



BULLETIN 31 JANUARY 2008

Where we meet

Meets Thursdays 12.15 for 12.30
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Apologies
Please contact Pres Elizabeth before 12 noon Thursday of the meeting or earlier

Last meeting details
T.B.A.

This week's international toast
Bob Brading
Next Week– Tony Brickwood

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

Australia Day – Hear ye, hear ye

Last week on Australia day, we gathered at Aspen Island to remember the original settlement at Sydney Cove. His Excellency Governor Juris announced "I say, I say – all ye blagaards in chains, show some respect for the representative of the realm. If ye heed not my exhortations to behave yourselves, ye shall have nothing to eat but weevil-blown flour for the next six months!"

Luckily we had a great spread of sandwiches, fruit and damper with golden syrup! Whilst cleaning up our sticky fingers we enjoyed listening to Brent Perkins from the Bureau of Statistics. He supplied some interesting figures from the I2006 census relating to our multicultural community, our involvement in voluntary work and other topics. A few of these were: -

- Top 5 countries of Birth for ACT residents - 73% were born in Australia, followed by 5% UK, 1% each for NZ, China, India and Vietnam.
- ACT Ancestry – 23% English (Australia wide figure was 31%), the next 5 being Irish, Scottish, German and Italian.
- Indigenous population in the Act - 3,900 which equals 1% total, 2% Australia wide
- language spoken at home in the ACT – 81% English, the next 5 were Chinese, Vietnamese, Greek, Croatian and Spanish.
- Religion in the ACT – 28% Catholic, then Anglican, Uniting, Presbyterian 23% identified with no religion (19% Australia wide figure).
- Unfortunately the amount of reported cases of child abuse in the ACT – 1,300.
- Disabled ACT residents that need assistance for core duties – 10,300 which equates to 3.2%.
- 10% of ACT residents were willing to provide that core assistance
- ACT population - June 2007 approx. 340,000 which is 1.6% of the Australian total.



Coming Events and Speakers

31st January - Phil Coleman
will speak to us about his
Bhutan experiences

7th February – John Essex
Clarke "Bring Them Home"
Vietnam deceased

13th February – Board Meeting

14th February – Keiran
Rossteuscher from the
Canberra Roteract Club

21st February – Tony Powell
National Film and Sound
Archive



Door Roster

Thursday 31st January – Mike Purvis and Peter Dawson

Thursday 7 February – Chris Colton and Chris Gray

Thursday 14th February – Keith Gray and Sharon Green

If you can't do the door duties please arrange your own replacement.

This Week – What or Where is Bhutan?

Phil Coleman will talk to us this week and show some pictures from his and his wife Jenny's 2007 trip to the Kingdom of Bhutan. They visited in connection with Jenny's work at the ANU Crawford School Economics Graduate Program. A number of students from Bhutan are sponsored to the School through AusAid and they were invited to go to Bhutan to review their work.

Phil will inform us on where the country is at, why would you go there and some of the experiences and difficulties encountered. They had very close contact with the locals, staying with a family, so this will be a very enlightened talk about this hidden corner of our world.

Make sure you are there and bring a guest.

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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Dear Members,

This is my final appeal for 2008 before the impending Valentine's Gala Dinner and Ball for Clubs requesting you and your Club to actively organise tables and support the function.

GALA DINNER - This is also sent as a reminder that final numbers attending the function are required by next Friday 31 January 2008 with Club payments by 1 February 2008 to enable tickets to be distributed before the event. Please contact me by email or phone if your Club has any difficulties meeting this deadline.

RAFFLE - Regarding the ARHRF raffle final Club purchases need to be made by prepayment before 12 February 2008. The support of outlying Clubs and keen purchasing of tickets by a number of Clubs is greatly appreciated as a means of supporting the fundraiser. Please make an all-out to Club members not able to attend the ball to support the fundraiser in this way.

The success of this function and its running relies totally on support by attendance, so please encourage great representation by YOUR Club. This will be a great social and fellowship event for all Rotarians.

Yours in Rotary Service, Ken Stone - District Chairman

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PS - Ken will join our meeting this Thursday to talk about this event.