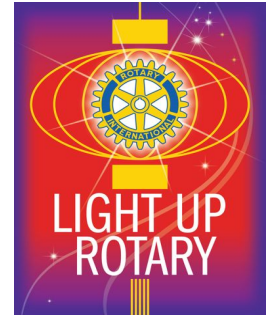


Rotary Club of Gungahlin (Inc)

District 9710

The Key

25 May 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 night, 25th May, our Guest Speakers are Rod Little and Caroline Hughes who will talk about Aboriginal and Torres Strait issues as well telling us more about the traditional owners of the local Canberra land.

Also, on Monday night if members could bring along any **unsold raffle tickets** so that we can redistribute these books to others, thanks.

Reminder: Monday 1st June will be a partners' night at the Waterfront Restaurant, Gungahlin. 6.30 for 7pm dinner. A la carte menu as well as banquet choices.

Last Monday night it was a pleasure to welcome Simone Patton as our Guest Speaker. Simone and her family recently returned from Jakarta, Australia's largest DFAT Mission, where she worked with AusAID (DFAT) for three years. AusAID works in partnership with developing countries and Simone outlined its role in Indonesia, providing an insight into the types of activities that the Australian Government supports. The major responsibility of AusAID in Indonesia involves establishing, managing and evaluating contracts with service providers in the areas of health, education, infrastructure, social programs, etc. It was clear that Simone enjoys her job and found her time in Indonesia very rewarding. Members took the opportunity to ask plenty of questions.



Simone (centre) gave members an excellent insight into her very interesting work with AusAID

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ROMAC - Canberra News

The Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) program has given young Reedly Gershom the chance to have life-saving surgery in Canberra. Reedly, with his mother Juliette, travelled from Vanuatu to Canberra as part of the Rotary program in 2014. Born with Hirschsprung's disease, a genetic condition which causes chronic bowel blockage, Reedly weighed just 27 kilograms when he first arrived in Canberra. The pair returned to Australia in February for a second round of surgery at Canberra Hospital and flew home to Vanuatu last week. "To see him now after the operation I just can't believe it," Juliette said. "He can ride a bike now and play soccer. For many years he wasn't able to do anything, he would just look at his friends playing. Now when we go back home, he can be a normal boy, play and enjoy himself."

Sandra Mahlberg, our Club's President-Elect and also the ACT's ROMAC co-ordinator, works tirelessly through the National ROMAC committee and with the ACT government to bring children to Australia from developing countries including China, East Timor, Fiji, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands to receive surgery for life-threatening but treatable conditions. ACT Health offers free care for up to four children annually who arrive in Canberra through the program.



(L:R) Sandra, a very happy & healthy Reedly, & his mother, Juliette



Emma celebrated her birthday last week and was more than happy to wear the hat as we sang Happy Birthday!

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Upcoming events

Saturday 13th June, Aurora-Gungahlin Rotary Club Changeover Luncheon.

Belconnen Premier Inn, 110 Benjamin Way, Belconnen, 12noon for 12.30pm. Members and friends all welcome. Cost: \$50pp (three courses). Dress: casual. RSVP: 30th May to Steve Lucas-Smith, President Elect, smlucassmith@internode.on.net

Monday 29th June Gungahlin Rotary Changeover Dinner, Waterfront Restaurant, 51A Strayleaf Cres, Gungahlin. Details to be confirmed.

National Rotary Success Conference 5 to 6 September

Everything is in place for the National Rotary Success Conference to be held at the Hellenic Club, Woden, ACT. Who should attend? All Rotary leaders, Presidents and Presidents-Elect, PR Chairs, Membership Chairs & future Rotary leaders and Rotarians who want to be involved in the continuing success of Rotary in Australia. At this conference you will be able to participate in break-out sessions on various topics such as membership recruitment & extension, diversity in Rotary, Flexibility & Innovative Clubs in the future, leadership, public image & media, and more.

Cost: Conference \$65.00 plus option for Saturday night dinner (\$55.00) OR Youth Summit (\$120 which includes the cost of Saturday night dinner, i.e. dinner is not an optional extra for the Youth Summit).

District Conference 2015, to be held at The Station, Jindabyne. To register: <http://www.rotary9710.org.au>

Club Calendar

May

Planning Month – Speakers Program - John

Sat 23 rd May	Magnet Mart BBQ – Coordinator Liz. Volunteers Liz, Bob, Terry, Caroline, (9.15 to noon) and John, Qinnie & Ian (noon to 2.30pm)
Sun 24 th May	Trash & Treasure Cleanup (Ian & Liz)
Mon 25 th May	Guest Speaker: Rod Little and Caroline Hughes will be speaking about Aboriginal and Torres Strait issues as well telling us more about the traditional owners of the local Canberra land
Sun 31 st May	Closing date for MUNA & NYSF

June

Rotary Fellowship Month – Speakers Program – John

Mon 1 st June	Social Night at the Waterfront Restaurant, 51A Strayleaf Cres, Gungahlin. This will be a partners' night. Please advise of your attendance for numbers.
Mon 8 th June	P/H no meeting
Mon 15 th June	Club Assembly/Board Meeting
Sun 21 st June	Motor Neurone Disease BBQ support, Lake Burley Griffin (am) Volunteers Sandra, John & more needed Trash & Treasure Cleanup (Ian plus volunteer)
Mon 22 nd June	TBA
Sun 28 th June	Magnet Mart BBQ – volunteers Clare (am)

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Mon 29 th June	Club Changeover Dinner, Waterfront Restaurant
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Roster for Meeting Toasts:

Meeting	National Toast	Rotary Toast
25 th May	Shaun	John
1 st June	Clare	Anna

The **National Toast** is to Australia, though a particular national event or anniversary could be highlighted. The **Rotary Toast** is to set the meeting in the wider context of Rotary in the community and across the World. A particular Rotary program or some other club of interest might be referenced.

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.