



**BULLETIN 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009**

### 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 Bill before 12  
noon Thursday of the meeting or  
earlier

### Last meeting details

T.B.A.

### Meeting Co-ordinator

April – Keith Gray  
May – Phil Hawke  
June – Tony Waring

### President's Diary

Last week we enjoyed a fabulous presentation by Jilda Simpson and Nicholas Andrews from the University of NSW, who explained the function of the Nuragili Centre devoted to introducing high students to the University and supporting them during studies. One of their great successes is the Winter School which takes 200 or so Year 12 students from all over Australia and provides an experience with any of the faculties at UNSW. The success of the project is mirrored by the enormous growth in numbers to 150 enrolled students this year with plans to achieve 200 in a few years. The first graduates are now entering the workforce after what must have been a life changing experience for these young people. Truly a success story. This was an important lesson for us, as we endeavour to learn more about the needs of our indigenous fellow citizens and decide how we can best apply our skills and resources.

#### THIS WEEK:

John O'Neill from TADACT will tell us how that organization is meeting the needs of disabled people in our community. TADACT was one of the first guests to our club when we were chartered in 1987 so it will be interesting to see how things have progressed. Also we need to prepare for another successful STOMP. We need to raise as much money as possible to meet our promise to assist the victims of the Bushfires.

See you there  
Bill

### Door Roster

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Chris Gray and Sharon Green  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Graeme Howieson and Bob Garven  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Russell Kightley and Phil Hawke

### International Toast Roster

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Bob Brading  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Fiona Carthew  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Peter Dawson  
REMINDER – please supply the Bulletin Editor with a copy of your information sheet

### Vocational Update Roster

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Joyce Lawrence  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Ken Meaney  
If you can't do any of the rostered duties please arrange your own replacement.

### 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?"

### Club Programme

For all details of our Programme visit <http://www.canberra-burley-griffin-rotary-club.org/Program.html>

## Rotary Grace

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

## Coming Events and Speakers

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – John O'Neill from TADACT  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April – STOMP  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – T.B.A.  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Rotary Foundation Bob Brading

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## Claim the Date

15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May – Angas Downs trip  
14<sup>th</sup> June – District Awards and Changeover lunch  
5<sup>th</sup> September – STOMP  
24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October – District Conference in Cooma

## Vocational Updates

I have neglected to include our Vocational Update's in March so for your update pleasure I present.....



### Peter Petkovic – 5<sup>th</sup> March

Peter is with GioScience Australia, in summary, to encourage exploration into fuel sources. Peter amazed us with some facts about oil and gas and the exploration of them. We currently have 400 years supply of gas in Australia but we are running out of oil. GioScience Australia are performing surveys in all corners of Australia and currently promoting the Great Australian Bight hoping to attract some big exploration companies to investigate further.



### George Wilson – 19<sup>th</sup> March

George has a few things on the boil so I hope I remembered to include them all. He started his company Australia Wildlife Services about 12 years ago after a career in the Department of Agriculture. George obtained his PhD in Scotland and is a vet. He also has a pilots licence to perform aerial surveys and performing land and environment plans with indigenous communities. George has advised government and formulated the ACT Equine Influenza Emergency Response plan. George has a keen and active interest in our native Australian environment, the people and it's wildlife as we know through his project and planned club adventure at Angas Downs – central Australia.

## New Member Induction – Vincent Mahoney

Last week we welcomed to our club as a member rather than a guest Vincent Mahoney.

Vincent is a colleague of Vera Lipton at IP Australia where he oversees implementation of significant IT projects such as a program called Trade Mark Vision. This on-line service enables applicants from around the globe to file their trade mark applications and pay fees over the Internet.

Vincent was born in Melbourne where he also successfully completed university studies in Computing. He has lived in Canberra for quite some time. In fact, he came to Canberra in 1985 and ever since managed IT projects for several Government Departments including Health and Ageing, Customs, ComSuper, CrimTrack and Attorney General's.

When not chasing contractors and contracts, Vincent enjoys spending time with his family. He is married to Kathryn and they have one son – Zebedee who is 14 and one daughter -- Hannah who has just turned 11.

Vincent also coaches a basketball team called "North Under 16". In his spare time, Vincent also enjoys playing golf and reading philosophy. If you wonder what "Practical Philosophy" is about then you may wish to attend one of the evening classes Vincent gives at the Erindale College.