

May 2026 Edition

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Special Events

in the local areas

Until 7 June - Barely There - Hastings Valley Fine Art Association

Glasshouse Regional Gallery, 30-34 Clarence Street,
Port Macquarie 02 6581 8888 www.glasshouse.org.au

Until 7 June - Panta Rhei - Everything Flows CATHERINE CLORAN

Glasshouse Regional Gallery, 30-34 Clarence Street,
Port Macquarie 02 6581 8888 www.glasshouse.org.au

24 April - 3 July - Mid North Coast Bowls Junior League

5.00pm - 6.00pm - Port City Bowling Club, 4 Owen Street
02 6583 1133

Whether you're brand new to lawn bowls or looking to sharpen your skills, our Junior League Clinic is the perfect place to learn, play, and have fun. Perfect for children 6-17yrs, no experience needed – just come down, have fun, and get rolling! We'd love to see you there! For more information contact Phil Baker- Bowls Co-ordinator on 6583 1153 or visit our website. www.portcity.com.au

27 April - 9 May – Mother's Day Giveaway

Centre Court, Settlement City, Bay Street, Port Macquarie
02 6583 7377

Spend \$50 or more at participating stores and present your receipt to claim your free Urban Rituelle Hand Cream. Terms & conditions apply. While stocks last. www.settlementcity.com

Until 9 May – Hudson Family Circus

Westport Park, Park Street, Port Macquarie
Tickets: <https://hudsons.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/161460>

1 May – Live Music with Happy Dave

8.00pm - The Tapp, Panthers Port Macquarie
02 6580 2300 www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

1 May – Cotton Sax Strings

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

2 May – Live Music with Brad Lockwood

8.00pm - The Tapp, Panthers Port Macquarie
02 6580 2300 www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

2 May – Live Music on the Terrace with Chloe Neilsen

6.30pm – 9.30pm - Terrace at The Bowl
02 6583 2238 www.theterrace2444.com

2 May - Duck Pond by Circa

7.00pm - 8.15pm - Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse,
30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie 02 6581 8888
www.glasshouse.org.au

2 May - Mother's Day Raffle

Wauchope RSL Club, 22 Cameron Street, Wauchope
02 6585 2244 \$5000 in prizes to be won. Tickets on sale
from 5.30pm. www.wauchopersl.com.au

2 May - So What - The Australian Pink Experience

8.30pm - Panthers Auditorium, 1 Bay Street,
Port Macquarie 02 6580 2300
Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4sKQ3Hx>
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

3 May - Rock & Roll Sunday with Funhouse

3.30pm - 6.30pm - Kove Lounge, Panthers Port Macquarie
02 6580 2300 www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

3 May – Sighthound Social Catch Up at The Terrace

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

3 May – Jazz on The Terrace

1.00pm - 4.00pm - The Bowl, 159 Hastings River Drive,
Port Macquarie 02 6583 2238 www.thebowlpmq.com.au

3 May - Craig Stewart

3.00pm - The Jetty, Laurieton United Services Club, 2
Seymour Street, Laurieton 02 6559 9110
Live Music from 4pm www.laurietonclub.com.au

7 & 8 May - Moss Piglet

Various Times - Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse, 30-34
Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
02 6581 8888 www.glasshouse.org.au

8 May– Live Music with Jonah James

8.00pm - The Tapp, Panthers Port Macquarie
02 6580 2300 www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

8 May - Charlie O'Derry

7.00pm - Fernhill Tavern, 4 Jindalee Road, Port Macquarie
02 6581 0377 www.fernhilltavern.com.au

8 May - The Fletch and Hindy Show

Doors 6.30pm - Panthers Auditorium, 1 Bay Street,
Port Macquarie 02 6580 2300 Tickets: <https://megatix.com.au/events/fletch-hindy-8-may-2026?source=home>
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au



8 May – Possum Scratchers

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

9 May – Live Music with Who's Charlie

8.00pm - The Tapp, Panthers Port Macquarie
02 6580 2300 www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

9 May– Rock n Roll in the Lounge with Shuffle Boys

7.30pm - Kove Lounge, Panthers Port Macquarie
02 6580 2300 www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

