



# The Bulletin

CANBERRA ROTARACT CLUB NEWSLETTER

District 9710

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## Welcome...

Welcome to the new Rotaract year, the new reigning regime, and the new look Bulletin!. You can't put a price on beauty so you may notice a slightly slower download from your servers. But be not afraid! Embrace and love the Bulletin as your own child – make sure you feed it, and above all, make good use of it. The calendar on page 4 (and accompanying notes on page 5) will make sure you never miss another Rotaract event again!

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Past and Pres-ident. Joel (2005/06), Nick (2006/07), Sig (current) and Kerian (2007/08) @ Changeover Night (28 June, Canberra Club)

## To Market, To Market to BBQ up a Storm

Being new not only to the position of Community Services Director but also relatively so to the Club, when Gorana told me there was nothing a Rotaractor could do better than a barbeque for charity, I must admit that my first thought was "Well, how hard can it be?"

Talk about famous last words.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July, our first foray into the world of the Hall Markets, was an amazing display of the generosity of this club at both the individual level (with 9 dedicated volunteers cheerfully giving up a couple of hours on almost everyone's favourite day off), and at the club level. We were under no real obligation to take up this task, and the work we have contributed and are still to supply is completely voluntary - the Club isn't getting any financial reimbursement from Hartley Lifecare Inc, the charity that run the Hall Markets. Thus when the idea was put forward to the Club at a meeting, I personally was particularly impressed when the vast majority (if not all members present) agreed that this was a task worth taking on for the next 6 months, and the great support received for this first Sunday. Thanks so much to Sig, Keiran, Elita, Louise and Steph who bravely took on the first 9 - 12 shift - they did such a marvellous job that ... *(continued next page)*

### Upcoming Events

In brief

#### July

19 Stomp

19 Bron's Farwell @ Uni Pub

27 National Tree Day Planting

5 - 7th Sept : STOP REVIVE SURVIVE!

See page 4 for details.

**Canberra Rotaract Club meets every second Thursday on off public-service pay week at 7:30pm @ Civic RSL Club, Moore St, Canberra**

by the time Sally, Gorana, Claire and I arrived to take over the afternoon shift, everything ran so smoothly and so well that we actually sold out of meat!

Just to put the magnitude of this task into perspective, the Hall Markets, held on the first Sunday eleven months a year, is run by Hartley Lifecare Inc, a charitable organisation providing accommodation, respite and community services to those living with a physical or complex disability in Canberra and the surrounding district, with a particular focus on children and young adults. These are reputedly the largest home-grown/hand-made markets in Australia, and experiences **3 000 - 4 000 visitors each month**.

With the scent of the trusty sausage sandwich floating on the breeze, that's a lot of mouths to feed.

While there were naturally ebbs and flows throughout the course of the shifts, takings at the end of the day were nudging \$2000, which speaks bucketloads for the work ethic, dedication and enthusiasm of our Club members.

And now for the (rather shameless) plug: We've committed to help out with another **4** of these markets, with the next one rapidly approaching on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**. There are **two shifts**: the morning shift runs from **9am - 12pm** and is centred almost entirely around catering to the masses. The afternoon shift runs from **12pm - 3pm** or whenever the meat runs out. This shift also includes a bit of cleaning, but it's nothing too strenuous and the lovely volunteers in the canteen next door were more than happy to do the washing up. We do need **at least 4 people** at all times - 2 to cook and 2 to serve - but the morning shift had 5 plus a friendly though silent Yr 10 Radford College volunteer and they were still extremely busy. While it may be true that too many chefs spoil the broth, we're not making Minestrone, so it would be great if as many people volunteered as possible!

Thanks again to everyone who helped out at the last Markets, and I look forward to seeing a fresh bunch of faces next time round!

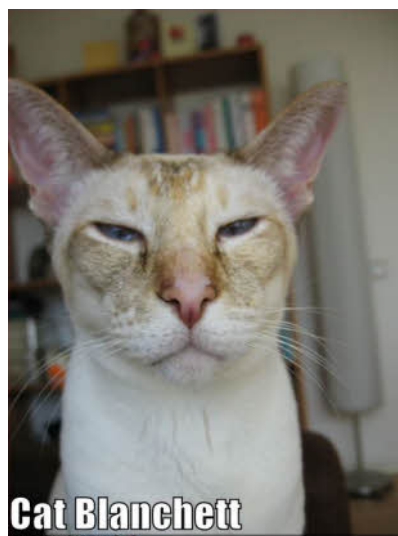
Cheers,

Tamara.

