



Rotary Opens Opportunities



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The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards

Australia's longest - running annual poetry competition for school children.

Another inspiring poetry night put together by Diana Gammon. Our first speaker was Jan Von Schoenberg from the PMQ Campus of the Hastings Secondary College. Jan is the leader of the English Faculty & co-ordinates the poetry competition at the school. This year 151 students entered the Awards, a wonderful response. We heard from three Year 7 students via video link who shared their poems.



Olivia Byrne (age 12)
Hastings Junior Secondary
COMMENDED

Judge's comment -
Striking imagery bounds in this well-rounded poem.

THUNDERSTORM

It was dark until he came,
It was a mighty shock,
His beaming light came down
flushing out the blackness.
Oh, if I was only careful
Beware his menacing flash.

It was quick,
It was frightening,
He is a roaming monster.
Striking.
Escaping from the gloomy
clouds.

He roared like a dinosaur,
Smack! Bang! Boom!
It was quiet at last
Hiding back into the silence
He has let out his horror,
It's time for him to weep.

None other then the less,
No doubt,
No thinking,
His cries became tears,
Multiplying by twos, fours,
millions
Then he realised,
He was alone once more.



Youth Director Diana Gammon presented Jan & the school with a cheque for \$500 for books for the school library.

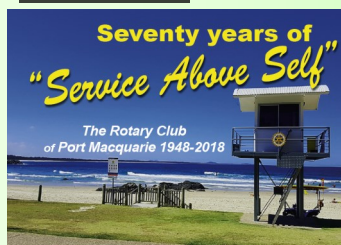
President Elizabeth inducted Meaghan Cook as an Honorary member of our club. Will feature in next weeks bulletin.



Bessie Jennings entertained us with some great bush poetry.



What a talent.
Introduced by Frank Urban.



In our 73rd Year

THE HOME OF OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Club program

If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Bull Editor - Kerry Medway

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chair	Welcomer	My Story	Inter.Toast	Fascinating Fact	Sergeant
Nov. 4th	ZOOM & Directors Reports	Michael Crossland Motivational Spkr	Elizabeth Fielding	_____	_____	Bob Cleland	_____	_____
Nov. 11th	International - Germany	Axel Luzius - East Germany	Ray Hodgson	Robert Rutishauser	John Oxley	Ray Hodgson	_____	Sandra Adams
Nov 18th	tba	tba	Phil Perry	Geoff Slack	Diana Gammon	Frank Gaukroger	_____	Neil Porter



Dr Ray consulting with DG Debbie at PMQ Rotary

Update on the Mothers & Babies Hospital in Nepal

A report from DG Debbie Loveday in the District E-News.

I had a late-night (10.30pm) start to this week as Dr Ray Hodgson was giving an update on the Mothers and Babies Hospital in Nepal to his supporters of the Global Grant

in USA. They have now have an organisation, the Rotary Disaster Network of Assistance, Rotary Action Group, which enables Americans to donate to the project and receive tax deductibility, like our RAWCS.

Dr Ray is the International Services Director for the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie and has worked in India, Thailand and Nepal. In 2019 he was the recipient of the Rotary Humanitarian of the Year Award. The zoom meeting was attended by many Rotarians including club members from Charlotte USA Top of the Week Club, the current DG7680 Mike Walker, PDG David Hare who initiated the US response to support the Global Grant for the equipment for the Mothers and Babies Hospital. Also, in attendance was RID Peter Kyle, and a Rotarian from Jamaica. Dr Ray gave an insight into the background of his work and the statistics in respect of the maternal and infant mortality rates in Nepal along with the prevalence of serious prolapse and women needing urgent surgery.

Charlotte Top of the Week club has been involved in some environmental work in clearing their river waterways.

Approximately 2000 volunteers helped clean the riverbanks and dispose of plastic and discarded waste. Great project and well supported.

Footnote - Dr Ray was thrilled to announce that \$500,000 has been raised for the construction of the hospital, but a further \$400,000 is still needed.



John & Mary Oxley celebrating Xmas in July a few years back. Well done Oxleys - verrrrrry Christmassy!

Note these Dates - in your diary -

- **November 28-29th 2020 - Rotary Showcase at Tamworth**
- **March 12 - 14 , 2021 - District 9650 Conference in Port Macquarie**

Club NEWS

- Tonights International Toast was by **Brian Calvert** to the **R/C of Cardiff Bay in Wales**. Should have seen Brian's tie!!!! Woo woo!
- **HAT DAY @ PMR Rotary** last Wednesday night raised \$392-60. Sam's Natty Knitters donated a further \$321-00, so contribution to the Australian Rotary Mental Health was - \$713-60. Well done Sam & Rotarians.
- **Working Bee at the Rotary Community Centre** on Saturday 31st October. See Phil Perry.
- Next **Bunnings BBQ** is on Sunday 8th November. Three shifts from 9am - 4pm..see Phil Perry.
- **Future of ZOOM meetings**. President Elizabeth would like some feedback on whether we should continue with our monthly Zoom meets? Contact Elizabeth.
- **Dinner Fees to increase**. Panthers have advised that our weekly dinner fees will increase from Nov 1st by \$5-00!!!! At present we pay \$22 with \$3 added to cover our club costs. The increase will see the cost each week increase to \$30-00. (\$27 plus \$3) Please send your thoughts to John Oxley by next Wednesday - jonoxley@bigpond.net.au
- Good news, **Sandra Adams** is coming along well & hopes to be back at Rotary soon. We have missed you Sandra.

BIRTHDAYS

November 2020

- 01/11 - Hazel Haynes
- 08/11 - Robbie Giblin
- 10/11 - Sue Porter
- 10/11 - Brian Calford
- 17/11 - Gerald Haynes
- 22/11 - Bill Nixon
- 22/11 - Terry Crossley
- 25/11 - Ray Hodgson

ANNIVERSARIES

November 2020

- 03/11 - Brian & Bett Calford
- 17/11 - Adam & Tamara Rumble
- 25/11 - Frank & Narelle Moxon