



BULLETIN 19th March 2009

Where we meet

Meets Thursdays 12.15 for 12.30
Southern Cross Yacht Club, Mariner
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Apologies

Please contact Pres Bill before 12
noon Thursday of the meeting or
earlier

Last meeting details

19 members
3 visiting Rotarians
2 visitors

Meeting Co-ordinator

March – Ron Rabey
April – Keith Gray

Last Week – We all had a little whine

Last week we all had the pleasure of meeting Graeme Lunney from Four Wind Winery in



Murrumbateman. We also had the pleasure of tasting and taking home some of Graeme's award winning Riesling.

Graeme SC decided to change his career from Barrister (Senior Counsel) to wine grower and maker. Graeme and his family decided to start a vineyard from scratch putting in power, trellises, vines, infrastructure etc. Originally working on weekends and commuting from Canberra, the weekend turned into long weekends and then they decided to move out there. It is a 50 acre property and there are approx. 20 acres of grapes.

Riesling, shiraz and cabernet sauvignon were planted.

Graeme had little knowledge of vineyards and farming in general when he started off on his adventure. He undertook various courses and learnt from mistakes. His daughter has studied winemaking at Charles Sturt University in the Riverina and his son now works as the vineyard manager.

The Riesling we were partaking in has won gold, 4 silver and a bronze medal. It was fresh, fruity and ready to drink now. Graeme's aim is to get the grapes into bottles as quickly and easily as possible. The vineyard is irrigated with bore water. We also enjoyed some great photos of the property.



Rotary Grace

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



Coming Events and Speakers

Thursday 19th March – Clayton Perry Developments in the Funeral Industry

Thursday 26th March – Indigenous Support Program and Winter School at UNSW

28th – 29th March – District Assembly at Bowral High School

President's Diary

Last week we enjoyed a jolly meeting complete with samples of wine, hearing from Graeme Lunney SC, who is a successful Canberra Barrister now venturing into a second life as a wine maker and vineyard operator. He told a great story of family determination and co-operation, steep learning curves and rewarding outcomes. Whilst he spoke and we enjoyed his photos, we partook in his gold medal winning Riesling - quite a drop on a warm autumn's day.

This week another interesting speaker, when a former Club member, Clayton Perry tells us what he has been doing. Come along and learn. We will all need a Clayton in due course. See you there, Bill

Door Roster

Thursday 19th March – Tony Waring and Bob Brading

Thursday 26th March – Tony McGloughlin and Ross Brown

Thursday 2nd April – Chris Gray and Sharon Green

International Toast Roster

Thursday 19th March – Tony Brickwood

Thursday 26th March – Keith Gray

Thursday 2nd April – Bob Brading

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

Vocational Update Roster

Thursday 19th March – George Wilson

Thursday 2nd April – Joyce Lawrence

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?"

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Club Programme

For all details of our Programme visit <http://www.canberra-burley-griffin-rotary-club.org/Program.html>

Claim the Date

15th – 19th May – Angas Downs trip

14th June – District Awards and Changeover lunch

5th September – STOMP

24th – 25th October – District Conference in Cooma

Joke of the Week

1. The US has made a new weapon that destroys people but keeps the building standing. It's called the stock market.
2. Do you have any idea how cheap stocks are? Wall Street is now being called Wal-Mart Street.
3. The difference between a pigeon and an investment banker. The pigeon can still make a deposit on a BMW.
4. What's the difference between a guy who lost everything in Las Vegas and an investment banker? A tie!
5. The problem with investment bank balance sheet is that on the left side nothing's right and on the right side nothing's left.
6. I want to warn people from Nigeria. If you get any emails from Washington asking for money, it's a scam. Don't fall for it.
7. What worries me most about the credit crunch, is that if one of my cheques is returned stamped 'insufficient funds'. I won't know whether that refers to mine or the bank's.