



# Rotary

# Rotary Club of Port Macquarie

## The Port Wheel

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## Special Guest Speaker - Mr Shawn Wilson

This week our Club members had the pleasure of listening and viewing a presentation from Shawn Wilson. Shawn is a former student of Port High and a recipient of the club's sponsorship to the NYSF.

What became obvious was Shawn's personal growth and maturity and his development into a confident and focussed young man. Shawns parents and brother attended the meeting and it is very apparent that his supportive family life as well as his own initiative has been responsible for this development.

Shawn works for the Commonwealth and is responsible for proof reading and printing of Government Bills and Legislation and requires dedication, high skills and long hours to meet deadlines. In his job, Shawn uses Artificial Intelligence and this has led to him using this skill to help him cope with his very busy Rotary life, But, more of that later.

Shawn has also developed a penchant for travel and to help him cope with his very busy occupation and lifestyle, he has developed a travel itinerary that would be the envy of many. Last year Shawn travelled to Uzbekistan, Korea and he has a visit to Europe next week that will see him in London and Edinburgh (for the Tattoo and Fringe Festival) and driving around Scotland. He plans to visit Egypt and Turkey with his parents later this year.

Last year Shawn served as Club President of the Rotary Club of Canberra and introduced several changes to the Club's very traditional practices that annoyed some. But, undaunted Shawn rode out the storm and now his Club has changed their meeting times and location. The Club now alternates from lunch to evening meetings, which suits many members.

Over the past 6 years, Shawn has also served his Club as Treasurer, Vice President, Club Service and this year as Secretary. In his Secretarial role Shawn has realised that he doesn't have the time for every part of his onerous Secretarial role, so has relied on a relatively new phenomena, Artificial Intelligence. Shawn wowed many in the room when he advised us that his preparation of Board Meeting minutes take approximately 15 minutes to produce. Initially the Board meeting is recorded on Teams and then he enlists the services of AI. He explained that after AI did its scanning of the recorded meeting's procedure, it extracted the decisions, movers and seconders and all that Shawn had to do was proof read them to ensure it was an accurate record.

Sean also uses AI to provide a two and a half page summary of the Club's weekly meetings, and following 10 minutes of scanning by AI the summary of the meeting is produced. Shawn proofs them and summaries are sent to all members within two to three hours of the completion of the meeting. Shawn also uses AI in the management of correspondence, emails and Cloud Storage. Shawn told the very humorous story of the experience of the Lake Cargelligo Rotary Club, where the President's cat got hold of the one and only memory stick that held all of the Clubs history and meeting records. The memory stick was never found, once more emphasising the fact that AI and Cloud Storage can be the saviour for Club records (and the Club President's reputation).

Shawn also spoke about a Canberra Rotary Club that is using their proceeds from managing a weekly market to minimise its members' annual Rotary Club fees. They charge \$99 pa and similarly to our Club, hold one hour lunch and evening meetings followed by a meal for those who can stay.

The meeting ended with many questions and a presentation of our Club's 70 Years of Service Booklet to Shawn and a warm thank you to Shawn and his family for making our evening so informative and fun.

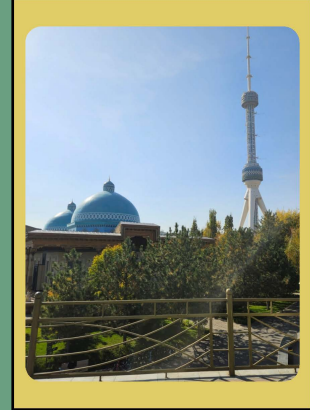


## The Personal



### HOLIDAYS

- Uzbekistan
- South Korea
- New Zealand
- Singapore
- Europe
- Egypt
- Turkey



### WORK:

Publishing Officer at the Office of Parliamentary Counsel, the legislative drafting and publishing agency for the Federal Government.

## Presidency 2023-24

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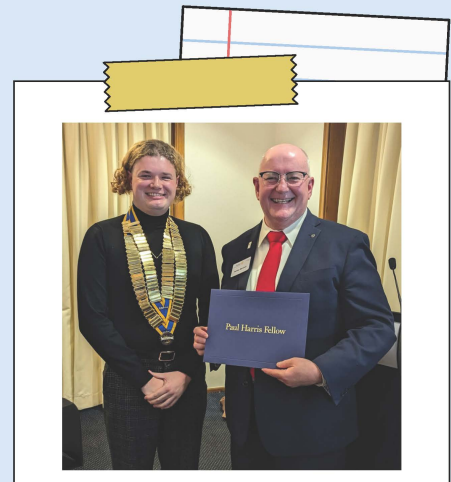


- Challenging
- Small growth
- Systemic issues remain
  - Inflexible meeting locations
  - Member and Meeting costs
  - Lunch.
- Voice Q&A



# Secretary

- **Meeting Summaries:** Automating the creation of meeting summaries to ensure accuracy and timeliness.
- **Board Minutes:** Using AI to assist in drafting and organizing board minutes.
- **Managing Correspondence:** Implementing Microsoft Teams to manage and professionalize our correspondence, replacing Zoom.
- **Professionalizing Emails:** Transitioning to professional emails with the @canberrarotary.org.au domain.
- **Cloud Storage:** Utilising cloud storage for document preservation to ensure we have a secure and accessible archive of our club's history and activities.



## NEXT WEEK

**29 July 2024**

Social Night - Glass House Thai Restaurant

6:30pm

37 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie

The restaurant is BYO, but is also licensed.

RSVP to Andrew Hinton - [andrew94hinton@gmail.com](mailto:andrew94hinton@gmail.com) or via

SMS 0401 234 984

**GLASS HOUSE**  
THAI RESTAURANT

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## Weekly Brain Teaser

A red house is made from red bricks. A blue house is made from blue bricks. A yellow house is made from yellow bricks. What is a greenhouse made from?



### Wedding Anniversaries July 2024

14/7 - Neil and Sue Porter  
27/7 - Lorryl and Glyn Rumble-Fuller



### Birthdays July 2024

8/07- Andrew Hinton  
8/07 - Frank Gaukroger  
10/07 - Mavis Wallace  
15/07 - Phil Brown  
16/07- Frank Moxon  
20/07 - Barbara McMahan  
22/07- Brittani Michelle

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*“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”*

*- Leo Buscaglia*



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