



	This Week 9 March 2005	Next Week 16 March 2005
<b>Program</b>	Margaret Rolfe "Some historic quilts"	Joint with Canberra East Partners' Night
<b>Introduction</b>	Val Bland	N/A
<b>Appreciation</b>	Ai Lin Tan	N/A
<b>Fellowship</b>	Keith Avent Piers Booth	N/A N/A
<b>Raven Recorder</b>	Shukry Sahhar	Robin Cromer
<b>Birthdays</b>	Ian Excell	Pixie Gray 19/3 Val Bland 21/3
<b>Anniversaries</b>		
<b>Trash</b>	13 March	20 March
<b>&amp; Treasure</b>	John Widdup Ian Excell	Ray Newcomb Peter Evans
		27 March Noel Hart Val Bland
		3 April Piers Booth Sanu Kainikara

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The Raven

George Paulus Vocational Awards for 2005  
Congratulations:  
Linda Shepley  
Sandra Cusack  
For their splendid work with the disabled



**Rotary Grace**  
O Lord and Giver of all Good  
We Thank Thee for our Daily Food  
May Rotary Friends and Rotary Ways  
Help us to Serve Thee all our Days.

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### **Meeting 2 March 2005**

Despite the absence of the guest speaker who must have been called away on other business, the meeting was a most enjoyable and fulfilling one for all.

### **Centennial Express**

Secretary John Widdup distributed copies of the District 9710 news sheet celebrating the centenary of Rotary . If any member has not seen a copy please contact John. It was pleasing to note that the Secretary was back with us again after surviving a 600 km cycle ride with Julia from Kosciuszko to Kiama!

### **Canberra Show Parking Project**

President Peter congratulated Gary Scott on his outstanding achievement with this project. He also praised David Fox for having ensured that at the conclusion of the project the books were balanced and that we have a well documented audit trail. He also drew attention to the fact that unbeknown to most members Ajit Banerjee has for a number of years been providing the cash float for this project from his own resources!

Gary Scott reported that each Club will receive \$12,675 for its efforts – an excellent return. The Show Committee had said

it was the most successful show ever from a car parking point of view. Hopefully this will translate into a continuation of the contract which the Club has with the Society.

Over the period of the show the two Clubs parked in total 14,654 cars, which is 827 less than in 2004 but more than in 2002 & 2003. The total take was \$73,273.60 and the share for Rotary is \$25,351.42, which is then divided equally between our Club and the Canberra City Club.

Gary praised everyone's contribution to the project and the enjoyable fellowship throughout. He drew attention to the special contributions of David Fox, Robin Cromer, & Bruce Hall. Finally he thanked Inner Wheel President Shirley Granger-Evans and her members, including Ros Osbourne, who had supplied and delivered the drinks and sandwiches over the three days.

### **Children of the Golden Triangle Project**

Piers Booth reported on his two week return visit to this project which is now called a "training centre". He joined with 30 Rotarians from a Canadian Rotary Club to work on building a health centre. The training cen-

tre is now accommodating 300 young people, including 6% boys. He is hoping that our Club will be involved again with this project next year. Club members acknowledged Piers outstanding contributions, yet again, internationally in third world countries.

### **George Paulus Vocational Service Awards to Linda Shipley & Sandra Cusack**

In her introduction to this award presentation by President Peter, Youth Director Ros Osbourne said that society is enriched through the vision of individuals who have an idea and the drive to follow that idea until it becomes reality.

Linda Shepley and Sandra Cusack joined the staff of The Woden School in the late 1980's and worked as ancillary staff members in many curriculum areas. They were keen to achieve a greater acceptance of people with disabilities and one of their chief aims was to see the students of the school being offered the opportunity to belong to a team and play sport with mainstream students. Sandra is also involved with a dance group which meets every Friday night in Wanniasa.

The first team to enter a normal sporting competition was a net-

ball team in 1992. Since then students have been welcomed into other sports, including swimming, tennis & basketball. Sandra and Linda have coached teams, acted as managers and mentors, and taken teams to the Special Olympics. The latter have led to many opportunities for athletes with disabilities, and students from The Woden School have achieved at the highest levels internationally in swimming, athletics & shot-put competitions.

In accepting their awards Linda stated that for her it was a labour of love. She said that her greatest pleasure is the achievement of the individual students. It does not matter if the students win or lose but they value each new step and each small achievement. Through the integration of mainstream and special needs students in sport there has become a greater acceptance and understanding of the needs of those with disabilities – a trend which is becoming more evident generally in Canberra in recent years.

*Thanks John Gray Raven Recorder*