

# THE BULLETIN

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## *From the President*

Hello Rotaractors

As yet another month rolls by so very quickly, I sometimes look at what we have as a club have decided that we will attempt to do in the Rotaract year, and get a hollow feeling about what we need to do, and if it is going to happen.

And then we had our last meeting...

Granted, our last meeting was quite a long one, I think the longest we have had this sitting (and by no means the longest ever endured by some of our members), but it was fantastic to see the work that is starting to come together. We have just had our first Tuggeranong Markets BBQ, hopefully the first of many, and it is quickly followed by Games nights, Seniors Concerts, Handy Helpers and Tuggeranong Community Festival. The ideas brought to us by Elita as to how we can meet one of our chosen areas of interest were fantastic, and I think both very doable and very worthwhile. I think that the visit from Craig was a boost to manys spirits, hearing how successful their club is and how we are looking at working together in the future.

To top all of that off, however, was the submission of 3 applications for membership, which will be addressed in the coming weeks.

It is great that people are putting their hands up to help out, and we are seeing some new faces at the events, but we can always do with a hand, so if you would like to help out at all feel free to see what's coming up and how you can help.

Yours in Rotaract,

Keiran  
President

# Tuggeranong Community Centre Markets

We had our first Tuggeranong Markets BBQ on Sunday 28th of October. Unfortunately it was not an outstanding success, but it was a great learning opportunity. While we ended up hovering around the 'break even' mark (final calculations pending), we were able to get Rotaracts profile up a little, with about a half dozen people (some ex-Rotaractors) taking pamphlets.

Thankyou very much to Nat, Bron and Claire for giving up their time on the day, it is never pleasant being asked to give up your Sunday, even for just a few hours, but all the help is greatly appreciated.

The next opportunity for the Markets is the 25th November, the same day as the Community Festival, so look out for more info about what we decide to do with that, and then it is on again the 16th December, which could be a big one being just before Christmas.

## Seniors Concert

The Seniors Concert is being held yet again. We have been asked by the Canberra Rotary Club to assist with the afternoon teas. So far we have 5 people confirmed to attend the afternoon, but we are always keen for more to come along and help. Even if you know of any friends who wouldn't mind watching the concert and helping hand out sweets, tea and coffee, it is a low intensity means of getting to know the club. Hey, for those that had the pleasure, that's where some of us first met Anna, so who knows who we might meet this time round.

If you haven't already signed up to coming along, please let me (Keiran) know ASAP if you (and/or any friends) are able to help out.

When: Saturday 10th November (right before the Games Night)

Time: 1:30 pm - ? (should only be a few hours all up)

Location: Albert Hall

Jobs: Watching concert and then handing out sweets, tea and coffee to the Seniors

## Upcoming Events

Dates for your diary:

**Thursday 8 Nov:** Meeting

**Saturday 10 Nov:** Seniors Concert 1.30pm at Albert Hall **AND** Games Night at Joel's house in the evening

**Friday 16 – Sunday 18 Nov:** District Conference

**Thursday 22 Nov:** Meeting

**Saturday 24 Nov:** Joel's Election Party

**Sunday 25 Nov:** Tuggeranong Community Festival

**Saturday 1 – Sunday 2 Dec:** Young Cherry Festival

**Thursday 6 Dec:** Meeting

**Saturday 8 Dec:** Christmas Party

## Jokes/Fun stuff

Two blonde girls were working for the city public works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind her and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one girl digging a hole, the other girl filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting in to your work, but I don't get it -- why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"

The hole digger wiped her brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the girl who plants the trees called in sick." !

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When you have some free time, check out this fabulous website. It was the FWA's (Favourite Website Awards <http://thefwa.com> ) Site of the Day on 5 Nov 2007. Good things should never end...

<http://www.goodthingsshouldneverend.co.uk>

## Upcoming Meeting

As always, don't forget to RSVP if you can't make it to the next meeting, and please contact Keiran if you have any agenda items. If you haven't done so already, please read the meeting minutes to keep up to speed with what is happening.

Next meeting we will have a few visitors...Mike Purvis, the Youth Director from Burly Griffin Club will (hopefully...yet to confirm) be coming along to find out what we are all up to, and Hannah Lord will be coming to speak to us about the United Nations/Scouts of the World Award in general and specifically about the upcoming Indigenous Discovery which she is managing. A few facts about Hannah are:

- Young Canberra Citizen of the Year for 2007;
- Student at ANU studying for a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Arabic Language, International Relations, Chemistry and Psychology;
- Team Leader of a Scout Service Project to the Solomon Islands in 2006;
- Queen's Scout Award (top achievement in Venturer Section: 14 – 17 yrs);
- Scouts of the World Award;
- An exchange student in Hamburg, Germany during the European 2003/2004 winter attending the local high school and staying with a German family;
- Enthusiastically involved in ACT Scouts as a Rover (18 – 25 year old)

**If you are going to go to Melbourne in March we need deposit money this meeting please.**

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**Have a great week, thanks to all contributors =)**

**Yours in Rotaract,**

**Jessica-Louise**