



# Rotary Club of Canberra

**BULLETIN 19<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

## Where we meet

Meets Thursdays 12.15 for 12.30  
Southern Cross Yacht Club, Mariner  
Place, Lotus Bay, Yarralumla

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## Apologies

Please contact Pres Elizabeth before  
12 noon Thursday of the meeting or  
earlier

## Last meeting details

23 members present  
0 make ups  
6 guests  
72% attendance

## This week's international toast

Peter Petkovic  
Next Week – Change Over  
Dinner  
July 3 – Elizabeth Scrivener

## What Is KidsMatter – and what does it look like at Gowrie Primary School?

KidsMatter is the Australian national primary school mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention initiative. Last week we were lucky to have speak to us Judanne Young from KidsMatter, Peter McCartney the Gowrie Primary School Principal and Kelli Lawton (Michael Rabey's daughter) representing the parents of the school.

KidsMatter is an initiative developed in collaboration with the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, Beyond Blue, the National Depression Initiative, the Australian Psychological Society, The Australian Principals Associations Professional Development Council and supported by the Rotary Health Research Fund. The KidsMatter initiative aims to strengthen those factors that protect students from developing mental health problems. Some of these factors reside within the student, some occur within the school context and some reside within the family context.

The challenges kids face now are completely different to what any of us have been through. Many of us were shocked to hear that 10% of children have mental health difficulties and 3% of school aged children already suffer from serious mental illness such as serious depression, obsessive compulsive disorder.

Gowrie Primary School is one of 101 schools Australia wide to be selected to trial this inspiring program. They have activities and facilities such as a school garden, eating breakfast program, walk to school buses, school band, Student Representative Council, Brain Gym and a sustainable school environment.



Pictured above is Kelli Lawton and Peter McCartney

## The Rotary 4-Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:  
Is it the TRUTH?  
Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

## Rotary Grace

For good food, good fellowship, and the privilege to serve, through Rotary we give thanks.

## Coming Events and Speakers

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Brett Tucker – Revenue Analysis Branch

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Club Changeover Dinner

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June – District Change Over and Awards Lunch

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Mohammed Berjaoui, President of the Islamic Society of the ACT

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Nevin Agnew and his Himalayan Adventure

## Door Roster

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Peter Petkovic and Birgitte Moltke

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Change Over Dinner

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Peter Holley and Tony McGloughlin

If you can't do the door duties please arrange your own replacement.



## Stomp Raises Money for a Trailer for CanTeen

Michelle Blohm joined us last week in her role as Division Manager for CanTeen. We presented a \$2,000 cheque to Michelle from part of the proceeds from operating the bar at the Stomp dance nights. This money is going towards a trailer for the many trips away where normally a trailer is hired.

Pictured here is Michelle Blohm accepting our cheque from Graeme Howieson.

## Presidential Membership Conference - Home Hospitality

**This is an urgent plea.** I've spoken to your Club about local Rotarians offering home hospitality for Rotarians visiting Canberra to attend the forthcoming President Membership conference. To date we've placed 22 visitors and for that I am extremely grateful. However right at the moment I have to find accommodation for four male Rotarians. Two are from the same South Australian club and could be hosted together if anyone has space for two singles for two nights. There is one other from South Adelaide on his own for two nights and another from Victoria who will be here three nights arriving on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

The way names are still coming in I would very much like to have a few reserves just in case. If anyone can help, please contact me urgently. Thanks and kind regards.

Yours in Rotary, Ian Sayers

Governor 2002-2003

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## Farewell to Dorothea Polonyi

Last week we also regretfully said goodbye to Dorothea Polonyi who is moving on to green pastures down the south coast. Dorothea and her husband David have been very active member of our club for too short a time. They will be sadly missed but wished well on their new journey.

Pictured is President Elizabeth Scrivener saying farewell on behalf of our club to Dorothea Polonyi.



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## Introduction to the Angas Downs Project

Last week George Wilson introduced us to Lynette Liddle from Angas Downs who will be speaking to us further on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Lynette is a descendant of the traditional people of the land now named Angas Downs and is currently completing a PhD at ANU. Lynette's Great Grandfather was the founder of the cattle station and he realised that he was a caretaker of the land not so much an owner. Angas Downs became a great haven for the Aboriginals and still is. It has always been a special place, as it was never managed principally as a pastoral property. Lynette has many family members working on the 4500 square km property, with one uncle responsible for all the bores. Our club will be participating in the Angas Downs Project by way of a solar powered water pump. We very much look forward to hearing more about this fantastic project.



## A Letter From China

President Elizabeth has received the following letter from Sonoe Newman giving us a short update on Past President Terry Newman and the family.

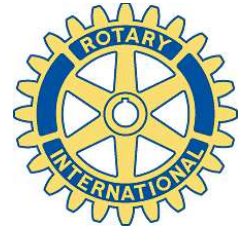
We are all well in China. Terry went back to Canberra for a few days. He initially planned to go straight to the Rotary lunch from the airport but unfortunately the plane got delayed and he couldn't make it. Kiri and I didn't go back to OZ as we had just come back from Japan.

I heard that the Stomp is going very well for the club, which is great. I miss drinking (working of course) behind the bar with everyone. I hear that many members are coming to China in the trip. We are looking forward to seeing everyone here. We are moving in July to a town called Suzhou, which is 30 min train ride from Shanghai. Suzhou is an old capital of China and it reminds me a bit of Kyoto. So I am sure everyone will enjoy the place. Anyway, please say hello to everyone for us. Keep in touch. Regards, Sonoe



# Rotary Australia World Community Service

Natarbora Agricultural College  
Project 141/2005



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Dear Members of District 9710

It gives Allan and I great pleasure to report to you on the progress being made on the Natarbora Agricultural College in Timor Leste. We returned from Timor Leste on the 12<sup>th</sup> June after a successful trip doing many things both for Rotary and the Bega Valley Advocates. Firstly we presented the RAWCS Liaison Officer in Dili, Daryl Mills with scholarship in his name for an Agricultural College Student to attend Dili University for 4 years. One thousand dollars US was donated by the Pambula Rotary Club for this scholarship which will pay the University fees of US \$250.00 per year.



The restoration of the five student dormitories is progressing very well with Dormitory 4 well under way. Local builders supervised by Mr Heinz Heile of the German Group GTZ, who is on the ground most of the time, supervising the Agriculture, are doing a great job. We will continue with this arrangement until the dormitories are completed, which we expect to be by the end of the year or early next year. We are getting a lot more for our dollar this way as labour is so cheap, US\$6.00 per day. It has been a huge undertaking and is well on the way. We cannot compete with volunteers only and the College is desperate for the accommodation as there are now close to 300 students attending. The only volunteers we require now are very skilled persons in trades such as motor mechanics, carpenters, computer technicians, sewing machine (treadle) dressmaking etc and in teams of only 2 persons, due to the limited accommodation and cost of transport. The College is producing many crops of rice, corn, fruit and vegetables, eggs etc.

However we still need some financial support this year to complete the project which is going to finish well under budget. Your donations made out to RAWCS Eastern Region O/Seas Aid Fund and sent to the treasurer Mr Jack Elliot at PO Box 134, Oatlands, NSW 2117, would be most appreciated. Please mark cheque to project 141/2005 and let us know if you donate.

Yours Sincerely  
Allan & Colleen Elton  
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