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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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Tonight's meeting was a vocational visit to St Thomas Church, Port Macquarie, hosted by our very own Lorryl Rumble. Lorryl is the Archivist, and she says that in this role she is also the Curator of the church's historic collection. Lorryl used to be the Parish Clerk until 2016 and during her time in that position she became aware of all the heritage letters and artifacts lying around dusty old cupboards. She then set about designing a database, bullied church people into building her an archive room, so she could learn the role. Lorryl is also the Chairperson of the Conservation & Heritage committee, which looks

after the buildings. After 8 years and much dedication and hard work Lorryl stills signs herself as the Archivist. Her greatest moment was having Dr Roslyn Russell (Museum Services) from the National Library assess the scope/content of the collection and identify it as nationally significant to Australia.

Excellent work Lorryl! What an achievement. We commend you on your passion and perseverance to preserve our local

history and historical artifacts.



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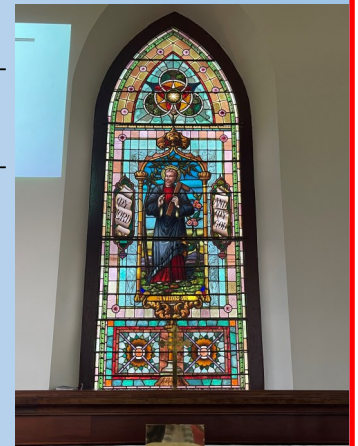
Macquarie and completed during the term of [Governor Darling](#), it is one of the few remaining buildings dating from the convict period - constructed prior to rearrangement of the plan of the township in 1831. It demonstrates the longevity of the Anglican faith in the Port Macquarie's area and Hastings Valley region



since the area was established as a secondary convict settlement in 1821. The site with the Church, the associated buildings, and the landscape, forms an important focus in the Port Macquarie townscape and is linked with its formation, continued growth and development. The significance of the place is enhanced by its landmark setting, and by its age and the intactness of much of the convict built

fabric. The site holds high potential for archaeological research and understanding (Wikipedia 14Mar24)

Tours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings.



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. 27th	One hour meet at Panthers followed by bistro		Dr Marthe Condemo from the Congo		
Easter - March 29-31. There will be no meeting on April 1st Meeting day change - Monday 8th April & Mondays until June 2024					
Apr 8th Monday	One hour meeting @ Panthers & bistro tea	Note -MONDAY	Club Service night . Update from the Book Sales by Bob Cleland + Environmental Projects & International	Ray Hodgson	Neil Porter

World water day 22nd march 2024

Safe drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene are crucial to human health and well-being. Safe WASH is not only a prerequisite to health, but contributes to livelihoods, school attendance and dignity and helps to create resilient communities living in healthy environments.

Drinking unsafe water impairs health through illnesses such as diarrhoea, and untreated excreta contaminates groundwaters and surface waters used for drinking-water, irrigation, bathing and household purposes.

Chemical contamination of water continues to pose a health burden, whether natural in origin such as arsenic and fluoride, or anthropogenic such as nitrate. Safe and sufficient WASH plays a key role in preventing numerous NTDs such as trachoma, soil-transmitted helminths and schistosomiasis. Diarrhoeal deaths as a result of inadequate WASH were reduced by half during the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) period (1990–2015), with the significant progress on water and sanitation provision playing a key role.

Evidence suggests that improving service levels towards safely managed drinking-water or sanitation such as regulated piped water or connections to sewers with wastewater treatment can dramatically improve health by reducing diarrhoeal disease deaths. World Water Day fact sheet can be accessed at

[wwd2024_en_factsheet.pdf \(un.org\)](#) (right click/open hyperlink to access the fact sheet)



Next Week! Dr Marthe Kondemo—How Congolese Women think out of the box and bring hope to their communities. She is a 44yr old academic and pastor and an honors graduate in theology. She also holds a PhD and Master’s from the University of South Africa.

Club News

Stay in the Know!

APR 15—ZOOM MEETING with



HENRY NSAMBA from Uganda

APR 17—HOMELESS BBQ TOWN BEACH

APR 21—TREE PLANTING AT DUNBOGAN

APR 22—DUSTIN WELLBOURNE—Invasive Species

APR 25—ANZAC DAY

APR 27—PETS AND ASSEMBLY CSU

All board members to attend

MAY 16-17 BIO BLITZ—Shelly Beach



**Birthdays
March '24**

31/3 Helen Crossley

**Wedding
Anniversaries
March '24**

NIL