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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

## Rotary recognises the work of the Early Morning Centre in support of Canberra's homeless

The Rotary Club of Canberra was briefed on Monday 15 February on the work and plans of the <u>Early Morning Centre</u> (EMC), located on Northbourne Avenue in Civic, in support of Canberra's homeless (and those at risk of homelessness).

Nicole Wiggins, the EMC's Director, outlined something of what the staff and volunteers had been able to achieve in 2020 despite COVID-19, as demonstrated <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. Nicole also discussed planning being undertaken to expand the EMC's services from the current 5-days per week to 7, starting on 1 July, with the aid of additional funding announced recently by the ACT Government.

The Rotarians were extremely impressed and presented Nicole and her staff with a Rotary Vocational Service award certificate and Nicole, personally, was awarded a <u>Rotary Paul Harris Fellow</u> (see attached photos).

The Rotary Club will continue to monitor the plans for the Early Morning Centre to ascertain what practical support is needed.

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