9 May – Bravehearts Mid North Coast High Tea Fashion Soiree

12.30pm - 4.30pm - Port Macquarie Race Club, Oxley
Highway, Port Macquarie
Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/bravehearts-mnc-high-tea-fashion-parade>

9 May – Upstarts Vol. 2 an all ages, original live music initiative

6.00pm – 10.00pm - Terrace at The Bowl
02 6583 2238 www.theterrace2444.com

9 May - David Malikoff Presents: A Musing About Love

7.30pm - 9.30pm - Ross Family Studio, Glasshouse, 30-34
Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
02 6581 8888 www.glasshouse.org.au

9 May - Ross Noble - Cranium of Curiosities

8.00pm - 9.50pm - Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse,
30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
02 6581 8888 www.glasshouse.org.au

9 May – Random Weave Bowl, Platter, Basket or Sculpture Workshop

12.30pm - 4.00pm - Sea Scouts Hall, 9 Buller Street,
Port Macquarie Ph/Txt 0434 464 646 or msg Cooeee
Sistas Art Facebook page

10 May - Mother's Day Classic 2026

7.15am - Westport Park, Port Macquarie
<https://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/event/mothers-day-classic-portmacquarie>

10 May - Mother's Day Buffet Breakfast

8.30am - 10.00am - Port City Bowling Club, 4 Owen Street
02 6583 1133 Book your table via the website.
www.portcity.com.au/

10 May - Mother's Day

Chop 'n Chill, Town Green, 17-19 Horton Street,
Port Macquarie 02 5018 7926
Free coffee & chocolates for mum in the morning, free
glass of bubbles for mum with lunch or dinner!
www.chopnchill.com.au

10 May – Mother's Day Live Music

11.30am - 2.30pm - Bago Maze & Wine, 197 Lambs Road,
Herons Creek 02 6585 7099 BYO picnic or order a Bago
Cheese Platter. Book online. www.bago.com.au

10 May - Mother's Day

Planet Skate, 10 Chestnut Road, Port Macquarie
02 5526 0484 Mum skates free. www.planetskate.com.au

10 May - Mother's Day Bottomless Brunch

10.30am - Laurieton United Services Club, 2 Seymour Street, Laurieton 02 6559 9110 Tickets: <https://lusc.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/163334>
www.laurietonclub.com.au

10 May - Markets, Melodies & Martinis

Tacking Point Tavern, Cnr of Ocean and Emerald Drives, Port Macquarie 02 6582 3939 Local market stalls and live music from 1pm. www.tackingpointtavern.com.au

10 May - Mother's Day

Lake Cathie Tavern, 1609 Ocean Drive, Lake Cathie 02 6584 8024 Free margarita for mum with mother's day lunch or dinner booking. Live music from 1pm.
www.lakecathietavern.com.au

10 May - Mother's Day Brunch

11.30am - 2.30pm - Sails Resort by Rydges, 20 Park Street, Port Macquarie Tickets: <https://www.123tix.com.au/events/51716/mothers-day-buffet-brunch>

10 May - Mother's Day High Tea

1.00pm - 4.00pm - Rydges, 1 Hay Street, Port Macquarie Tickets: <https://www.123tix.com.au/events/51832/mothers-day-high-tea>

10 May - Cavalier Catch Up at The Terrace

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

10 May - Mother's Day Bottomless Lunch

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

10, 17, 24 & 31 May - Barely There Sundays

11.00am - 1.00pm - Glasshouse Regional Gallery, Glasshouse, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie 02 6581 8888 www.glasshouse.org.au

12 & 13 May - Spot

Various times - Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie 02 6581 8888 www.glasshouse.org.au

