Gras' debate

11.00am - Port Macquarie Library
Please register - mnclibrary.org.au Ph: 02 6581 8755

25 February - Please join former seniors advocate Jill McDonnell for Aged Care Answers - Answering questions relating to Aged Care Matters

2.00pm - Port Macquarie Library
Please register - mnclibrary.org.au Ph: 02 6581 8755

27 February - Talking Tech for Seniors. Bookings essential

10.00am – 11.30am - Port Macquarie Library
Please register - mnclibrary.org.au Ph: 02 6581 8755

27 February - Library Film Club

2.00pm - Port Macquarie Library
Please register - mnclibrary.org.au Ph: 02 6581 8755

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the hot tub I have yet to unveil. When I sit in one of the wooden chairs, I lean my head back and breathe in the delicate mountain air. The sun is coming out from behind a milky cloud, and as it warms my face, I watch a pair of sparrows flit around the limbs of two birch trees. The sloping mountain peaks within my view are brightened by the sun; they're now the color of blueberries. It's the first week of May. *May in the mountains.* That has a nice ring to it. I bet it could be set to some country music tune.

I should tour Bryson City and the surrounding area. When Dad called this morning, he said I could drive to some of the nearby attractions. He suggested a trip to the Cherokee Indian Reservation, or heading into Gatlinburg, Tennessee, via the Smoky Mountain Parkway, for a day trip. "I bet it's real pretty this time of year," he said.

His voice filled my heart with everything I know to be good, and I knew that I should just hop in my Jeep, buckle up, and go.

I rest my arms against the Adirondack chair's flat, smooth arms. One day, I think—one day the thought of driving won't make me nauseous. One day I won't have to deal with all the post-traumatic stuff. One day I won't care about the scars on my body. One day my days will be as beautiful as Neville Martner's symphony playing selections from Vivaldi. Wherever I go, I will be his "Summer" concerto.

Right now a trek in my Jeep down curvy roads into Bryson City for a stop at Ingle's or The Center is all that I can handle.

A cardinal flies by, and his bright color makes me see only one thing—blood. Blood, fresh and dried, all over the seats of Lucas's Mustang. I try to force away the memory of that rainy

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if I write them?" Pearl asked. "I mean

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"You sure you know what you're getting into? I mean... a musical?"

"What do you mean? I acted in four different plays in high school, didn't you forget?"

"I didn't forget. But that was *before*, Anne."

She glanced over at Jamie, who naturally had no idea what her father meant.

"What was I supposed to do?" she snapped. "It's a fundraiser for the Mexico mission trip, which is why we're doing it for the fall semester rather than this spring."

"That's great, but—"

... retired year, and she said she

Salvador was of this variety—nor was he interested in finding out.

"You were a big help today," he said as Salvador passed by, the PVC pipes bobbing like javelins in his arms.

"Thank you, Father," came the accented reply accompanied by the characteristic smile and nod. The man's voice was light and scratchy, like that of a washed-up crooner who had traded his talent for several decades of smoking.

"We may partake in some festivities later, if you'd care to join us. Just a little song and dance, nothing too elaborate."

"No, no, but thank you."

"Okay. If you change your mind, you know where we'll be. We'd love to have you."

Another agreeable nod, and then he moved on.

The last of the day's light died away, and torches were lit to aid in the final bits of work and cleanup. Breimayer kept watching Salvador, ever hopeful of that momentary glimpse beneath the surface. When he dissolved unceremoniously into the darkness, no one else took particular notice; they had seen it a thousand times. He would return tomorrow, after all.

by Lu Hsun. Pearl's favorites were *The True Story of Mrs. Xiang-Lin*. Although the author's criticism of original, we didn't love the stories. Pearl's trouble it he depicted his characters as if he were standing in. portrays are all narrow-minded, stubborn, and out.

... considered revolutionary that he even made peasants his subjects," I commented.

Pearl and I both loved Lao She and Cao Yu. Among their best were *The Big House*, *Full Moon*, and *The Marriage of a Puppet Master*. We favored *Full Moon* in particular for the author's sensitivity. The story was about a single mother who was driven into prostitution. Although her daughter tries to avoid following in her mother's footsteps, she ends up succumbing to the same fate.

Pearl liked the story but resented the novel's bitter hopelessness. She preferred stories that offered hope in the end, however tragic. "The character must believe in himself, and he must have the stamina to endure."

"Beautiful, heart-wrenching tragedy has been central to the Chinese tradition for thousands of years," I reminded her. "Both novelists and readers relish what you call hopelessness."

"That is not always true," Pearl challenged. "The novel *All Men Are Brothers* is the best example. The poor peasants were forced to become bandits. But the novel is filled with energy. There is no bitterness to it. To me, this is the Chinese essence!"

"Chinese critics don't share your opinion," I argued. "They say *All Men Are Brothers* lacks sophistication. They consider it folk art, not literature."

"That is exactly why things must change," Pearl shot back. "Everyday life has a power of its own. And it's important to pay attention to it. Look at Soo-ching, the lady who delivered her son in my backyard! I bet she bit off the umbilical cord like the character Er-niang in *All Men Are Brothers*! I didn't see her pity herself. She was ready to go on.

