

Please be reminded that Landscape Artist David Driden will be in attendance at the Regional Gallery 6.30-8.30pm Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008. An evening to indulge the senses, and soothe the palate.



**AUSTRALIAN SRT VOLUNTEER HOME FROM NEPAL**

**Hans Van Dyk**, a member and past President of the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills, having only completed the arduous ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) training in Cornwall, England a few months ago, was in Nepal this month as one of several SRT members deploying ShelterBoxes, after floods caused widespread loss and devastation in that country. He returned home last week and has written about his first experiences in a disaster area:

‘As a first time deployment experience, I benefited greatly from the fact that it wasn't an easy one. “Prepare for the worst and hope for the best,” was the message that Tom Henderson (ShelterBox CEO and Founder) repeated to us in the nine-day training exercise. I found that to be probably one of the most important aspects I learned during the training. In Nepal, the twelfth poorest country in the world, we were frustrated with delays in clearing the ShelterBoxes through Customs despite having an influential Rotarian to assist us. We received great help from an enthusiastic local Rotaracter who joined the team for the deployment. He was invaluable interpreting, and with his local knowledge, and may be recommended as an SRT candidate for Nepal.

‘When I arrived at the flooded Koshi River region, blue tarps over bamboo frames were being hastily erected to house the thousands of displaced people who had lost most or all their possessions. That included their animals which often provided them with some income.

I was very fortunate to work along side experienced SRT members from the USA and the UK, including the photo-journalist Mark Pearson. I now look forward to assisting Darren Mayne (also from the Endeavour Hills club, an SRT member who coordinates selection and training in Australia) in expanding our SRT members here in this country.’

<b>This week</b>	<b>23/09/08</b>
TOPIC	Pre Australian Girls Choir
SPEAKER	
CHAIRMAN	Sam Cozens
FELLOWSHIP	Trevor Curtis Beverley Curtis
RESERVE	
INVOCATION	Jim Mason
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Don McLean
MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS	Ron Lehmann 18 <sup>th</sup> September Robin LeGallez 21 <sup>st</sup> September Brian Foster 22 <sup>nd</sup> September Dave Mellen 27 <sup>th</sup> September Don McLean 29 <sup>th</sup> September
PARTNERS' BIRTHDAYS	
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY	Brian and Sue Foster 29 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Next week</b>	<b>30/09/08</b>
TOPIC	Sudanese Settlement
SPEAKER	Karen Ahrens
CHAIRMAN	John Scarvelis
FELLOWSHIP	Dave Mellen Graham Peake
RESERVE	Kevin Prosser
INVOCATION	Dave Mellen
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Graham Peake
<b>Following Week</b>	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>
TOPIC	Combined Services Meeting
SPEAKER	
CHAIRMAN	
FELLOWSHIP	
RESERVE	
INVOCATION	
NATIONAL ANTHEM	