15 May - Live Music with Ben Purnell

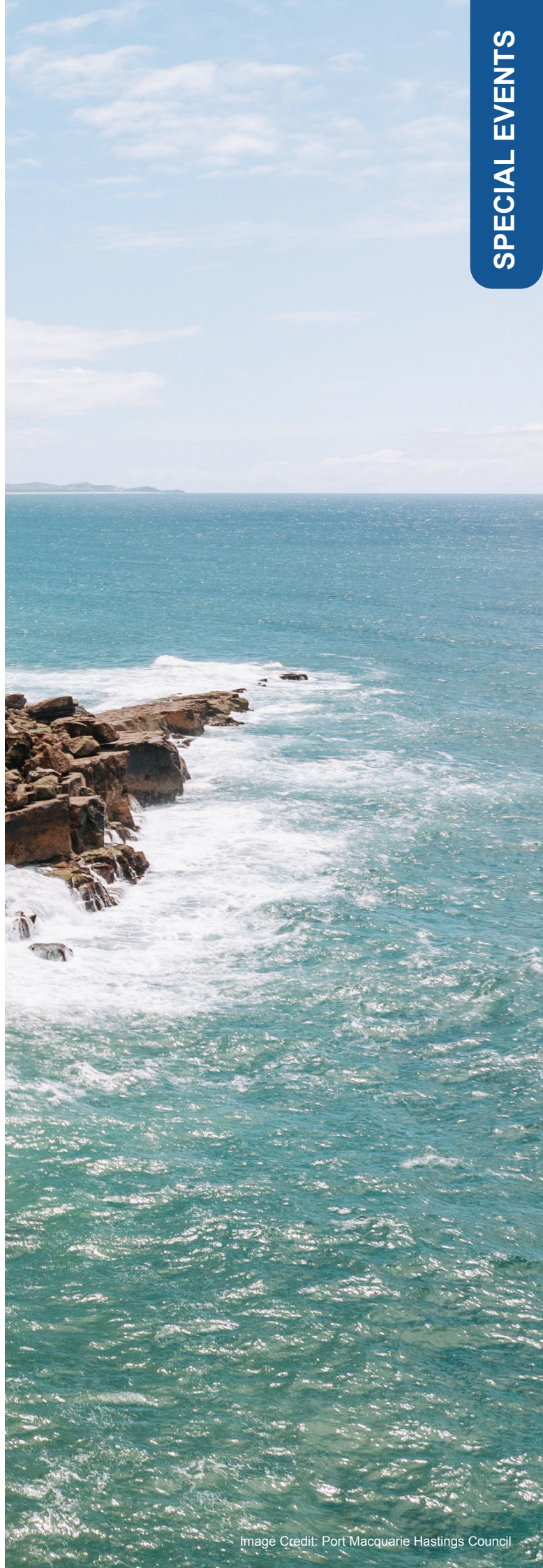
8.00pm - The Tapp, Panthers Port Macquarie 02 6580 2300 www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

15 May - Chill Factor

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

15 May - 7 June - Georgy Girl: The Seekers Musical

Various Times - Players Theatre, 33 Lord Street, Port Macquarie 02 6584 6663 www.playerstheatre.org.au



16 May - Smooth Moves - 90's/2000's R&B Adults Roller Disco

7.00pm - 9.00pm - Planet Skate, 10 Chestnut Road, Port Macquarie 02 5526 0484 www.planetskate.com.au

16 May – Live Music with Ross Ruprecht and the EMG

8.00pm - The Tapp, Panthers Port Macquarie 02 6580 2300 www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

16 May - ROCKETMAN FLYING SOLO - The Elton John Experience

Various Times - Ross Family Studio, Glasshouse, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie 02 6581 8888 www.glasshouse.org.au

16 May - Killer Queen Experience

8.00pm - 10.10pm - Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie 02 6581 8888 www.glasshouse.org.au

16 May– Live Music on the Terrace with The Volt

6.30pm – 9.30pm - Terrace at The Bowl 02 6583 2238 www.theterrace2444.com

17 May - Brad Lockwood

3.00pm - The Jetty, Laurieton United Services Club, 2 Seymour Street, Laurieton 02 6559 9110 Live Music from 4.00pm www.laurietonclub.com.au

17 May - The Big Dig 2026

Town Beach, Port Macquarie Registrations open at 9.00am. Dig starts at 10.00am. <https://sunrise-rotary.org.au/the-big-dig-port-macquarie>

18 May - Port Macquarie Race Day

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

19 May - GPMTA Network Night

5.45pm - Port Ad Venture Cruises, Port Macquarie

20 May - The Sydney Symphony: Music That Moves You

7.30pm - 9.00pm - Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie 02 6581 8888 www.glasshouse.org.au

21 - 24 May - Sydney Writers' Festival

Various Times - Ross Family Studio, Glasshouse, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie 02 6581 8888 www.glasshouse.org.au

22 May– Live Music with Brock Colley

8.00pm - The Tapp, Panthers Port Macquarie 02 6580 2300 www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

