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## 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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## Dr Ray Raises \$9000 for Women's Health in Nepal



*A report from PDG Debbie Loveday -*

We had a wonderful and impactful evening at the Rotary Club of Salamander Bay with Dr. Ray as the guest speaker for the International Women's Day fundraising dinner. It's heartening to hear that 150 people were able to attend and contribute to the cause.

Dr. Ray's discussion on women's health in Nepal was enlightening, and the range of emotions felt by attendees - shock, disbelief, and inspiration - highlights the importance and depth of the topic.

An impressive amount of around \$9000 raised during the event is commendable. Knowing that all proceeds will go towards Australians 4 Women's Health and the construction of the Mother's and Babies' Hospital in Charikot, Nepal, adds a significant sense of purpose to the fundraising efforts.

It's events like these that contribute to positive change and make a difference in communities, both locally and globally.



Can kookaburras join Rotary?



**Narelle & Frank Moxon had a special guest looking over their shoulder at last week's Rotary meeting. It's all a bit of a laugh!!!!**



**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
Mar. 20th	Site visit to St Thomas		Vocational visit to Anglican Church. Host - Lorryl Rumble	Lorryl Rumble	
Mar. 27th	One hour meet at Panthers followed by bistro tea	Rev Dr Martha Kondemo	From Congo. Women's Health & HAND-UP CONGO	Deb Loveday	Neil Porter
Apr 8th Monday	One hour meet at Panthers followed by bistro tea	Easter - March 29-31. There will be no meeting on April 1st Meeting day change - Monday 8th April & Mondays until June 2024			

**Rotary Bookshop Bonanza!!!!**

Last Saturday's sales at the bookshop were \$1131-00 But Valda working in the shop for several days last week & sold a further \$440 in books & dvds. Thus the grand total for the week was - **\$1872-00**

Since the publicity for the Giant Book Sale, books are flooding in to the bookshop (sadly most are too poor a quality for us to sell). There is no room left in our storage bins, so Bob & Valda are having to store extra books for the sale in their garage.

Note - there will be a final book-sort on March 27th

Note also - the Giant Book sale Roster is out & we are seeking members to offer help on each day if possible. We have over 20,000 books to put on display & sell.

All hands on deck!!!!

*Club News*

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**GIANT BOOK SALE**

Fiction, Non Fiction & Antiquarian Books

Friday April 5  
9:30am - 6pm  
Saturday April 6  
9:30am - 6pm  
Sunday April 7  
9:30am - 3pm

**3 DAYS ONLY!**

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**Rotarian - Dr Nischal Panday in India**

*"The Rotary Education Foundation Scholarship I received changed my vision for life."*

Tonight via ZOOM from India we heard Rotarian Dr Nischal Panday. He was found in a small village &

Rotary offered him a scholarship to complete his medical studies. Dr Nischal went on to create & found numerous Rotary Service Projects including literacy, health & providing clean water. Not only in India, but in Pakistan, Nigeria, Myanmar, the Philippines & Malaysia & many other countries.

He started a Children's Heart Surgery Program. He focused on Children in Need & formed a program called The Gift of Life which has provided life-saving surgeries for over 3500 disadvantaged children.

Dr Nischal saw children struggling in the slums of New Delhi & so he formed a roadside school which Rotary has supported. The schools have gone from beside the road to sheds & now gives the children access to computers to aid their studies.

He has also given back to his small village where he grew up with the help of Rotary the school has grown to 700 students & they have computers. Also Dr Nischal has generated scholarships for Rotary like the one he received for 100s of Indian young people to be able to study

Dr Nischal is a humble Rotarian & was awarded in 2017-18 Rotary's highest honour - a Service Above Self Award.  
**WELL DONE ROTARY & DR NISCHEL**

**Vocational Site Visit to St Thomas Anglican Church.**

Meet at the church at 5-30pm. If fit enough Rotarians can climb the tower. Others can stay on ground & Lorryl will display a virtual reality on the church & then talk to all about the 200th Anniversary.

GIANT BOOK SALE - club members, please sign-up for assisting at the sale from April 3 -5th.

**Birthdays**  
**March '24**

31/03 - Helen Crossley

**Wedding Anniversaries**  
**March '24**

13/03 - Phil & Helen Brown  
14/03 - Terry & Helen Crossley  
17/03 - Frank & Sue Gaukroger