

GUEST SPEAKER

Drew English of Conservation Volunteers Australia.

Introduction by Bruce Wyatt

This organization began in Ballarat (Vic) in 1982. It is a national, not for profit, community organisation.

With 23 offices over Australia CVA completes in excess of 10,000 volunteer hours per year. Two local staff (plus two part-timers and team leaders) introduce such projects as: track and trail construction and upkeep, tree planting, seed collection, weed control, habitat restoration and erosion control.

Most programs - Better Earth, World Conservation and Nature Programs - are open to volunteers (from Australia and overseas - South Korea, USA, UK) aged 18-35. Team size ranges from 4-10 volunteers with a Team Liaison leader.

Local projects include: Eurobodalla Landcare (on the banks of a creek near Moruya); Tinderry Ranges (fence building for the protection of pristine bush land); Gundaroo Landcare (control of Willows along the river), and Narooma (sea spurge control).

Projects run most weekdays and some weekends.

In addition some people are involved in Green Reserve which includes reskilling, especially after unemployment or redundancy.

World projects can also include baboon monitoring (South Africa), turtle protection (Costa Rica), organic farming (Galapagos), building walking tracks (Alaska), and dry stone walling (Ireland).

Drew is the Regional Manager for CVA ACT/SE NSW which includes Goulburn, Berrima/Moss Vale, Ulladulla to the Victorian border, and the Snowy Mountains. He has been in the position for 18 months. Prior to that he was a farmer in Northern Victoria for 25 years and had 11 years as a local government Councillor. *Thanks to PP Rex Hunt for this Raven Report*

Reminder:

Wednesday 5 April.
Vocational Service Night @ CIT Reid (School of Hospitality)
Partners Night.
More details from Shukry Sahhar soon.

Also...

RYPEN (students 15-17 years) on 31 March/1 April
Gary Scott still looking for nominations.
Needs to know by this meeting.

District Assembly

Assistant DG Bernie Rodgers reminded members of the new Board of the District Assembly, 6-7 May at Yass.

Visit to D9710 of RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar

Everyone should know by now that RI President Carl-Wilhelm visiting D9710 in March 2006.

On Thursday 23rd March, Carl-Wilhelm will be visiting Bega March he will visit Goulburn Argyle. This is a unique opportunity to hear the RI President speak and you try to attend one of these meetings.

If you want to hear Carli-Wilhelm be good idea to contact either Bega Club or Goulburn Argyle to let will be attending, and (if needed) book your accommodation.

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REMINDERS

PRIP Frank Devlin Come meet the Past Rotary International President Frank Devlin at Mittagong and Canberra in April

CANBERRA

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

MITTAGONG

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

Come meet the **Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer**
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

Rosters

PROGRAM	This Week	Next Week
Speaker	Combined Meeting - see	Major Bruce Blair – President of
Subject	other detail in text	Aust. Railway Historical Society
Introduction	David Fox	
Appreciation	Ian Excell	
Sergeant	Neale Emanuel	Roster detail is
Fellowship	John Grey	not immediately available
Raven Recorder	Des Henderson-Kelly	
Birthdays	Robin Cromer	
	Murray Crowe March 16th	
	Pixie Grey 19th Val Bland 21st	
Anniversaries	Nil	
Trash &	TBA	
Treasure	TBA	Interim Raven – Ken Goard
Apologies to: Ros Osbourne 6286 3097		

The Raven

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Tonight: Combined Meeting at the Southern Cross Club

We meet with the Lions Canberra Woden at the Southern Cross Club. 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm, upstairs, Woden. \$20 per head Partners night.

NOTE: Numbers to Ros on Monday

Last Week:

Attendance

Ros could only manage 89.65%.
President John welcomed David Oakley from Canada and ADG Bernie Rodgers, to the meeting.

Driver Reviver

Bruce Hall announced that Shukry Sahhar would co-ordinate the project for 2006. Cheques to drivers on last year's project were distributed. See Noel Hart is you are entitled to a refund but were absent from the meeting.

ROMAC

Piers Booth indicated he had suggested that a young man (with badly deformed foot) from Thailand could be a recipient of medical consideration. If so, he could be brought to Australia for surgery.

Presentation of Honorary Member Certificate

President John presented Murray Crowe with an Honorary Member certificate. Murray joined Rotary in Yass and has been a member for more than 50 years.



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