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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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Rotary at it's Best

Tonight our President Dr Ray Hodgson & our club hosted a visit from three doctors from Nepal. Present were 60 Rotarians & friends from all the local clubs.

We were inspired by the visiting guests from the Dhulikhel Hospital in Nepal. Watching two videos telling the story of the Dhulikhel Hospital & Dr Ray's plans for the construction of a Mothers & Babies Hospital in Dolakha, not far from the other hospital.

Dr Ray & Rotary have so far raised 95% of the costs towards the new hospital - \$1.82M towards the budget of \$1.91M. A huge effort from Australians for Women's Health (in Nepal) & Rotary.

Our keynote speaker tonight was Dr Ram, who was one of the medical experts most influential in starting the Dhulikhel Hospital which covers an area for the treatment of 2.5million people not too far from Kathmandu. Dr Ram had to go overseas to Austria to train for his medical degree in the 1980s. He had to learn German + Latin & study medicine & he did so with amazing skill, topping his medical years. Dr Ram married an Austrian girl & they now have a 29 year old daughter who is a Clinical Psychologist, trained in Sydney & now returned home.

Dr Ram could have stayed in Austria & become very wealthy, but chose to return to Nepal. He was one of the driving forces in establishing the Dhulikhel Hospital which after 26 years is now a 500 bed hospital & has treated millions of people across Nepal. It is a 'not-for-profit' hospital. Dr Ram's talk was inspiring as was meeting the other two doctors & Rajendra Singh.

Some folk asked how we can continue to support these two hospitals? Dr Ram said that funds are much needed, but the greatest gift is time & asked people to consider offering themselves in service for these Nepalese hospitals.

Contact - www.dhulikhelhospital.org

Or for Dr Ray's - Mothers & Babies Hospital go to -
Australians for Womens Health - admin@a4wh.org



Dr Ray Hodgson & PDG Deb Loveday welcoming our visitors from Nepal - L/R - Rajendra Singh & wife Prof Dr Aujana Dongol, Prof Dr Ram Shrestha & Dr Binaj Karinachary



Dr Ray Hodgson with a Mother's & Babies patient being treated in Nepal.



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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
Feb. 7th	One hour meet at Panthers		Welcome Back - Update on What's on in 2024	Ray Hodgson	Kerry Medway
Feb 14th	One hour meet at Panthers followed by optional Bistro tea		Joanna McNamara & Kate Ford Chivers Garden Village	Glenda Barber	Neil Porter
Feb 21st	One hour meet at Panthers with optional bistro meal	Ian Davis	Royal Flying Doctor Service	Ray Hodgson	Glenda Barber

Frank Moxon Steps Down as Secretary

Sadly, after a couple of years in the Club Secretary's Chair, Frank has had to resign due other commitments.

Frank joined our club in November 2011 & has been an excellent Rotarian. As well as serving as Secretary for the past couple of years, Frank was our Club President in 2021-22 and he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in 2020.

Thankfully Frank is not resigning from Rotary.

We have admired how Frank has battled through some health issues in the past years, especially with his throat.

PDG Debbie Loveday has stepped in the Secretaries position for the rest of this Rotary year. Thanks Deb, we appreciate you.



Club News

Stay in the Know!

- Don't forget to send in your vote for the selection of our meeting nights, either Monday or Wednesday after April 1st for a 3 months trail.
- Send your preference to - lighthousedoc@bigpond.com by 5th February. Thanks.

Oil-fired Radiators to Hospital in Gongabu in Nepal >>>

During Covid our club partnered with the R/C of Gongabu & President Kabita Manandhar, supported our friend P/P Ranjeev Shrestha from the R/C of Dhulikhel, to provide a mobile ECG an X-Ray machine.

We raised AUD\$44,000 by way of a Global Grant and are pleased to say that the equipment was purchased and is now in use.

After reconciling our a/c, it was found that we had a small amount of money left over.

We were asked if we could supply a foetal heart monitor and some oil-fired radiators to the hospital. The R/C of Gongabu contacted the Rotary Foundation to request their permission to spend the remaining money. Formal approval for this was granted on 22nd December 2023.

The oil-fired radiators were handed over recently and the monitor is on it's way.

A report from PDG Debbie Loveday.



Birthdays **February '24**

06/02 - Gail Davis
11/02 - Bett Calford

Wedding **Anniversaries** **February '24**

10/02 - Kerry & Julie Medway
14/02 - Craig & Donna Wearne
21/02 - Ted & Robyn Giblin