## Bon Voyage

This month we farewell two former board members who between them will be travelling just about half of the world. Bon Voyage to Bron and Gorana. Safe travels and return to us with photos, cultural experiences, and maybe even some gifts ;)

## Celebrity Imposter?



# Changeover 2008



From left to right: Nerys, Sigourney, David and Gorana block the door (*top*); Sigourney, Keiran and Bronwyn our three main speakers for the evening (*above centre*); Keiran and Emma handing our \$1200 cheque to Mick Mewling for ShelterBox (*top right*); Rotaractarians who attended the evening (*left*); Tamara, Sally and Joel enjoy a drink (*right*); Past Presidents Joel, Nick and Keiran with incoming President Sigourney (*below right*)



After a few major disruptions and last minute near-catastrophes, our fabulous disaster recovery crew salvaged our beloved Changeover. From Titanic to Queen Elizabeth II and the evening was a royal success. Sigourney, Bron and Tamara set up the venue and Nerys manned the door early, so early in fact she had no tickets to give out! Around 45 Rotaractarians (14 members), Rotarians, partners, friends and other invited guests attended the evening as M.C Bron shepherded us through a mostly smooth sailing evening. Apart from a wardrobe malfunction from incoming president Sigourney, a last minute stress-leave holiday for the ipod in charge of the music and the no-show of one of the guests of honour (who later called to apologise), there were no major hiccups (except from those who drank too much).

Emma and Keiran presented a cheque for \$1200 to ShelterBox's ACT representative Mick Mewling, making us one of only three Rotaract clubs in Australia to have donated an entire ShelterBox - a moment worth celebrating. Our second guest, from MIEACT (Mental Illness Education ACT), was absent from the evening but we can still congratulate ourselves on the \$1500 that Rotaract Canberra donated to them.

Awards were given to Stephanie (Hardest Worker), Michele (Stirrer), Krystal (Club Spirit) and CC, the travelling platypus, was re-adopted by Emma. A raffle with some excellent goodies from the Brumbies, Gunners and Canberra Capitals raised a nice amount of money. The fines session was also a success with generous guests throwing around \$161.05 at us. Many thanks go to the organisers who kept the Changeover off the ground, and to those who helped out somewhere along the lines. (Michele)

# Upcoming Events

Please email any corrections to Michele.

## Planning Session

*When*

Thursday, 17 July 2008 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

*Location*

Civic RSL

*Description*

Board Planning Meeting

## Rotaract Meeting

*When*

Thursday, 17 July 2008 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

*Location*

Civic RSL

## Stomp

*When*

Saturday, 19 July 2008 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

*Location*

Albert Hall

*Description*

Theme: Titanic

TITANIC SETS SAIL IN 6 DAYS !!

All aboard the RMS TITANIC as we get ready to lift anchor and set sail for our maiden voyage. Secure your boarding pass now on the TITANIC and we will guarantee you a party like theres no tomorrow...

Venue is again the magnificent Albert Hall, with complimentary Dance Classes starting at 7pm. Contact your local supporting dance school for tickets or order tickets using the order form below.

Stomp Flier: [www.thestomp.org/myfiles/TitanicBall\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.thestomp.org/myfiles/TitanicBall_flyer.pdf) (369Kb)

Order Form: [www.thestomp.org/myfiles/TitanicBall-OrderForm.pdf](http://www.thestomp.org/myfiles/TitanicBall-OrderForm.pdf) (192Kb)

Web Site: [www.thestomp.org](http://www.thestomp.org)

See Jessica for details

## Bron's Farewell

*When*

Saturday, 19 July 2008 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

*Location*

Top Floor Uni Pub (Civic)

## National Tree Planting Day

*When*

Sunday, 27 July 2008 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

*Location*

Pierces Creek Forest (off Paddy Rivers Rd), Lower Cotter Catchment

*Description*

Free bus from Civic at 9am

See Claire for details

### Hall Markets

*When*

Sunday, 3 August 2008 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*Location*

Hall Showground, off Victoria St

*Description*

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See Tamara for more information

### Louise's 24th Birthday/Housewarming Party

*When*

Saturday, 9 August 2008 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM

*Location*

Louise's House (Ask Louise!)

*Description*

Louise is having a 24th birthday/Housewarming

Ask Louise for more information

### Rotary Antiques Fair

*When*

Friday, 15 August 2008 - Sunday, 17 August 2008

*Location*

Albert Hall (?)

*Description*

Information provided by Keiran

### ACS Trivia Night

*When*

Thursday, 4 September 2008 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

*Description*

\$20 per ticket, \$150 for a table of 10.

See Joel for more information

### Stop Revive Survive

*When*

Friday, 5 September 2008 - Sunday, 7 September 2008

*Location*

Monaro HWY

*Description*

BBQ, Drinks

Put your name down for a shift

See Tamara for more information

### **Hall Markets**

*When*

Sunday, 7 September 2008 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*Location*

Hall Showground, off Victoria St

*Description*

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Don't forget to email bulletin submissions by close of business on Wednesdays, the day before Rotaract Meetings.

Yours in Rotaract,



Michele  
Bulletin Editor