22 May – Can't Adult Today

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

22 & 23 May - On A Night Like This - A Celebration of Kylie Minogue

Various Times - Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse, 30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie 02 6581 8888 www.glasshouse.org.au

22 May - Ann Woodland

3.00pm - The Jetty, Laurieton United Services Club, 2 Seymour Street, Laurieton 02 6559 9110 Live Music from 5.00pm www.laurietonclub.com.au

23 May - Live Music with The Trapps

7.00pm - Wauchope RSL Club, 22 Cameron Street, Wauchope 02 6585 2244 Free entry. 60's, 70's, 80's & 90's music. www.wauchopersl.com.au

23 May – Live Music with Mak and Shar

8.00pm - The Tapp, Panthers Port Macquarie 02 6580 2300 www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

23 May– Live Music on the Terrace with Anthony Staines

6.30pm – 9.30pm - Terrace at The Bowl 02 6583 2238 www.theterrace2444.com

23 May - Rock n Roll night in the Kove Lounge with Brad Lockwood Trio

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

23 May – Introduction to Sensational Silk Painting

10.00am – 5.00pm - Sea Scouts Hall, 9 Buller Street, Port Macquarie Ph/Txt 0434 464 646 or msg Cooeee Sistas Art Facebook page

24 May – OODLE Meet and Greet at The Terrace

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

27 May - State of Origin

Fernhill Tavern, 4 Jindalee Road, Port Macquarie 02 6581 0377 www.fernhilltavern.com.au

27 May - State of Origin

Panthers, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie 02 6580 2300 www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

27 May - State of Origin

From 6.00pm - Port City Bowling Club, 4 Owen Street 02 6583 1133 www.portcity.com.au

29 May – Karaoke night

8.00pm - The Tapp, Panthers Port Macquarie 02 6580 2300 www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

29 May – Stevie B

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

29 May - The Creedence Clearwater Experience

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

**30 May - You Got It! A Salute to Roy Orbison
starring John Stephan**

2.30pm - 4.30pm - Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse,
30-34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
02 6581 8888 www.glasshouse.org.au

**30 May - Live Music on the Terrace
with Boney Rivers**

6.30pm - 9.30pm - Terrace at The Bowl
02 6583 2238 www.theterrace2444.com

30 May - Member's Special Show - 60's Mania

Doors 1.30pm - Panthers Auditorium, 1 Bay Street,
Port Macquarie 02 6580 2300
Tickets on sale now from club reception.
www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

30 May - Live Music with Deep Pockets

8.00pm - The Tapp, Panthers, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie
02 6580 2300 www.portmacquarie.panthers.com.au

31 May - Paws and Play: Golden & Lab Meet Up

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

**31 May - Who's Bad - The Ultimate
Michael Jackson Experience**

4.00pm - 6.15pm - Glasshouse Theatre, Glasshouse, 30-
34 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
02 6581 8888 www.glasshouse.org.au

