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Every Daughter Matters

On Monday night, Ross Nancarrow provided an insightful and powerful update on the **Every Daughter Matters** initiative, shedding light on the grim reality of human trafficking and the ongoing efforts to combat it. It was amazing to see around 25 interested Rotarians and members of the public in attendance.

The Problem

- Human trafficking is deeply tied to global poverty, with an estimated **50 million people enslaved worldwide** today. Shockingly, the price of a human slave is now less than the cost of a beer.
- Approximately **20,000 Nepalis go missing across the border** every year, with **1.5 million at risk** of trafficking.
- About **38% of Nepal's population** lives at or below the poverty line.
- Human trafficking generates an estimated **USD 236 billion annually**, with **women and girls making up 71%** of all modern slavery victims.

Rescue and Support Efforts

- Every Daughter Matters currently operates **13 border interception booths** connected to emergency shelter accommodations. In **December alone, 177 girls were rescued** from trafficking.
- Social and community education** programs are provided in safe houses to support and rehabilitate survivors.
- The **Pathways to Potential** program ensures that rescued girls, especially those unable to return home due to unsafe conditions, have access to **secure housing and schooling** to break the cycle of vulnerability.

Trafficking in Nepal

The **1,758-kilometre border** between Nepal and India is one of the busiest human trafficking gateways in the world. Many Nepalese victims are deceived by false promises of employment, marriage, or a better life, only to be forced into **brothels, sweatshops, bonded labour, or even organ harvesting**.

Funding Needs

Every Daughter Matters is seeking support to expand their efforts:

\$1,776 is needed to build each new border booth.

\$187 covers the cost of intercepting and rescuing a girl at the frontline.

Projects with Interpol are underway to train officers and improve anti-trafficking measures.

Rotary's Role

Ross also spoke about **The Rotary Action Group Against Slavery**, which is committed to connecting, empowering, and equipping Rotarians to engage their communities in the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking—both locally and globally.

This crisis is a call to action, and with continued awareness, funding, and community engagement, we can make a tangible difference in eradicating human trafficking and safeguarding the futures of vulnerable individuals.



FEBRUARY

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie has an exciting lineup of events for February 2025, bringing together members for insightful discussions, community engagement, and social gatherings. Mark your calendars and join us for these enriching occasions.

Monday, 17th February – Hike for Homeless & YP SPACE MNC

Guest Speakers: Claudia and Deb

Claudia and Deb will be presenting on the **Hike for Homeless** initiative and their and **YP SPACE MNC (YPS)**. YPS is a specialist Youth Homelessness Service supporting young people aged 12 to 25 across the Port Macquarie/Hastings and Kempsey/Macleay

regions. With over 40 years of service, YPS has provided crucial support and accommodation to thousands of children and young people. This will be an insightful session on the challenges faced by homeless youth and the efforts being made to help them achieve positive outcomes.

Monday, 24th February – Social Night

Location: Westport Club

Time: 6:00 PM

RSVP: Club Services Director Andrew Hinton

Join us for a relaxed and enjoyable social evening at Westport Club. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow members in a casual setting and strengthen our Rotary community. Be sure to RSVP to Andrew Hinton to confirm your attendance.

We look forward to seeing as many members as possible at these events. Let's make February a month of learning, connection, and engagement!

Bookstore Update



It's fantastic to see more people stepping up to volunteer at the **Rotary Bookshop**! In the photo, our youngest club member and **Youth Director, Nathan Barnett**, is busy sorting books, demonstrating the spirit of service that keeps this initiative thriving.

Message from Bob:

"The books keep coming in, and we need to get the stockpile of **Non-Fiction** sorted. If you're available, please assist at our next **Book Sort on Wednesday, 19th February** in the **Rotary Community Hall**. We will start at **1:30 PM**, with **afternoon tea at 4:00 PM**. To

help spread the workload, please indicate whether you prefer to arrive at **1:30 PM** or **2:00 PM.**”

Annual Book Sale – Save the Dates!

