



Rotary Club of Gungahlin (Inc)

District 9710

The Key

2 February 2015

Meetings: Mondays 6:30 for 7pm

Venue: Belconnen Soccer Club, William Slim Drive, McKellar [Disabled access available]

President: Ian Foster

Secretary: Sandra Mahlberg

Next Monday, 2nd February, we will have the pleasure of admitting Robyn Pearson as a member of our Club. Robyn has been a regular visitor and willing helper in recent months.

January was a busy time for many local Rotarians who were involved in the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) held at the ANU. Many of our Club members were involved in home hosting Year 12 participants for a day to allow them to do their washing, to sleep, eat and generally relax to restore their energy for the second week of a wonderful program that exposes these young and enthusiastic students that have a passion for science and/or engineering.



Pres. Ian and Pamela had the pleasure of hosting Northern NSW students last Sunday (L:R Pamela, and students Josh, Felix and Cameron)

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Rotarians were provided the opportunity to attend two dinners with the students and those members attending the second dinner were delighted to hear the guest speaker, Dr Renée Kidson, a NYSF participant in 1993, inspire the audience with an outline of her professional journey which started with a Science degree. There were many questions from the floor, ranging from how she managed to fund her studies to what influenced her decisions to change locations, including moving overseas for work and study. Dr Kidson, besides being an expert in water management, an economist, and a Major in the Australian Army, also held the role as the Director of the Australian National Greenhouse Gas Inventory and also the Chief Hydrologist at the Bureau of Meteorology. She is also a Fellow at the Center for Integrated Water Research, UCLA. After the dinner, the students gathered around her to ask more questions about her studies, her work-life balance and what strategies she used to seek funding for her studies.

The Rotarians that were involved in the NYSF program would most likely agree that the participants showed that they were very grateful for the opportunity to be selected for the program. It is anticipated that each student will return to their hosting Rotary Club to speak about their experience.

Dates for personal diaries

Shen Yun Show in Canberra 17 & 18 February (18th is Chinese New Year)

Member Holly is very involved in what has been often called the world's No. 1 show and everyone is encouraged to go and experience 5,000 years of Chinese civilisation and this is Shen Yun's 9th year in Canberra. Details: Canberra Theatre 7.30pm Tuesday 17th and 7.30pm Wednesday 18th February. Holly hollyjwei@gmail.com is happy to get you tickets

Rotary's 110th birthday celebrations in Canberra, Sunday 1st March, 10am to 2pm, bring your own picnic to the Senate Gardens (flyer attached)

Celebrate Gungahlin Day - Sat 11 April 10am - 4 pm, Gungahlin Town Park.

The January Board Meeting authorised our participation in this local event, being run by communities@work. More details are available at <http://celebrategungahlin.org.au/>

District Assembly 18 & 19th April

The next District Assembly will be held in Tumut, a beautiful town in the Riverina region of New South Wales, situated on the banks of the Tumut River. Tumut is at the foothills of the Snowy Mountains and is referred to as the gateway to the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

This is an excellent opportunity to plan a relaxing weekend away, approximately 2 hours from Canberra. The Rotary Club of Tumut have provided a website link to a wide range of tourist activities, accommodation and facilities in the Tumut region, so please have a look at <http://www.visittumut.com.au/events/autumn-2015/rotary-district-assembly.aspx>

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Club Diary – check the latest events and update personal diaries

January Rotary Awareness Month Speakers Program: Sandra

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| Fri 30 th Jan | Block Youth BBQ 5-6.45pm (Ian, Terry, Emma, Clare and one more?) |
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February World Understanding Month Speakers Program: Terry

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| Sun 1 st Feb | T&T Shaun |
| Mon 2 nd Feb | Meeting: Guest Speaker & Robyn's induction |
| Mon 9 th Feb | Meeting TBA |
| Sun 15 th Feb | BBQ Magnet Mart (Coordinator: Terry. Clare (am), Robyn (am) Liz (am) plus volunteers needed for the afternoon shift please) |
| Mon 16 th Feb | Meeting: Club Assembly/Board Meeting |
| Sa-Su 21-22 nd | President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) |
| Mon 23 rd Feb | Meeting - Rotary's 110 th birthday |

March Literacy Month: Speakers Program: Shaun

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| Sun 1 st Mar | T&T |
| Sun 1 st Mar | Rotary's 110 th Birthday, Senate Gardens, bring your own picnic |
| Mon 2 nd Mar | Meeting TBA |
| Mon 9 th Mar | Canberra Day – Meeting Cancelled |
| Mon 16 th Mar | Meeting TBA |
| Sat 21 st Mar | BBQ Magnet Mart |
| Mon 23 rd Mar | Meeting TBA |
| Mon 30 th Mar | Meeting TBA |

April Magazine Month - Speakers Program - Emma

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| Mon 6 th Apr | Easter Monday – Meeting Cancelled |
| 18-19 th Apr | District Assembly in Tumut |

Roster for Meeting Toasts:

| Meeting | National Toast | Rotary Toast |
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| 2 nd Feb | Anna | Terry |
| 9 th Feb | Bob | John |

2015 Magnet Mart BBQ Dates (please note in your diaries & volunteer asap)

| Date | Coordinator | Volunteers |
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| Sun 15 th Feb | Terry | Clare (am) Robyn (am) Liz (am) |
| Sat 21 st March | | Holly |
| Sun 26 th April | | Clare (am) |
| Sat 23 rd May | | |
| Sun 28 th June | | Clare (am) |

This week's edition of The Key has been edited by Liz Friend, pr.rcgungahlin@gmail.com. Contributions from members are very welcome. Please send them to me so they can be inserted on Wednesdays and edited on Thursdays, for distribution before the weekend.