31 May - Tommy Memphis

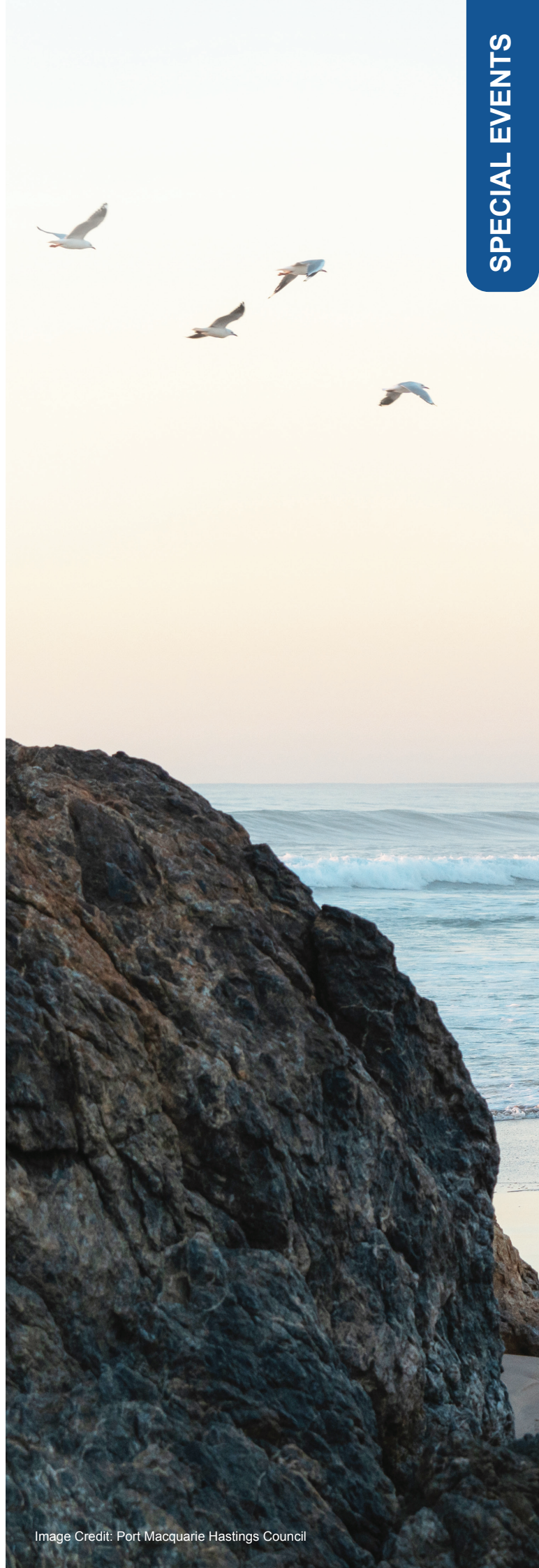
3.00pm - Laurieton United Services Club, 2 Seymour
Street, Laurieton
02 6559 9110 www.laurietonclub.com.au

31 May - Open Mic at the Vines

12.15pm - 2.30pm - 235 Oxley Highway, Port Macquarie
02 6584 3792
Why not pop in for a FREE wine tasting and a tour of
Australia's only volunteer-run vineyard while chilling out to
the free music at Port Macquarie's best-kept secret? Pack
a picnic (no BYO as wine, beer and soft drinks available
to purchase) or settle in with one of our special cheese
platters inside our magnificent Wine House. Well-behaved
four-legged children welcome to attend with their hoomans.
Performers are welcome to register here "Open Mic at the
Vines" Performer Registration by 29 May.
www.douglasvale.com.au

3 - 26 June - Lifeline Push Up Challenge

Lifeline Mid Coast is participating in The Push-Up
Challenge 2026. We're inviting local groups to join us in
completing 3,307 push-ups over 24 days, honouring lives
lost to suicide in Australia in 2024. Daily mental health
facts will encourage awareness and connection. Register
anytime in May at www.lifelinemidcoast.org.au/push-up-challenge.html





*Enjoy
our Local Businesses*

Regular Events

in the local areas

18 Hole Mini Golf Course Kew Country Club, Laurieton

Saturday - Thursday: 9.00am - 5.00pm
Friday: 9.00am - 7.00pm 02 6559 4203
www.laurietonclub.com.au/kew-country-club-mini-golf

Bago Maze & Wine

Daily 9.00am to 5.00pm
Milligans Road, Herons Creek
02 6585 7099 www.bago.com.au

Billabong Zoo – Port Macquarie

Daily 9.00am to 5.00pm
61 Billabong Drive, Port Macquarie
02 6585 1060 www.billabongzoo.com.au/book-now

Billabong Zoo – Function Centre

Daily
61 Billabong Drive, Port Macquarie
02 6585 1060 www.billabongzoo.com.au/book-now

Billabong Zoo – \$10 Snake Selfies

Daily 11.15am
61 Billabong Drive, Port Macquarie
02 6585 1060 www.billabongzoo.com.au/book-now

Bottomless Lunch at Birdrock

Saturday & Sunday - 12.00pm - 3.00pm
Birdrock Bar & Grill, 103 - 105 William Street,
Port Macquarie 02 6583 0808 Bookings essential.
www.birdrockbar.com.au

Cassegrain Wine Cellar Door

Daily Open for Tastings
10 Winery Drive, Port Macquarie
02 6582 8300 www.cassegrainwines.com.au

Escape the Expected - Self Guided Walks

Daily (See website for days, as times of walks vary)
Port Macquarie 0457 178 796
www.escapetheexpected.com.au

