

Gary Scott gave the appreciation and thanked Craig for his magnificent talk and for being a political and inspirational role to members of the public. *Thanks to Recorder Val Bland.*

REMINDER:

PRIP Frank Devlyn. Come meet the Past Rotary International President Frank Devlyn at Mittagong and Canberra this April.

CANBERRA

at the Canberra Press Club, April 3 6.30pm for 7pm
\$30 a head (Includes two course meal, coffee etc.)

MITTAGONG

at the Mittagong RSL Club, April 4
6.30pm for 7pm \$40 a head (Includes THREE courses)

Come meet the **Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar** in Bega and Goulburn in March.

BEGA

Bega RSL Club
Thursday, March 23, 2006
6.30 pm for 7 pm \$30 per person

GOULBURN

Goulburn Workers Club
Friday, March 24, 2006
6.30 pm for 7 pm \$30 per person

Roster:

	This week	Next Week
Program	Drew English Conservation Volunteers Australia	TBA
Introduction	Bruce Wyatt	David Fox
Appreciation	Peter Evans	Ian Excell
Sergeant	Neale Emanuel	Neale Emanuel
Fellowship	Piers Booth Ken Goard	John Gray Des Henderson Kelly
Raven Recorder	Rex Hunt	Robin Cromer
Birthdays	Ian Excell 8th Mar	Murray Crowe 16th Mar, Pixie Gray 19th Mar, Val Bland 21st Mar
Anniversaries	nil	nil
Trash & Treasure	12th Mar Ray Newcombe-John Gray 26th Mar Tom Davies- ?	19th Mar Shukry Sahhar-Ian Excell 9th Apr John Widdup-Ken Goard

The Raven

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Tonight:

Drew English
on

Conservation Volunteers Australia

Drew is the Regional Manager for Conservation Volunteers Australia for the ACT/SE NSW area which covers Goulburn, Berrima/Moss Vale, Ulladulla to the Victorian border, and the Snowy Mountains and has been in this role for 18 months. Drew was a practicing farmer in Northern Victoria for 25 years and had 11 years as a Councilor in local government. Drew has been involved in Natural Resource Management policy formation and implementation for 25 years, as a consultant and a practitioner. Drew and his wife Wendy live in O,Connor.

Attendance matters - 1 Mar 06:

Club Guest: Major Craig Johnson; Hon Members: Don Whitbread, Frank Macklin; Number of Club Members present: 22; Make-ups: 7; Percentage for Meeting: 89.65%. Also, Val writes, "my guests of the 22 Feb were recorded incorrectly. They are Semada and Leng Sar, formerly from Cambodia."



SERVICE Above Self

Last Week:

Acting President Robin Cromer thanked Gary Scott for all his efforts for the Canberra Show Parking.

Canberra Show Parking: Gary Scott reported that we did an incredibly well and professional job. There were no issues and we were commended by Geoff Cannock, from the Show Executive. Sunday totals were down from last year, but we parked around 13,500 cars and our distribution will be around \$12,000. Gary thanked everyone, and all the buddies who assisted and made an enormous contribution.

Meeting for 5 April: Shukry advised that it will be a Partner's night at the CIT.

Driver Reviver: Bruce Hall advised that he has received a cheque and the treasurer will distribute it.

Rotarians of 50 years: John Gray has a request from the DG for Rotarians who have been in Rotary for 50 years or more.

Eric Wright: Des Pain reported that Eric Wright, a past member died on Saturday at Bungendore and his funeral is at 1pm St Paul's, Manuka on Thursday 2 March.

Guest Speaker: Major Craig Johnson.



Bruce Hall introduced the guest speaker, Major Craig Johnson, who is currently Director of Events at the War Memorial and was a drummer in the Military Band at the Royal Military College (RMC), Duntroon. He now lives in Canberra, is married and has two sons. In 1954 Craig started a 15 year apprenticeship in Victoria as a musician. At the time there was a mix of motor mechanics and musicians. In

1979 whilst in Sydney he was posted as an Officer to Wagga. A highlight of his career was in 2001 when he became musical director of RMC.

Craig gave a brief history of military bands where the 17th century saw a rise in military bands where horns and trumpets terrified armies on the battlefield. Duntroon was founded in 1913, and General Bridges, the founder of RMC was killed at Gallipoli in 1915. A Japanese ship, the *Montevideo Maru*, with prisoners of war was sunk in the second world war between Papua New Guinea and Japan by an American

submarine. An entire band was lost. Other events included the end of the Vietnam war and the Golden Jubilee events. Craig and Ian McLean were deployed to Bougainville for the crisis between 1989 and 1997, the first Australians to be deployed since 1970. Land owners were not compensated for their land. During the crisis between 1989 and 1997, there were three forces, the PNG Defence Force, the Bougainville Force, and a resistance force to both of the forces. The Lincoln Agreement was signed in 1988 for peace and the redevelopment of infrastructure. The band's role was to play for local peace monitoring groups and the community. Local communities placed a great deal of importance on ceremonies, and in 1998 they were invited to play at the opening of an aid station.

Other events included recording carols for the Myer Music Bowl Carols by Candlelight, Centenary of Federation activities at Buckingham Palace, Pensioners at the Chelsea Hospital, 2003 Anzac Day at Gallipoli and Solomon Islands in Regional Assistance Mission. The band also played for the AFP deployed to Solomon Islands. In the National Capital, the band is always kept busy with new Ambassadors at Government House forming guards of honour and public performances include Beating the Retreat. In 2004 there was the celebration of the Golden Jubilee. The silver baton is used when the Governor-General is in residence.

Questions included the medical role of musicians as in the early years musicians were medically trained. These days, the role is for musicians only. The band's role is also to create a bridge between the guy in a helmet and the community. Other roles are privately undertaken in the community, for example, Philharmonic musicals.

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