



Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin



BULLETIN 6th May 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

May – Phil Hawke
June – Ken Meaney

Rotary Grace

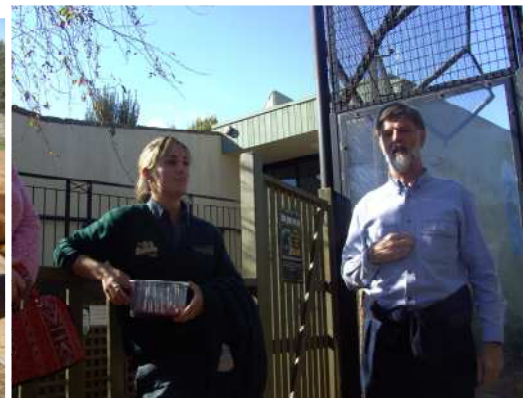
For good food, good
fellowship, and the
privilege to serve,
through Rotary we give
thanks.

President's Diary

Last Thursday a group of 30 Rotarians, friends and family enjoyed perfect Autumn weather at the ZOO. We gathered for sandwiches and fruit near some very playful monkeys before strolling around "behind the scenes" to see sun bears, white lions, giraffes and bigger bears up close. Some enjoyed the sensation of their hand being saturated by the drooling saliva of the giraffes and bears, whilst others enjoyed the photo opportunities. Thank you George and the Vocational committee for organizing the event.

Next Thursday we learn about another Canberra institution - the national Arboretum. Ms Cheri McCardel-English will tell us more about Canberra's newest attraction. See you there. Bill

Our Zoo Friends



Jenny Swanson pictured as one of the brave ones and George Wilson with our tour guide, Bec. Thanks for a brilliant afternoon.

Door Roster

Thursday 7th May – George Wilson and Michael Rabey
Thursday 14th May – Jenny Swanson and Mike Purvis
Thursday 21st May – Tony McGloughlin and Bob Brading

Coming Events and Speakers

Thursday 7th May – Cheri McCardel-English from the new Arboretum

Thursday 14th May – David Fox

15th to 19th May – Angus Downs trip

Thursday 21st May – T.B.A.

Saturday 23rd May – Red Shield Appeal

Wednesday 27th May – International Dinner

International Toast Roster

Thursday 7th May – Graeme Howieson

Thursday 14th May – Russell Kightley

Thursday 21st May – Joyce Lawrence

REMINDER – please supply the Bulletin Editor with a copy of your information sheet

Vocational Update Roster

Thursday 14th May – Peter Dawson

Thursday 28th May – Russell Kightley

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>

Claim the Date

14th June – District Awards and Changeover lunch

5th September – STOMP

24th – 25th October – District Conference in Cooma

New Member

We found another friend at the Zoo last week as we inducted Stephen McMillan. Stephen is currently an Executive Officer in the Europe Trade Division of Dept. Foreign Affairs and Trade. Stephen has come to us via the Rotary Club of Suva.



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This Week – SherryMcArdle-English

Sherry has a strong background in marketing which began with her studying marketing and sales at a national level for Sony Corporation based in Sydney in the 1970's. In the early 1980's, as the mother of two young boys, one of whom has a disability, Sherry moved to Canberra.

Sherry completed an interior design course while working for a home extension company. Sherry contracted out her expertise in design and colour co-ordination to kitchen and building companies in Canberra. Her main focus though, remained in the area of disability.

She took a very active interest and role in working with people with a disability and fundraising on their behalf. Sherry was elected to the position of President of the Autism Association for two terms 1988 and 1989, took time off, and was re-elected in 1993, continuing through to 1996.

From 1990 to 2004 Sherry also maintained a permanent part time position as secretary and public relations officer within her husbands company.

Sherry continued to work in the interest of people with a disability and in 1995 Sherry was nominated for the ACT Volunteer of the Year Award. During this time Sherry was studying for a Bachelor of Community Education at the University of Canberra.

Sherry is the founder of the Client Guardian Forum, established in 1997, and successfully lobbied for positive change for people with an intellectual disability.

The Client Guardian Forum represented over three hundred registered people with an intellectual disability, their families and careers. Sherry has represented this group of people on a number of committees including as a member of the Ministerial Disability Reform Group following the Gallop Inquiry.

In the more recent years both Sherry and her husband retired from their respective career paths and invested in a farm. This led to a career change for Sherry.

Sherry has embraced a management role on their property. She has undertaken projects with Greening Australia, and over the past few years has been an active supporter of the Rural Landholders Association, both as a member, and a committee member, and four years in the role of editor for the RLA newsletter. Sherry is passionate about the rights of property owners in the ACT, and of the importance of protecting the further development of agriculture in the region.

In 2004 she became interested in the prospect of growing truffles and within six months had completed her research, and approached the ACT Government to discuss the potential of introducing this exciting new agricultural industry into Canberra. Her future business plan includes not only local supply, but international export of the produce, and linkages with tourism.

In 2005 Sherry was invited to sit on the Interim Board for the Canberra International Arboretum and Gardens (CIAG). As a strong supporter of this visionary project, Sherry was delighted to assume the role of community representative on the Board, with a particular interest in the consideration of community access and ownership of this wonderful project.

In 2007 Sherry was interim Chairperson, and then was elected Chairperson, of the newly formed Friends of Canberra International Arboretum and Gardens. The Friends support and promote the development of this exciting new project.

Sherry accepted the invitation to join the Board of Governors for the CIAG, a role to which she brings her depth of community and practical experience.

