

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.

Club bank details - BSB 932-000
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Past District Governors

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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 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'.



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...a hand up is better than a handout



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

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.



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
Apr 1st	No meeting	XXX	True - this is not an April Fool's trick!		
April 5-6-7, Rotary Giant Book Sale @ Panthers.					
Apr 8th	One hour meet at Panthers followed by	Meeting Monday	Club Service - Book Sale Update & Update on International projects	Ray Hodgson	Kerry Medway
Apr 15th	Monday ZOOM		PP Henry Nsamba from Uganda via ZOOM. Update ofn "Hope for Young Mothers" Project	Diana Gammon	Neil Porter

Please note - as from Monday 8th April our club meetings will be on

Mondays @ 6pm

mostly still at Panthers, until our club changeover in June, when this will be reviewed.



Ross Nancarrow

<<With some girls rescued from human trafficking with EVERY DAUGHTER MATTERS on the border of Nepal & India.

Our club is thrilled to support Ross & Donna in their rescue mission.

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young women have been rescued since this border operation began.



Club News

KEEPING YOU INFORMED



Morning Planting of Trees for Koala Habitat at Dunbogan.



This is the second part of the local 2024 environmental program, the other being the BioBlitz.

Date: Sunday 21st April 2024
Time: 7.00 am

We have purchased 50 trees and some protection to save the plants from the swamp wallabies. We are receiving 100 free seedlings from the Koala Hospital but they may not arrive until May.

Exciting News.

Dr Ray shared that they have finally raised the \$2.5million to build the hospital for Mothers & Babies in Dolakha in Nepal. A woman in South Carolina today donated \$492,000. Includes extra for blood bank & other extras. Yaaaay!

<< Can you help ?

This is our major club fundraiser

Birthdays
March/April '24

31/03 - Helen Crossley
09/04 - Gai Nixon
24/04 - Ian Davis
29/04 - Debbie Loveday

Wedding Anniversaries
April '24

Nil

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GIANT BOOK SALE

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

3 DAYS ONLY!

Fiction, Non Fiction & Antiquarian Books



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