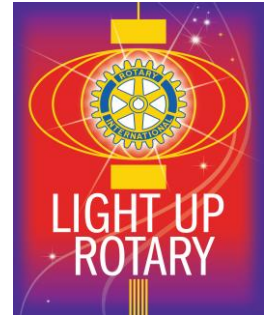


Rotary Club of Gungahlin (Inc)

District 9710

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16 March 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, 16 March AG Graeme Kinraid will be speaking to us about Rotary International. We will meet in the Soccer Club's dining room.

Last Monday night we had a night off. There was no meeting due to the Canberra Day holiday. We hope all our members and friends had an enjoyable long weekend.



Happy World Rotaract Week

March 9 marked the beginning of **World Rotaract Week**. Sponsored by Rotary International, Rotaract is a global organisation that empowers students and young professionals to create positive change in their local communities and around the world. Rotaract provides unique opportunities that assist its members in becoming the business and professional leaders of tomorrow.

With more than 9100 clubs worldwide, 70 clubs across Australia, and at least three in Canberra, Rotaractors excel in fundraising, social and professional development efforts. Rotaract, suitable for 18 to 30 year olds, has a strong social aspect. Many clubs create awareness or fundraise through exciting social opportunities such as harbour cruises, sky diving or lawn bowls. Meetings are regularly held at the local pub or the unibar, making for a great environment to meet like-minded people.

If you or someone you know might be interested in joining Rotaract, see their website <http://rotaract.org.au/> or contact us at Gungahlin Rotary and we can give you more information and put you in touch with a nearby club.

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Dates for personal diaries

Celebrate Gungahlin Day – Sat 11th April 10am to 4 pm, Gungahlin Town Park.

The January Board Meeting authorised our participation in this local event, being run by communities@work. Club coordinators Clare & Sandra. We will need as many hands on deck as possible for this event. Whether you're a member of Gungahlin Rotary, or a friend of the club, please let us know as soon as possible if you can give some of your time on this day. We'll need BBQ assistants, cash handlers, servers, runners to collect/deliver supplies, and info stall attendants. Whether you can be involved for the whole day or just an hour or two, your time will be appreciated *and you will have fun!*

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>

ROMAC Fundraiser in Canberra 26th April

The Woden Rotary Club is again running the Five Peaks Challenge on 26 April 2015, in and around Canberra. It is similar to previous years with two distances (118 km and 83 km) but this year in addition to the five peaks (Mt Stromlo, Red Hill, Mt Pleasant, Mt Ainslie and Black Mtn) they have added Dairy Farmers Hill (in the Arboretum) for a sixth peak. All peaks can be by-passed if desired. This is fun day which is non-competitive and raises money for designated charities. All funds raised from the ride go to community projects that Rotary supports. This year the major charity beneficiary is ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children).

Please note that all registrations made before 22 March can get a 12.5% discount by entering PIN code CC2015.

Full details and registration are on the web site www.rotaryrides.org.au. Further queries contact John Widdup (Ph 02 6230 4137 email jwiddup@netspeed.com.au) or Jeff Ibbotson (Ph 02 6281 5920 email ibbo@netspeed.com.au).

NYSF (National Youth Science Forum) and MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)
31st May is the closing date for application to both NYSF and to MUNA. It would be great if we had participants from our local schools.

Raffle – Win a Thermomix!

A reminder that members of Gungahlin Rotary are selling raffle tickets to raise money for HIAM Health – saving malnourished children in Timor Leste. Tickets are \$5 each with the first prize a Thermomix valued at \$1989. HIAM has developed a unique program, delivered to mothers by their peers in a “hands-on” approach to break the malnutrition cycle. Mothers are taught how to grow crops and how to prepare and cook a balanced diet for themselves and their children. Educating mothers in food and nutrition is the sustainable way forward for a healthy nation. To purchase raffle tickets, please contact the club at pr.rcgungahlin@gmail.com.

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Club Calendar

March

Literacy Month: Speakers Program: Shaun

Mon 16 th Mar	Guest Speaker: AG Graeme Kinraid, speaking about Rotary International (Soccer Club Dining Room)
Sat 21 st Mar	BBQ Magnet Mart (Coordinator: Ian. Morning: Robyn, Bob, Holly; Afternoon: Pam, Mohan + Cathy & Peter)
Mon 23 rd Mar	Club Assembly/Board Meeting (in the Soccer Club Boardroom)
Sunday 29 th Mar	Trash & Treasure Clean Up (volunteers needed)
Mon 30 th Mar	Guest Speakers: Carolyn Smith & Chris Barry, from Communities@Work (in the Soccer Club Boardroom)

April

Magazine Month – Speakers Program - Emma

Mon 6 th April	Easter Monday – Meeting Cancelled
Sat 11 th April	Celebrate Gungahlin Day – Sandra & Clare (BBQ volunteers needed)
Mon 13 th April	Social Meeting and a special visitor, Michelle Jester, our Club Ambassadorial Scholar from five years' ago, visiting from the US
18-19 th Apr	District Training Assembly in Tumut
Mon 20 th April	Club Assembly/Board Meeting
Sun 26 th April	Trash & Treasure Clean Up (volunteers needed)
Mon 27 th April	Meeting TBA

Roster for Meeting Toasts:

Meeting	National Toast	Rotary Toast
16 th March	Emma	Robyn
23 rd March	John	Anna
30 th March	Shaun	Ian

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

Date	Coordinator	Volunteers
Sat 21 st March	Ian	Holly, Robyn, Bob (am). Cathy, Peter, Pam, Mohan
Sun 26 th April	John	Clare (am), Bob (am), Liz, Emma. (Not available – Sandra, Robyn, Terry)
Sat 23 rd May	tba	
Sun 28 th June	tba	Clare (am)

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