JERIMOTH HAD RETURNED HOME from the Passover feast convinced that he would find Jerusha waiting for him. He flung open the door of his house calling her name, but only his startled servant answered. Throughout each passing day, Jerimoth had paused from his labors and scanned the horizon, no longer looking for the dreaded Assyrian soldiers, but for his daughter, walking up the road toward home. Before retiring each evening, he gazed longingly in the direction the soldiers had carried Jerusha, watching for her long after the sun had set and the dim light of the flickering stars made visibility beyond the borders of his vineyard impossible. Jerimoth would lie awake late into the night, listening in the darkness for the sound of Jerusha's footsteps on the hard-packed road. The first rays of dawn would find him hurrying to the highest point of his land, scanning the horizon for a glimpse of his daughter.

He had done the same when he returned home after celebrating the Feast of Pentecost—but no Jerusha.

When harvesttime ended and Jerimoth had stored away the last of his crops, he and his family traveled to Jerusalem again for the Feast of Tabernacles, bringing the tenth portion of all his crops as a sacrifice for Yahweh. Once again they stayed with Hilkiah, and, like the other pilgrims, they slept outside on the rooftop in rustic booths to celebrate the long wanderings of their forefathers in the wilderness. The Feast

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On the night of the feast, Eliakim returned home from festivities with the other men long after sunset. His feet dancing in his new sandals, and he was ready to sleep. But and Jerimoth seemed oblivious to the late hour. Instead of his bed, they settled down in the large main room of Hilkiah lighting all the oil lamps, talking together.

"It's hard to believe that the festival is over already," Jerimoth said. "Yes, it has gone quickly, hasn't it?" Hilkiah agreed. "This is the final convocation already. I suppose you'll need to start afterward?"

"That's when our caravan is leaving."

"I hate to see you go, my friend. I can't tell you how I enjoy our visits together." Hilkiah's eyes twinkled warmly in the light. "Naturally, Eliakim and I will look forward to seeing you in the spring for Passover. Right, son?"

"Absolutely!" Eliakim replied. As much as he hated to see his father had been right once again. Eliakim had grown very close to Jerimoth and Hodesh and their little girl. Only the ghost of a daughter, Jerusha, who intruded into every conversation, made Eliakim uncomfortable.

"Then it's settled, yes?" Hilkiah asked. "You will come again in the spring?"

Jerimoth gave a tired smile, a rare sight on his mooned face. "Thank you. I'm honored to stay in your home. And next time I will meet my older daughter, Jerusha."

"She will be our guest of honor!" Hilkiah said. "We will thank offerings to the Temple and hold a huge feast, son?"

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HAMMOND SHUDDERED AWAKE. The pillow that had been over his head bowed everything off the nightstand before tumbling away. His eyes shifted about like those of a frightened child. There was sunlight slanting through the blinds, casting patterns on the furniture and the carpet. But he didn't recognize the blinds or the furniture or anything else. He was out of breath, his heart hammering.

Then it started coming back—the phone call, the church, the coffins, the sickening emptiness that followed the loss of the most beloved people in his life. He saw it all again in his mind, or at least a vague recollection of it. *It's bad enough I had to live through it once*, he thought bitterly, *but I have to endure repeat showings?* Then he remembered where he was and why he was here.

In the bathroom, he turned on the cold water and splashed his face. He appraised himself in the mirror—pale-gray half-moons had formed under his eyes; any darker and he'd look like a corpse. He remembered Noah's standing offer to fill a prescription for sleeping meds—drugs that would put him into such a deep sleep it would take all the

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now, and in some ways I was more excited about that than in meeting my husband, because I had heard about Snow Flower's home and family for so long, while I knew almost nothing about the man I was going to marry. Still, although I was filled with anticipation—at last I'd be going to Snow Flower's house!—she seemed vague about the details.

"Someone from your in-laws' home will bring you to me," Snow Flower said.

"Do you think my mother-in-law will join us for your Sitting and Singing?" I asked. This would please me, because she would see me with my *laoteng*.

"Lady Lu is too busy. She has many duties, just as you will one day."

"But I'll get to meet your mother, elder sister, and... who else will be invited?"

I had expected that Mama and Aunt would be part of Snow Flower's rituals. She seemed so much a member of our family that I thought she would want them there.

"Auntie Wang will come," she said.

The matchmaker would probably make several appearances during Snow Flower's Sitting and Singing.

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Lots of people play the piano. It couldn't be that hard."

"I don't know..." Her father obviously didn't believe a word of it.

For just a moment, Jamie had a déjà-vu-all-over-again feeling, just like his last moment of insanity, when he'd applied for the bakery job. He felt the same kind of craziness taking over as he watched his hand go up without even asking it to.

"I play a little piano."

They looked at him as if they'd never seen him before in their lives.

"You?" they both echoed. Anne looked at her dad for a little help?

"Well..." Jamie shrugged. Who knew if she'd allow him to volunteer?

If nothing else, though, it would give him a better chance to keep an eye on the elusive Anne Stewart. That in itself would be worth it, even if it was just for a few weeks. Who knew what it could lead to? Besides, wasn't this just a normal person with a nor-



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