Facade Escape Room

Shop 13, Peachtree Walk Arcade, 78 Horton St
(Hay St end of the Arcade)
Daily Thursday - Saturday 10.00am - 7.00pm,
Sunday 10.00am - 5.00pm 02 5590 0023
www.facade-escape.com.au

Hello Koalas Sculpture Trail

Daily - Check Website
Unit 2/1A Blackbutt Rd, Port Macquarie
0416 641 482 Shop open - call for times.
www.hellokoalas.com

Hydro Golf & 27 Hole Putt Putt

Daily 10.00am to 4.00pm
10-20 Boundary Street, Port Macquarie
02 6583 3200 www.hydrogolf.com.au

Kendall Craft Co-op – Gift

Daily 10.00am - 3.00pm
Shop Railway Station, Kendall 02 6559 4644

Oz Foiling Port Macquarie

Daily
0461 298 719
www.ozfoiling.com.au/port-macquarie

Port AdVenture Cruises Rhythm Boat

Limited operation please call for information
Town Wharf (end of Clarence Street, Port Macquarie)
0434 393 199 www.cruiseportmacquarie.com.au

Port Macquarie Driving Range & Mini Golf

Daily 9.00am to 5.30pm
3 Lindfield Park Rd, Port Macquarie
02 6581 0925 www.portmacquariegolfrange.com.au

Port Macquarie Helicopters

Luxury wine helicopter packages and scenic flights (new air-conditioned helicopters) Daily 8.00am to 6.00pm
0487 771 200 www.portmacquariehelicopters.com.au

Port Macquarie Koala Hospital

Under construction
Lord Street, Port Macquarie
02 6584 1522 www.koalahospital.org.au

Port Sailing – Sailing Cruises on ‘Seawindow’

Please call for bookings
Marina – 18 Park Street, Port Macquarie
0428 800 607 www.portsailing.com.au

Senior Citizens Activities Happening

Daily 43 Munster Street, Port Macquarie 6583 7149

Sunset Framing & Gallery

Daily
2/25 Central Rd Port Macquarie
02 6583 4100
www.sunsetgallery.com.au

The Bowl Port Macquarie + The Terrace (on the deck)

Daily
159 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie
02 6583 2238 www.wavebowl.com.au

Cooeee Sistas Art

Saturday
Sea Scouts Hall, 9 Buller Street, Port Macquarie

Douglas Vale Historic Homestead & Vineyard

Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday, 10.00am to 3.00pm
235 Oxley Highway, Port Macquarie
02 6584 3792 www.douglasvale.com.au

Eastern Air Services Seaplane Adventure Port Macquarie

from Tuesday to Saturday
1300 359 327 www.easternairservices.com.au

Finding the Sunset Vibe, Art Gallery Tour & Talk

Friday 9.30am
2/25 Central Road, Port Macquarie
02 6583 4100 www.sunsetgallery.com.au

'Grave Tales' Walking Tour – Historic Cemetery Port Macquarie

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday (ex. Public Holidays) 2.00pm Bookings essential
0447 429 016 www.pmheritage.com.au/walking-tours

Hastings Fine Art Gallery

Wednesday to Sunday 10.00am till 4.00pm
2 William St, Port Macquarie www.hastingsvalleyart.net.au

Indoor Bowls Seniors Facility

Monday & Thursday 1.00pm
Bookings essential for non-members
43 Munster Street, Port Macquarie 02 6583 7149

Long Point Vineyard

Tuesday - Sunday 10.00am - 5.00pm
6 Cooina Place, Lake Cathie
02 6585 4598 www.longpointvineyard.com.au

Mid North Coast Fire Museum

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

Mixed Probus Club of Hastings Port Macquarie

Third Friday of each month 9.30am Contact:
Patricia Johnson 0427 831 216

Pinot & Picasso – Paint, Sip, Laugh! Port Macquarie

Thursday to Sunday
www.pinotandpicasso.com.au/portmacquarie

Planet Skate

Tuesday - Sunday's from 11.00am
10 Chestnut Road, Port Macquarie
02 5526 0484 www.planetskate.com.au

Port Jet Cruises

Whale watching - three boats departing daily
Short Street, Port Macquarie
0419 620 765 www.portjet.com.au

