

# 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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### Past District Governors

Roger Dulhunty 1969-70

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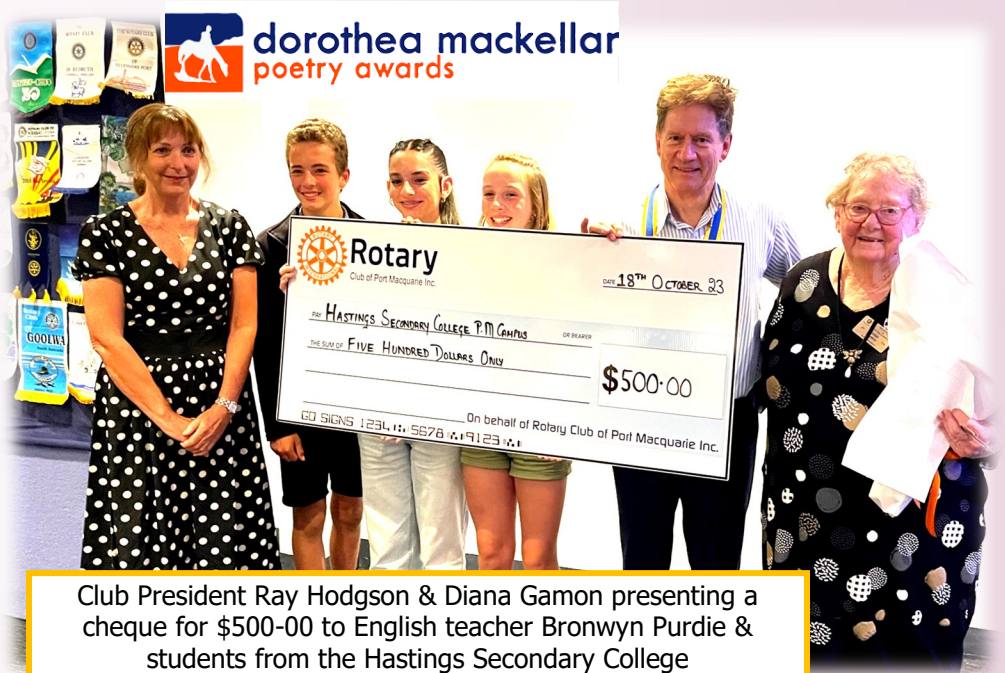
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## Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Evening - Part Two (continued) - PDG Debbie Loveday



Club President Ray Hodgson & Diana Gamon presenting a cheque for \$500-00 to English teacher Bronwyn Purdie & students from the Hastings Secondary College

### A further report from last weeks Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards night -

Yet, the heart of the night belonged to our local high school students and their dedicated teachers. The stage became a canvas for their creativity, as they recited, shared, and brought their original poems to life. It was inspiring to witness the raw talent and passion displayed by our youth, a reminder that the future of poetry is bright.

The evening was a collaborative effort that showcased the unity of our community and the support for the arts. The poetry night served as a platform for artistic expression, bridging generations and nurturing the next generation of poets. We owe a special thanks to the event organizers, volunteers, and, most importantly, to the participants who made this night a resounding success.

It's clear that poetry continues to thrive in our community, and Dorothea Mackellar's legacy lives on through the voices of both established and emerging poets.

As we reflect on this enchanting evening, let us remember that poetry has the power to heal, unite, and inspire. It's an art form that brings communities together, and as we look forward, we anticipate many more poetic evenings to come.

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Night. Let's continue to celebrate the beauty of words and the magic of poetry in our lives.



**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
Nov. 1st	Zoom meeting	Catherine Eagleson	Puzzles & Bipolar Disorder	Debbie Loveday	Kerry Medway
Nov. 8th	One hour meeting with optional dinner at Bistro		????????????		Kerry Medway
Nov. 15th	One hour meeting with optional dinner at Bistro		????????????		Glenda Barber

**Meeting Welcomers** - Attendance tonight -

# Tonight President Ray inducted into our club two exciting new Rotarians - Andrew & Georgia Hinton

Andrew & Georgia are exciting young Rotarians, Georgia is an NDIS Support Worker and Andrew an Educator. They were married in 2022 and both have recently formed an IT company called HINTON IT.

They are both involved in community work with the 317 Air Cadet Squadron, based in Taree. Georgia is also actively involved in RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) and has been invited to return for next years RYLA week as a Leader.

*We will feature a more extensive biography of their lives and activities in the next weeks Port Wheel, as well as some great photos.*

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President Ray Hodgson inducting Andrew & Georgia into the R/C of Port Macquarie



Below right - Andrew & Georgia being welcomed by Area Governors - Laurie Easter & Robin Norton.



Photos taken & forwarded by PDG Debbie Loveday

# Club News

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- Our speaker for November 1st is via ZOOM & will be Catherine Eagleson who has developed a skill on using Crosswords to help people struggling with Bipolar.
- Catherine is a Rotarian, Past President of R/C of Glenferrie in Melbourne. She has a PHF.
- Please join us at 6pm on ZOOM next Wednesday. Joining details will be forwarded before next Wednesday.

**Birthdays**  
**November 2023**

- 6/11 - Rob Della Costa
- 8/11 - Robyn Giblin
- 10/11 - Sue Porter
- 10/11 - Brian Calford
- 22/11 - Bill Nixon
- 22/11 - Terry Crossley
- 25/11 - Ray Hodgson

**Wedding Anniversaries**  
**November 2023**

- 3/11 - Brian & Bett Calford
- 21/11 - Ian & Gail Davis
- 25/11 - Frank & Narelle Moxon