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Club Meetings Wednesdays @ Port  
Panthers 5-30pm for 6pm start. BUT  
check program on page 2 for what is  
happening.

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# The Port Wheel

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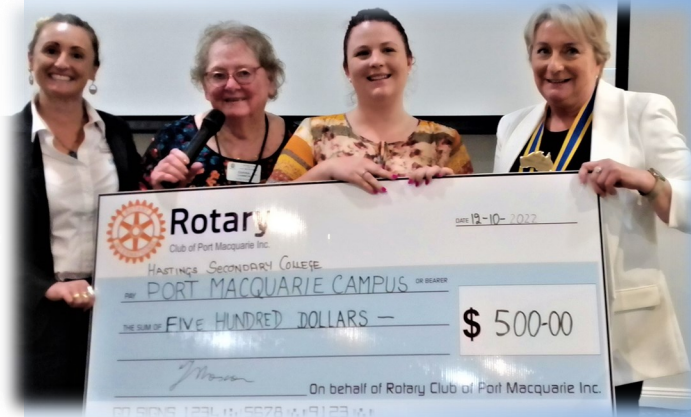


Tonight's Dorothea Mackellar  
Poetry evening was a great  
success with a number of special  
guests including our DG Neville &  
Patti Parsons.

Our club has been running with  
these awards for eight years  
thanks to the inspiration & hard  
work of Diana Gammon. Guest  
speaker Owen Hasler from the  
D/M Memorial Society in

Gunnedah (pictured right) told us  
that 7000 students from across Australia entered this years awards with 100 young  
people from Port Macquarie including 41 from the Hastings Secondary College (Port  
Macquarie campus).

Diana presented a  
cheque to two teachers  
from HSC campus - Amie  
Schwartz & Bonny Moss  
(pictured left) due to  
over 40 young people  
from the school entering  
the poetry awards. Owen  
also told us how the  
awards have secured the  
Mackellar property  
"Kurrumbede" for  
heritage listing & a local  
coal mine donated half a  
million dollars for restora-  
tion of the homestead's  
grounds.



Our guest poet was Barbara Barrett  
(pictured above right) who read us  
some inspiring poetry including one  
about a parrot called Poet & a cat  
called Laurie & ended with the Poet  
Laurie ate!!!!

Three of our members Bob Cleland,  
Ted Giblin & Ian Davis (Pictured  
right) had a Poetry Face-Off, each  
reading poems, all good but the  
judges voted Ted as the winner. He  
won a bottle of wine.

Other guests included Barbara  
Smith, Carol Chandler & Ken  
Stratton, who is checking us out  
for possibly becoming a Rotarian.  
Our host at the Westport Club  
was Katie Hall, the founding  
President of PMQ Rotaract Club.

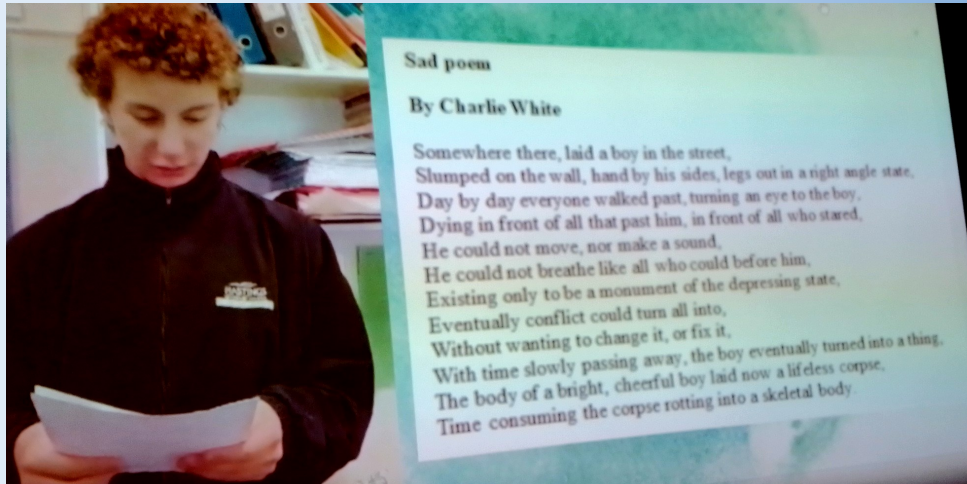


**75** YEARS  
Making a  
difference.



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

Date	Program	Speaker	Program Chr	Welcomer	3 ON ME	InterToast	Sergeant	
Oct 19	Meeting transferred to Saturday 19	BioBlitz meeting at Flynns Beach Surf Club Sat 22nd @ 5-30pm						
Oct 26	One hour meeting with optional meal						Glenda Barber	
Nov 2nd	One hour business meet @ Panthers Optional bistro meal						Kerry Medway	



The visiting teachers Amie & Bonny recorded a film clip of some of the Hastings Secondary Campus youth reading their poems. Above is a photo of Year 9 student-Charlie White reading his Sad Poem.



**You are invited to**

## ENCOUNTER

### THE HUMAN SHARK INTERFACE

Guest Speakers: Chantelle Doyle, Mark Rapley & Dave Pearson



**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**

At 5.30 for 6.00 pm start and 8.00 finish

At Port Macquarie Surf Lifesaving Club

Flynns Beach Clubhouse  
Tuppenny Road  
Port Macquarie NSW 2444

The club bar will be open  
Free entry

To help with the bar and to give enough seating for everyone please

RSVP your full name to Diana Gammon from Rotary  
dianagammon@hotmail.com

Guest speaker Own Hasler played a film clip of Dorothea Mackellar reading her famous poem "My Country" & showed us some photos of the Mackellar property "Kurrumbede" and also the spectacular silo art featuring Dorothea Mackellar centred in Gunnedah.

Thanks President Debbie for arranging such a special night.



## Club News

*Stay in the Know!*

- Attending tonight for the first time in a while was Mavis Wallace. It was lovely to see Mavis with us again.
- Also back with us after a trip away was Brian & Bett Calford.
- Was also good to catch-up with Geoff & Lynn Slack who are hoping to get away to Norfolk Island in December, their fourth attempt, due to Covid!
- **Saturday 22nd October @ the PMQ Surf Club at Flynns Beach - ENCOUNTER HUMAN SHARKS INTERFACE.** See Daina Gammon & Ted Giblin for details
- Normal club meeting on 19th transferred to the Saturday night.
- **November 9th - Public Speaking**
- **November 16th - our club's AGM.** Rush Ray Hodgson for a role to play in the new club board.
- **December 21st - Club Xmas Party**

### Birthdays October 2022

15/10 - Josie Rutishauser  
24/10 - Donna Wearne

### Anniversary October 2022

16/10 - David & Heather Mayne