Hastings Bonsai Group Meet

1st Saturday of the month
Rotary Community Hall, Port Macquarie
For all enquires - PO Box 512, Laurieton

Port Macquarie Museum

Monday - Saturday
Clarence Street, Port Macquarie
02 6583 1108 www.portmuseum.org.au

Port Macquarie Panthers Rock & Roll Dance Lessons

Thursday Nights
Senior Citizen Hall, Munster St, Port Macquarie
0458 429 944 www.portrockinpanthers.com.au

Port Writers Rotary Club

4th Saturday of every month (except Nov)
Community Centre, 198 Hastings River Drive,
Port Macquarie www.portwriters.com.au

Real Food Markets Port Central/Glasshouse Forecourt

Tuesday from 11.00am 02 5525 1003
www.portcentralshopping.com.au/real-food-markets

Rotary Pre-Loved Book Sale Rotary Hall

Saturday 9.00am
198 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie

Sea Acres Aboriginal Culture Tour (boardwalk)

First & Third Friday of each month 10.00am
159 Pacific Drive, Port Macquarie
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/sea-acres-aboriginal-culture-tour



Image Credit: Port Macquarie Hastings Council



Sea Acres Aboriginal Coastal Tour (to Shelly Beach)

First & Third Friday of each month 2.00pm
159 Pacific Drive, Port Macquarie
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/sea-acres-aboriginal-coastal-tour

Sky Stories & Presentations at Port Macquarie Observatory

Wednesday, Friday & Sunday Nights (weather permitting)
Rotary Park, 1A Stewart St, Port Macquarie
www.plobservatory.org.au

The Seed Creative

Workshops - Check website for class dates & times
0447 114 796 www.theseedartschool.com

'Uncovering Our Past' Walking Tour Port Macquarie

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
(ex. Public Holidays) 9.30am
Bookings essential

Port Macquarie's Archaeology and History

0447 429 016
www.pmheritage.com.au/walking-tours

Wauchope – Bonsai Workshop Group

Saturday 10.00am until 12.00pm
2nd & 4th Saturday February - November
Rotary Hall, Oxley Lane, Wauchope
PO Box 512, Laurieton

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

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

BIRDROCK

*Relax
and enjoy good
Company*

Dining Out

Pubs, Clubs, Wineries & Distilleries

Beechwood Hotel – Community Meat Tray Raffles

5.30pm - Friday
02 6585 6170
www.beechwoodhotel.com.au

Club Lake Cathie – Free Trivia

6.30pm - Tuesday
02 6585 5701
www.clublakecathie.com.au

Club Lake Cathie – \$18 Pasta with FREE drink

Wednesday
02 6585 5701
www.clublakecathie.com.au

Club Lake Cathie – Social Golf Club Raffle & Wild Card Draw

7.00pm - Thursday
02 6585 5701
www.clublakecathie.com.au

Club Lake Cathie – Live Music & Raffles

6.30pm - Friday
02 6585 5701
www.clublakecathie.com.au

Club Lake Cathie – Kids Eat Free & Free Barefoot Bowls

Sunday
02 6585 5701
www.clublakecathie.com.au

Club North Haven – Members Superdraw

6.00pm – 8.00pm - Thursday
02 6559 9150
www.clubnorthhaven.com.au

Hastings Hotel – Live Music

Hastings Hotel
7.30pm - Saturday
02 6586 1963
www.hastingshotel.com.au

Hastings Hotel – Kids Eat Free at Dinner

Sunday
02 6586 1963
www.hastingshotel.com.au

Lake Cathie Tavern – Karaoke

7.00pm - Friday
Lake Cathie Tavern
02 6584 8024
www.lakecathietavern.com.au

Lake Cathie Tavern – Live Music

7.00pm - Saturday
Lake Cathie Tavern
02 6584 8024
www.lakecathietavern.com.au

Level Up 18+ – DJ until late

9.00pm - Friday and Saturday
Level Up 18+
www.levelupmq.com.au

Little Shack – Live Music

5.00pm - Friday & Saturday
www.littleshack.com.au

Port Macquarie Golf Club – Happy Hour

4.00pm – 6.00pm - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
02 6582 0409
www.portmacquariegolf.com.au

