



Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin

Weekly Bulletin

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P Box 602 Canberra 2601

Southern Cross Yacht Club,
Yarralumla



Next meeting:

Thursday 7th December 2006

at 12.30pm at the Southern

Cross Yacht Club, Yarralumla.



Organ Donation was on the Guest speaker's agenda last week. The method is quite streamlined, by signing up and obtaining a card. Holly gave a passionate address, followed by a transplant recipient's appeal and experience. Bill added an impassioned few words, leaving no one in any doubt on the issue.



REMINDERS:

7th December:

AGM and new members talk - Peter Petkovic

14th December:

Fellowship meeting (no guest speaker organised)

21st December:

Christmas Party (with partners): Members and Guests Christmas Party Our annual Christmas Party will be held at the Yacht Club on Thursday 21 December at 12.30pm. We will be having a Secret Santa and ask that members and their guests bring a very small gender-neutral gift (under \$10) to share. More details tomorrow.



Dorothea prepares to give her 'new member's' speech, ably assisted by President, Chris.

We resume in January

18th January:

Martin Pogson speaking on Leprosy in New Guinea

DISTRICT 9710 DROUGHT APPEAL 2006/2007

THE APPEAL

This appeal is to assist rural families and their communities particularly in districts 9710 and 9700. The deteriorating situation in rural areas is resulting in financial hardship in many cases, possible complete financial collapse, depression and instances of severe mental illness. Whole communities including local businesses are facing a very bleak Christmas and summer.

GOALS

- To raise in excess of \$100,000.00 in cash donations for distribution by Rotary Clubs and Rural Counsellors in areas of need.
- To provide a psychological boost to those suffering the effects of the drought such that rural families are aware that others in the community share their pain.
- In conjunction with the District Appeal PPGenevieve Power, Canberra East Rotary Club, has made contact with Sydney Clubs and is organizing from business a "shoe box" collection of items of particular need for women which will be distributed by the Country Women's Association (CWA).

Difficulties with availability, collection and distribution of fodder, together with opinions from rural areas suggest that it is too late for fodder. The distribution of cash and fellowship at gatherings such as BBQ's, dinners etc. with Rotary members, Counsellors, Centrelink and Government Services present make this a preferred solution

PERIOD

The appeal will commence immediately and run for a period up to the 31st March, 2007.

CO-ORDINATION

Co-ordination of the District 9710 Appeal is by PP Graham French of Cooma, with the assistance of a committee comprising PDG Bruce Gruber and PADG Ian Sayers.

Co-ordination of the joint "shoe box" appeal is by PP Genevieve Power, Canberra East.

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CLUB ACTION

It is envisaged that clubs will be the principle facilitators of this appeal by

- Making the public in their area aware of the deterioration and hardship taking place in rural areas, communities and families.
- Organizing local publicity for the Appeal through all available print, radio etc.
- Contribute funds where possible and collect funds locally from the community.
- Publicly acknowledge donors where appropriate.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUND RAISING

Appeal to business organizations, bucket appeals at locations of major pedestrian movement, a local community event, Shire Councils and other community groups.

Remember these funds are not for Rotary - they are for Rural Families and their Communities.

COLLECTION OF FUNDS

The Rotary Club of Eden will be responsible for the receipt of donations on behalf of the District. The public can donate directly into the IMB Rotary Club of Eden Drought Appeal Account.

Account Number 220452477

Eden will be legally responsible for the raising of all donated funds which satisfies the Department of Gaming and Racing. The audited Drought Appeal Account will be submitted as part of the Eden Club's annual report and returns to the Department.

It is important that receipts are provided to donors if required. Accountability and an audit trail is most important given the Incorporation of Rotary and its Corporate Governance requirements.

Where clubs do not have an IMB Branch it is possible to make arrangements with a local bank or credit union to act as a deposit and clearing house to IMB, Eden. The Cooma Club has made this arrangement with the local St. George Bank to receive and receipt deposits and transfer by Inward Telegraphic Transfer to IMB, Eden once a month.

It would be appropriate for Clubs independently to maintain account of the money raised in their area to have on record the contribution they have made to this cause.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Management of the distribution of funds, accountability and audit will be the responsibility of the District Drought Appeal Coordinator and Committee. A final report will be prepared for the district and all clubs participating in the Appeal.

PUBLICITY

Details of the Appeal will be included on the Rotary District website and information can be obtained on the 1300 4 ROTARY phone number (i.e. 1300 476 827).

A press release will be made by the District and ABC Radio. Clubs are asked to publicise the Appeal in all avenues possible in their local area.

The District Co-ordinator will arrange an interview with ABC Bega Radio.

Burley Griffin Bushbasher head for the Hills



On 17th December next at 10am the Burley Griffin Bushbashers will head off from Mt Clear camping ground 8 kms to Horse Gully Hut for lunch. Along the way we will visit old horsemen's huts and wander through beautiful eucalyptus forests. On arrival at Horse Gully hut we can have a pleasant lunch in a quiet valley surrounded by hundreds of kangaroos. Back by sunset.

Are you coming? Book your seat with Bill Andrews or call 62018987, bandrews@stackshg.com.au.

MEETING ROSTERS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2006.

Could the members listed below please ensure you find a substitute if you are unable to do your rostered duty.

Please note:

Door duty needs two people at all times.

The service toast can be either international, or local, and the guest speaker write-up needs to be forwarded to Jim Sullivan by the Monday morning following the meeting. Banners are kept in the RHS storage room. The Club's PA system is in the locked cupboard inside the LHS storage room.

DATE	DOOR	GREET	BANNER & PA	SERVICE TOAST & SPEAKER WRITEUP
07/12	Tony B	Graeme H	Liz S&	Birgitte M
14/12	& Chris G	Graeme H	Peter G	Viera V
21/12	Tony B & Chris G	Graeme H	Peter G	Bill A
