

# The Port Wheel

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**76**  
YEARS  
**Of ROTARY in Port Macquarie**  
1948 - 2024

## The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

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

Club bank details - BSB 932-000  
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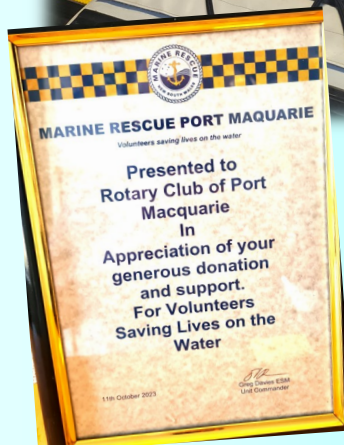
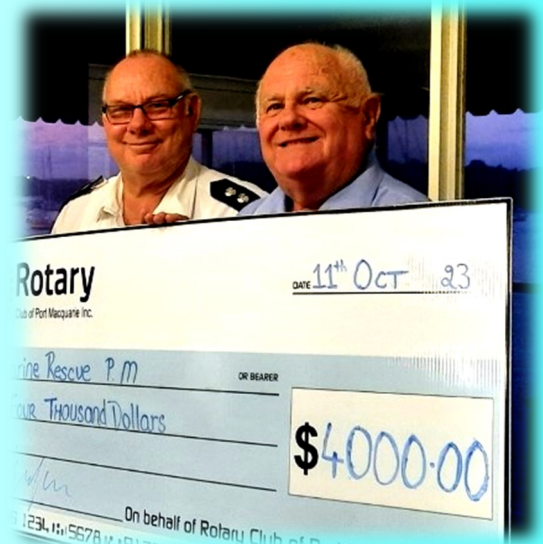


## Rotary Gives \$4000 to Marine Rescue

Last Wednesday Port Macquarie Rotary Club had a club visit to the Port Macquarie Marine Rescue HQ where Community Service Director Phil Perry donated a cheque for \$4000 to the Marine Rescue Unit Commander Greg Davies (pictured right >>>)

These funds were raised at our club's annual Rotary Golf Day in September.

Rotary has raised \$100s of thousands of dollars for the community at the annual golf days over the past 40+ years. Our club wishes to thank the Port Macquarie Golf Club, businesses in the community and our Rotary members for all the work that has gone into raising these funds over the years. Special thanks to Phil Perry & Neil Porter and the golf day team for their efforts.



Rotarians on board the Marine Rescue vessel "Jim Bruce" with some of the crew - Ian Davis, Ted Giblin & Bob Cleland (top left) and Ted Giblin & Terry Crossley (top right)

Photos Phil Perry



**CREATE HOPE**  
in the **WORLD**

RI Theme 2023-24

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

Date	Program	Speaker	Program	Program Chr	Sergeant
Oct. 25th	One hour meeting with optional bistro meal	Ian Davies	Show & Tell - Arms of Service projects update	Ray Hodgson	Glenda Barber
Nov. 1st	One hour meeting with optional dinner at Bistro		???????????????		
Nov. 8th	One hour meeting with optional dinner at Bistro		???????????????		

**Meeting Welcomers** - Attendance tonight -

## Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Evening

- Part One - PDG Debbie Loveday

## Club News

Stay in the Know!



### Flowers for a great Rotarian



**Poet Tom McIlveen pictured with English Teacher Bronwyn Purdie & poetry students from Hastings Secondary College**



Hastings Secondary College teacher Bronwyn Purdie presenting Diana Gamon with a magnificent bunch of flowers. Diana has been a driving force for the poetry awards and continuing our Rotary contact with the school.

Also present at the meeting was the H/S/College liason officer - Amy Schwartz & Rotary Area Cluster Governor - Robin Norton

Tonight, our club gathered for a memorable night of poetry and artistic expression at the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Night. With a delightful blend of established poet Tom McIlveen and the vibrant voices of our local high school students and teachers. The event was a resounding success.

Dorothea Mackellar, renowned for her iconic poem "My Country," remains a celebrated figure in Australian literature. This poetry night, held in conjunction with the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition held nationally, was a testament to the enduring power of her words and an opportunity for our members and guests to come together and celebrate the art of poetry.

This year's theme was "The long and winding road". Guest poet tonight was Tom McIlveen, one of our most celebrated local poets, who added a layer of professional elegance to the evening. Tom has won multiple awards for his poetry. This year's outstanding poem being Freddie K. His performances were a masterclass in poetic storytelling, touching on themes of human experience, Henry Lawson and his own poetry. Tom's words resonated deeply with the audience, evoking emotions, and sparking contemplation. For more on Tom's poetry head to the Australian Bush Poets Association, [www.abpa.org.au/awardwinning-poetry.html](http://www.abpa.org.au/awardwinning-poetry.html)

The heart of the night belonged to the local high school students.....

*Part 2 of PDG Debbie Loveday's report on this night will feature in next weeks issue of The Port Wheel*

**Birthdays**  
**October 2023**

**Wedding**  
**Anniversaries**  
**October 2023**

24/10 - Donna Wearne