



The Port Wheel

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(Rotary) Surf Towers of Strength being Restored



Phil Perry reported at last weeks meeting that all five towers are in the process of being restored. The towers built by Rotary & Council 10 years ago were in great need of restoration. Phil Brown has been lobbying the Council for the past five years asking for work to be done. Now it is happening. One of the improvements for all five towers will be the installation of the new Rotary logo. Pictured above - the tower of strength on Town Beach, Port Macquarie.

<< **Highly Commended** - judges comments - *A very effective use of rhyme and images make this poem stand out. Lots to think about.*



The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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Club Meetings each Wednesday @ Port Panthers 5-30pm for 6pm start.

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Dorothy Mackellar Poetry Awards

Tears Like Bullets

by 13 year old Olivia McGahon
 McKillop College

Hurt beings hide behind their smile masks
 wondering "when will this nightmare end?"
 some cope with the pain, some use flasks
 some light rolls of nicotine, some simply pretend

and like a thunderstorm they hope it
 eventually passes

but with every excuse they used for why
 they shed tears

it built mountains of suffering, slicing
 themselves with glasses
 and glimmering blades, letting go of the
 future years

bystanders watched that not only damage
 can be done by guns
 and they saw her life filled eyes look into
 his lifeless ones.

THE HOME OF OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

In Our 74th Year

Club program - If you are unable to fulfil your role, swap with someone & advise Port Wheel Editor Kerry.

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chr	Welcomer	Community Spotlite	InterToast	Sergeant
Oct 13th	Australian Rotary Health via Zoom	Dr Bree Hobson	Glenda Barber			Geoff Slack	Kerry Medway
Oct 20th	Zoom - Cotton Australia	Adam Kay CEO Cotton Australia	Neil Porter			Mavis Wallace	Glenda Barber
Oct 27th	Zoom - ROMAC tbc	Rosie Lotawa - 1st ROMAC patient	Ted Giblin			Phil Perry	Neil Porter

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards



Dorothea Mackellar maize mill mural at Gunnedah & artist Heesco



Speaker Owen Hasler



Tonight our Youth Director Diana Gammon presented a special night via Zoom with Owen Hasler as guest speaker, plus introduced us to representatives from our two sponsor High Schools whose students submitted 77 poems for the awards. We met Brett Lowrey an English teacher from MacKillop H/S who introduced Olivia McGahon who read her award winning poem (see front page). Olivia is an example of the amazing talent in our schools. Then Diana introduced us to English teacher Bonnie Moss, new to Hastings College, but keen to foster poetry in the school. Bonnie shared some beautiful poems by students.

Diana then introduced our keynote speaker via Zoom, Owen Hasler. Owen has been a town councillor at Gunnedah for 24 years and Mayor from 2012-16. Owen has also been one of the driving forces for the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards that this year attracted over 7000 poems. Owen is a member of the D/M Poetry Society. They have set-up a Mackellar Centre in 2015 & almost completed a spectacular mural on the prominent maize mill in the centre of Gunnedah. The mural has been nominated for artists awards. Thanks Owen & Diana & school reps.

Mavis's Inspirational Quote of the Week



"If there were nothing wrong in the world, There wouldn't be anything for us to do"

- George Bernard Shaw

Submitted by Mavis Wallace

Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Tonight's **International Toast** was made by **Robert Rutishauser** to the **R/C of Rhodes in Greece**. Robert also got to speak via the internet to a former work colleague from his hotel chef days in Rhodes in the 1960s. Amazing.
- **Wauchope R/C** had a blow with the sudden Covid lockdown last Tuesday. They had already set-up 1000s of books in the Showground Hall ready for their booksale. They were able to hold the hall & leave the books on display by coaxing some who had hired the hall to use their Rotary Clubhouse. So hopefully the booksale will go ahead this coming weekend.
- Our **Rotary Bookshop** was closed last Saturday/Sunday due to the lockdown, but will be open again this Saturday from 9am to 1pm.
- **Rotaract Trivia on-line** - The Hasting Rotaract club is holding an online trivia night called "A Game of Phones" on Friday 15th October at 6-30pm. Link to order tickets - <https://events.humanitix.com/agameofphones>
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Birthdays - October 2021

11/10 - Julie Medway
15/10 - Josi Rutishauser
24/10 - Donne Wearne

Anniversaries October 2021

16/10 - David & Heather Mayne