Port Macquarie Golf Club – Comfort Tuesday

5.30pm - Tuesday
Kids eat free with any main meal
02 6582 0409
www.portmacquariegolf.com.au

Port Macquarie Golf Club – Happy Hour

Port Macquarie Golf Club
4.00pm – 6.00pm - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
02 6582 0409
www.portmacquariegolf.com.au

Port Macquarie Golf Club – Free General Trivia & \$18 Chicken Schnitzels

Wednesday
02 6582 0409
www.portmacquariegolf.com.au

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Tacking Point Tavern – Tuesday's, 7.00pm

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Port City Bowling Club – Wednesday's, 7.00pm

Port Macquarie Panthers – Thursday's, 7.00pm

Monthly *Markets*



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TUESDAY'S
11.00am to 5.30pm
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Port Macquarie

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THURSDAY'S
9.00am to 12.00pm
Kendall Community Centre, 19 Comboyne
Street, Kendall

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EVERY SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAY
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8.00am to 11.00am
Uniting Church, Cnr. Oxley Highway & Sherwood
Rd, Port Macquarie

Kendall Community Markets

FIRST SUNDAY
9.00am to 1.00pm
Kendall Showground, Kendall

Johns River Markets

SECOND SATURDAY
8.00am to 12.30pm
Johns River Community Hall & Recreation
Reserve, Johns River Road, Johns River

Port Macquarie Markets Foreshore

SECOND SATURDAY
9.00am to 2.00pm
Westport Park, Cnr Buller & Park Streets,
Port Macquarie

Crescent Head Markets

SECOND SUNDAY
8.00am to 12.00pm
Near Surf Club Reserve, Crescent Head

Laurieton Riverwalk Markets

THIRD SUNDAY
8.00am to 1.00pm
Cnr Tunis & Short Street, Laurieton

Farmers' Markets

FOURTH SATURDAY
Wauchope
8.00am to 12.00pm
Wauchope Showground, High Street, Wauchope

Port Macquarie Markets Town Square

FOURTH SUNDAY
9.00am to 2.00pm
Town Green, Horton Street, Port Macquarie

• Please note that these advertised dates
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...ans, and hockey is dumb because it
...es not even have a ball or a pitcher.
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...they look like they are attending a
Detroit.
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...bands because they are happy, they
...teenage girls to gather in groups and

...ple who eat lots of foods that end in
...music, or refer to Jesus, Elvis, and Dale
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How Sweet It Is

...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. *Set in the
...mountains.* That has a nice ring to it. I bet it could be *may* 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 Mar-
riner'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 Bry-
son 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

Salvador was of this variety—nor was he interested in find-
ing 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 accompa-
nied 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.

...y 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
at he depicted his characters as if he were standing
n.
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
swallowing 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 must have the stamina to

...n central to the Chinese
her. "Both novelists and

...challenges. "The novel *All Men Are
Brothers* is the best example of 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.

At the Library

Hsun, Lao She, and Cao Yu."

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"You sure you know what you're getting into? I mean... in high school
"What do you mean? I acted in four different plays in high school
did 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.
...he snapped. "It's a fundraiser for the fall season"

...with the other men long after sunset. I
dancing in his new sandals, and he was ready to sleep
and Jerimoth seemed oblivious to the late hour. Instea
bed, they settled down in the large main room of F
lighting all the oil lamps, talking together.

"It's hard to believe that the festival is over already."
"Yes, it has gone quickly, hasn't it?" Hilkiiah agree
is the final convocation already. I suppose you'll need to
afterward?"

"That's when our caravan is leaving."
"I hate to see you go, my friend. I can't tell you
enjoy our visits together." Hilkiiah's eyes twinkled warn
light. "Naturally, Eliakim and I will look forward to se
in the spring for Passover. Right, son?"

"Absolutely!" Eliakim replied. As much as he hat
his father had been right once again. Eliakim had gro
Jerimoth and Hodesh and their little girl. Only the gh
daughter, Jerusha, who intruded into every conv
Eliakim uncomfortable.

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

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

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

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HAMMOND SHUDDERED AWAKE. The pillow that
had been over his head bowled 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

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 *laotang*.

"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 appear-
ances 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.

...allow him to volunteer?

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10.00am at Wauchope Library 02 6581 8162

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