# The Port Wheel

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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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## Visitor from the Congo

Tonight our guest speaker was Rev Dr Marthe Kondemo from the Democratic



Republic of Congo. Marthe was the guest speaker at the Rotary District Conference at Mudgee 10 days ago.

Marthe was brought to Australia on a Royce & Jean Abbey

scholarship & supported by the Rotary E-Club of Sydney.

Marthe is married with five children & is the General Secretary for Women & Families with the Church of Christ (all the Protestant Churches in the Congo combined

Dr Grace Maano (PP of R/C of Taree), Ray Hodgson (President of PMQ R/C, Re Dr Marthe Kondemo & PDG Debbie Loveday

into one Church) The Congo has a population of 95.8m people. It is a patriarchal society (dominated by men). Marthe is seeking to encourage women in business growth, education & health support. Despite conflict still rampant in the eastern part of the Congo, Marthe is having an amazing impact in encouraging women to rise up and step into key positions in the Congo society. There is still a long way to go, but Marthe is an inspirational young woman with a supportive husband & family.

One of the keys for building up women & health in the Congo is ROTARY. What an inspirational talk. Thanks Marthe. 'Merci Mingi'.

### Final Book Sort Before the Giant Book Sale

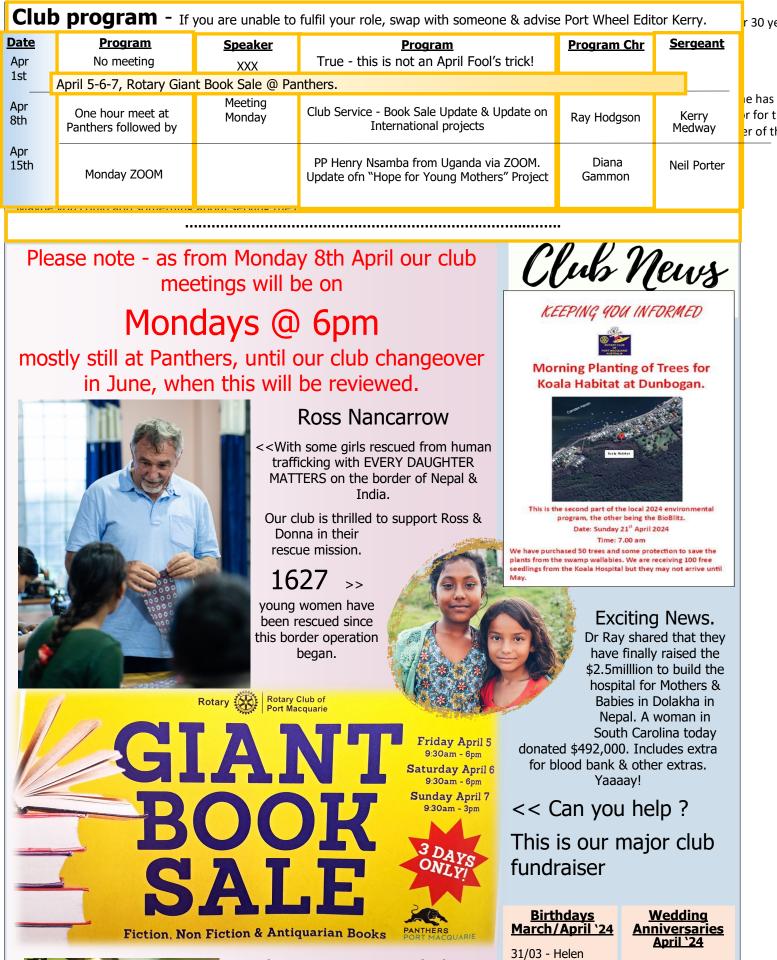


Book sorting today - L/R - Daryl McMahon, Julie Medway, Ian Davis, Bob Cleland (at back), Valda Sturrock Kathy Mayoh, Mavis Wallace & Marlene White.



Over 20,000 books on sale in a week. Thanks to all who have helped.





12 1 Daylight Saving Time Please note - Daylight Saving ends @ 2am on Sunday 7th April. Put clocks forward one hour.

Nil

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Loveday

09/04 - Gai Nixon

24/04 - Ian Davis 29/04 - Debbie