

	This Week 30 March 2005		Next Week 6 April 2005	
<b>Program</b>	John Cummings		Neil McCabe	
	Mission Australia		Woden Plaza	
<b>Introduction</b>	Neale Emanuel		Gary Scott	
<b>Appreciation</b>	Carlo Binutti		Val Bland	
<b>Fellowship</b>	Noel Hart		Murray Crowe	
	Des pain		Neale Emanuel	
<b>Raven Recorder</b>	David Fox		David Fox	
<b>Birthdays</b>	Des Pain 25/3, Joanne Ellison 25/3		Jacki Cauchi 9/4	
	Carlo Binutti 28/3 Denise Goard 29/3 Eric Taylor 29/3		Bruce Hall 11/4	
<b>Anniversaries</b>				
<b>Trash</b>	3 April	10 April	17 April 2005	24 April 05
<b>&amp; Treasure</b>	Ray Newcombe	Piers Booth	Des Pain	Neale Emanuel
	Peter Evans	John Gray	Ken Goard	Bob Harvie

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## Tonight John Cummings Mission Australia

- Family support initiatives for families and children in need;
- Youth initiatives for disadvantaged young people;
- Housing support initiatives for homeless people and those at risk of homelessness;
- Employment and training initiatives for the long-term unemployed; and
- Community building initiatives that help strengthen and empower entire communities.

Where people are in need, Mission Australia seeks to make a powerful, sustainable difference.

### 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.

Raven Deadline PM Sunday to [nhart@netspeed.com.au](mailto:nhart@netspeed.com.au)  
or [gdwpain@netspeed.com.au](mailto:gdwpain@netspeed.com.au)

## Meeting 23 March 2005

### Attendance

71 percent

Highlights from President Peter and Directors:

- The Canberra Times is planning an 8 page special about Rotary and is looking for sponsors.
- The Club is purchasing a Shelter box for



\$1200. The box provides shelter and warmth for up to 10 people for a prolonged period. Each box is iniform in size and normally contains a 10 person tent, 10 sleeping bags, a multi fuel cooker and ancillary equipment such as water purification tablets, a torch and batteries, spade, rope, plastic bags etc. The basic a family would need after a disaster.

- \$2000 was received for Trash and Treasure in Jan and Feb
- Bruce Hall accepted a Certificate of Appreciation at the Goulburn Police Academy for the efforts with Driver Reviver.
- Visiting Rotarian, Diann Simoes, from Canberra East reported that our two clubs are sponsoring a student to the Rotary Murray-Darling School of Freshwater Research.
- Inner Wheel letter of thanks for cheque for \$1500 for show parking support.

Keith Avent introduced our **guest speaker, John Campbell**, former Head of Hansard,



who described the history of Hansard and entertained us with some of the highlights of his career and anecdotes from the House of Representatives.

John started his career as an office boy and court reporter in Brisbane. He moved to Canberra and started working as a

reporter for Hansard in 1960. By 1990 he had risen to be Head honcho at Hansard with a staff of 90. He then became head of the ACT Parliamentary Reporting System until he retired in 1999. He has remained active with bushwalking, overseas travel, and work as a parliamentary guide and on the Mirinjani Board.

Parliamentary privilege was sacrosanct in England before 1803 and no reporting was permitted. Then the press was allowed to report some proceedings and this took the form of a booklet printed by the Hansard family. The Hansard name stuck.

The Australian states, and then the Federation in 1901, all had Hansard from their inception so we have a full record of all of our parliaments.

The task of parliament reporting was originally performed by journalists, then by court reporters. Technology now plays a bigger part with audio-visual recording, shorthand and speech recognition software, and files being moved at the speed of light.

Human input is still indispensable for editing – to turn politicians' mumblings and ranting

into a readable and rational record. John gave many examples of slips of the tongue ('they had their snots in the trap' rather than 'their snouts in the trough'), and misused or confused words such as flaunt and flout, pariah and paragon, reticent and reluctant, and testament and testimony.

John reminisced about some of the most impressive characters from our Parliament over the period 1960 to 1990 including Bob Menzies, Jim Killen, Billy Wentworth, John Gorton, and Gough Whitlam.

After many questions from the floor, Bruce Hall thanked John for an interesting and informative talk and presented him with a pen – for when he felt the need to take some more shorthand.

*Thanks Bruce Wyatt-Raven Recorder*

Antique & Collectables Fair  
Rotary Club of Canberra  
Albert Hall  
1-3 April 2005  
Admission \$6 (\$4)