



**BULLETIN 21<sup>st</sup> August 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 Bill before 12  
noon Thursday of the meeting or  
earlier

**Last meeting details**

18 members present  
0 Make ups  
1 guests  
60% attendance

**International Toast**

August 21 – George Wilson  
August 28 – George Scott  
September 4 – Graeme  
Howieson

**Meeting Co-ordinator**

August – Jenny Swanson  
September – Juris Jakovics

**Vocational Update**

August 21 – Tony Waring  
September 4 – Elizabeth  
Scrivener

**SES and Bushfire Preparation**



Last week we had Nick Lhuede from the Canberra SES speak to us about the work that has been done with the SES after Canberra's firestorm and the preparation being undertaken for our next fire season. Nick moved to Canberra from Coffs Harbour in October 2002, just in time for the firestorms where four people died and approx. \$600 million damage to property. After multiple enquiries into the firestorm response, areas for improvement that were highlighted were mapping, access for firefighters, community awareness, training and the need for a new statutory framework. Planning arrangements to be undertaken by Emergency Services in the following areas:

- Prevention Activities such as hazard reduction burning, upgrading current access and building new fire trails. Working very closely with NSW as lack of communication was highlighted in the enquires.
  - Preparedness Activities such as extra training, plant and equipment. There is also a strong need for more volunteers which are hard to encourage in Canberra as there are not many fires to gain experience with and keep interest up.
  - Response also came out very strongly in the enquiries, being response in the first instance. There were not enough people on the ground and they didn't fight through the night. Full resources will now be deployed and they would have the people to fight all night. They can also now deploy aircraft to deploy fighters in remote areas that vehicles cannot get to.
  - Community Preparedness needs more work. There are currently good relationships between the Emergency Services and the media which helps and will help in getting messages through to the community.
- Basically we are surrounded by fuel in the mountains around Canberra so we need to take relatively straight forward steps ourselves to prepare.



Pictured above is Nick Lhuede and Graeme Howieson giving the vote of thanks.

**Door Roster**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August – Bob Brading and Peter Petkovic  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Mike Purvis and Ron Rabey  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Birgitte Moltke and Peter Dawson  
If you can't do the door duties please arrange your own replacement.

## Rotary Grace

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

## 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?"

## This Week

Our guest speaker this week is Geoff Purvis Smith, who will talk to us about District Youth Exchange and how our club might become involved.



## Welcome to New Member – Bob Garven

Bob Carven was inducted as a new member of our club last week. Bob is a Major with the Salvation Army currently manager for Canberra Recovery Services. Bob was a sailor and then a fireman for 20 years so his whole life has been dedicated to service above self. Introduced to us by Peter Holley, also from the Salvation Army, we welcome Bob warmly and look forward to enjoying his company.



## Coming Events and Speakers

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August – Su Su Shen – A Chinese Lawyer in Australia

Geoff Purvis Smith – District Youth Exchange

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Indigenous Community Volunteers

## Club Programme

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

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## Invitation from Canberra Sunrise – Timor-Leste’s Former First Lady

*A taste of Rotary—  
join Canberra Sunrise Rotarians for breakfast*



“Through the Alola foundation you can find a way to help me help the women and children of Timor Leste”.

### **GUEST SPEAKER — KIRSTY SWORD GUSMÃO** **Timor-Leste’s Former First Lady**

**“Restoring dignity, building bridges of understanding and support”**

Kirsty established the Alola foundation in 2001. The foundation responds to needs of the women and children of Timor-Leste in the fields of education, maternal and child health, and economic independence.

- Tuesday 9 September 2008
- 7.15am–8.30am
- Cost \$18.00 (inc GST) full buffet breakfast
- High Court of Australia – cafe

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