 **Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd March**

 **Panthers Port Macquarie**

 **Set-up Day: Thursday 20th March**

Bob will be sending out a request with **roster details** and **manpower requirements** within the next week. In the meantime, please mark these dates in your calendar and keep them free if possible!

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers—your efforts keep this vital fundraiser going strong!

NEXT WEEK

17 February 2025

Port Panthers Club

Special Guest - Claudia and Deb - Hike for the Homeless

5:30pm for 6pm

Weekly Brain Teaser

I can be cracked, made, told, and played. What am I?



Last Week: A Map

Remembering Ted



Dr Ted, organising Rotary's BIO-BLITZ in May 2023.



Dr Ted with wife Robbie on his induction into Port Macquarie Rotary Club on July 20th, 2011. Club President Glenda Barber & Ted's sponsor Lorryl Rumble-Fuller are on the left of the photo.



Dr Ted, with fellow twitchers - bird watching.

This month we remember **Dr Ted Giblin**, who passed away on **Friday, 9th February 2024**. Ted was not only a devoted husband and father but also an avid bird watcher and a committed Rotarian for over **33 years**.

A Life of Rotary Service

Ted's Rotary journey began in **1983** when he joined the **Rotary Club of Darwin North**, where he served until **2001**. He later became a member of the **Letchworth Garden Rotary Club** in the UK from **2001 to 2004**, before settling in Port Macquarie, where he joined the **Rotary Club of Port Macquarie in 2011** and served with distinction until his passing.

- President of Darwin North Rotary Club in 1993
- Paul Harris Fellowship Award recipient in 1994
- President of Port Macquarie Rotary Club in 2013/14
- Member of the District Rotary Committee for Australian Rotary Health

A Legacy of Impact and Innovation

Ted played an instrumental role in several key Rotary initiatives:

- Rotary Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year Award** – Honouring outstanding SES, RFS, and Life Saver volunteers.

-Rotary Passport for Travelling Rotarians – Encouraging global connections within Rotary.

-International Toast Initiative – A unique tradition at meetings where a card was sent to an overseas club, fostering international fellowship.

-BIO BLITZ at Shelley Beach – A significant environmental project assessing the impact of human activity on local ecosystems.

A Life Well-Lived

Beyond Rotary, Ted had an immense love for his family and a deep passion for bird watching, earning him the affectionate title of a "**Twitcher**" among friends. His enthusiasm for nature and conservation was evident in everything he did, leaving a lasting impact on our club and community.

Ted is survived by his beloved wife **Robbie** and their **five children**. His legacy of service, kindness, and dedication will continue to inspire us all.

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HELLO FROM PORT MACQUARIE CROQUET CLUB

We, members of Port Macquarie Croquet club (PMCC) are keen to foster links with groups such as yours.

WHY PLAY CROQUET: The game is for all ages. It is fun and friendly.
We're fortunate to be by the Hastings River.
The outlook is pleasant, the Nor'easter refreshing.
So, from all of us to each of you, we write inviting you to:

Come and try Croquet

LOCATION: At 15 Buller Street Port Macquarie.

DAY / TIME: On a day and time that suits both your schedule and ours.
Some club members will be present to assist.

DRESS: Comfortable clothes and flat footwear.

EQUIPMENT: The playing greens will be ready; a mallet will be there for your use.

Enjoy refreshments with each other after the game.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: Up to 16 can register for a session.

FURTHER INFORMATION: A club member from PMCC could come, by arrangement, to speak briefly at one of your meetings to develop this idea and answer your member's questions.

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Wedding Anniversaries January/February 2025

Craig Wearne - 14/2



Birthdays January/February 2025

Helen Michelmore - 21/1

Nathan Barnett - 24/1

Neil Porter - 23/1

*"Act as if what you do makes a difference.
It does."
-William James*



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