



# The Raven

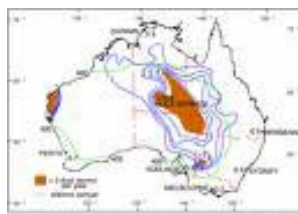
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*Tonight:*

**Richard Greene**

on

**Dust Storms**



*Last Week:*

The Deputy Sergeant Neale opened the meeting tardily, then Gary was asked to address us briefly with the penultimate show parking details. What followed was a superb ballet of hand and baton movement with mundane details of “Be there in time!” and “Look after your volunteer Grammar school boys”, “Bring your paper and obey your orders if asked to help at the other area”. Yahwo!

We were not told of the time when our senior medico was doing duty in car parking when he was accosted by a former patient asking why he was there. He replied that he was just doing his social service, whereupon the patient asked, “What did they get you for Luv?”

President Ray arrived and warmly welcomed our guest speaker Brenda L Croft. He spoke of the amazing work of the indigenous tribe at Kintore in setting up the kidney renal unit purely by their own management and sale of art work, and the possibility of our club in becoming involved.

Keith Avent rose and introduced **Guest Speaker** Brenda whom he had invited through his knowledge of the National Gallery. Brenda was a little constrained for time for family reasons but with the help of her assistant Chantelle on the computer, launched into a fascinating review of what they have been doing and anecdotes of the artists talked about.

She started by telling of her background being part European, Irish and Indigenous, as is Chantelle. Her mother was from Alice Springs and they were brought up in Darwin and the Territory. While she talked a DVD was screened showing various artists and their stories but it was difficult to both listen to her and take in the DVD. She had much to tell of the artists and how their work is being shown overseas in France and of the meetings with President Chirac and his sponsorship of them at the Musee du Quai Branly in Paris. He believed the art is not ethnographic. An art gift exchange will occur between Australia and France.

Some of the artists mentioned were:- Michael Riley from Moree who died relatively young at 42 from kidney disease but who had unlimited promise in different areas, especially film making. Judy Watson who came from north Queensland. Lawn, from the Wangi people, with a background in printmaking. Her work has been transferred spectacularly to large glass panels. Paddy Bedford, on being congratulated by Pres Chirac on his ability, said "I know", - because he knew everything his father had taught him.

Brenda mentioned a link between the Carol Mitchell Foundation, the Australian Council and the Musee du Quai Branly, and an art triennial in Canberra from October.

*With thanks to the Recorder, who signed himself: RDH, NBE (Nearly Blooming Eighty)*

**Attendance:** *Guests: Brenda Croft, Chantalle, Juliet GBadu-Tiwaa; Make-ups: Val Bland, Piers Booth and Jim Grainger; Number of Club Members present: 18. Percentage: 75%*

*We offer our condolences to Brian Wyatt on the passing of his mother.*

**The Club's Western Desert Project.** Representatives from the Kintore Region will be visiting us in March. David Fox has invited us to a BBQ at his home on Friday 9th March and a discussion of the project at his office on Saturday. All Club members welcome. Details about times and food etc later. *Here is a short history of the Western Desert area obtained from the Internet:*

**Walungurru (Kintore) region: The Territory's Far West.** As recently as 1957 a group of Aboriginal people, who never had had any contact with the "modern world" were discovered near Lake Mackay, on the border between Western

Australia and the Northern Territory. Later expeditions in 1963 into the desert found more people still living a traditional life, unchanged for thousands of years. These were all Pintubi (or Bindibu) people, the last Aborigines to live this life: they were taken to Papunya community, given clothes and had to adapt to a way of life totally alien to them. As all traditional Aboriginal people are intimately tied to the land of their ancestors and “dreaming places”, sites of ceremonial significance, they longed to get back.

In 1981 the Pintubi moved back and the small community of Kintore or Walungurru was founded, 530 km west of Alice Springs, at the base of Pulikatjara, two culturally important hills. The community now has a population of about 450, although about 60 people have decided to live in small “outstations” or “Homeland Centres”, their real clan areas. The main community is administered by its Council. There is a school, a women’s centre, a clinic, a store, an art centre and an airstrip provides regular flights to Alice Springs.

There are seven outstations, serviced by the council, with populations between 4 and 15. One of these, Ngutjul, is situated next to a dramatic set of red hills, a site of ceremonial significance and a good illustration of the label “The Red Centre”. A family of 12 lives nearby. The road continues south west from Sandy Blight Junction near Walungurru to cross into Western Australia, linking up with the “Gunbarrel Highway”, which used to be the first link between Western Australia and Central Australia. The rough red gravel road, after about 300 km, then doubles back into the Territory to Kaltukatjara (Docker River).



*Arriving in Walungurru or Kintore, at the base of Pulikatjara hill and 530 km west of Alice Spring.*

# Show Parking on Friday 23rd March.....in pictures!



Setting the Scene



High Powered



Time for a chat,



Time for a rest,



and Time for some knitting!



Lost?



Not sure.....

**Drought Appeal.** *Dates have now been finalised for the CWA - Rotary Family Farm Gatherings so please canvas your clubs for volunteers to help with these important days.*

*Wallendbeen Sunday 11th March -- CWA is arranging a cricket match prior to the BBQ followed by entertainment. BBQ intended to begin between 4.00 & 5.00pm. Wallendbeen is situated halfway between Young and Cootamundra under 2 hours from Canberra*

*Eurongilly Saturday 17th March --CWA is arranging a clearing sale prior to the BBQ which should begin approx 4.00pm. Eurongilly is approx 1 hr West of Tumut and 20 kms ESE of Junee.*

*West Wylong Saturday 24th March--further details to be obtained re this day--BBQ is programmed for 4.00pm. This is the greatest distance from our district being some 135 kms west of Cootamundra approx a little over 3 hrs by road from Canberra.*

*To date we have a team of 4 going to Eurongilly on the 17th March. So roll up for this great initiative from District 9710 and have an enjoyable day with our friends and show them we care.*

*Regards, YIR*

*Graham French, District 9710*

*Drought Appeal Coordinator*

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*Happy Birthday Rotary!*

*Rotary was 102 Years Young on 23 February 2007*

*For the benefit of newer members and visitors,*

*Rotary began in Chicago in 1905 as the world's  
first volunteer service organisation.*

*Based on the power of fellowship, the movement quickly  
spread around the globe.*

*For over 80 years it was an exclusively male organisation.*

*This year marks 20 years  
since women were first admitted into Rotary.*

*With thanks to John Lawrence*

	<b>THIS WEEK -- Wed 28th Feb</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK -- Wed 7th Mar</b>
Program	Richard Greene Dust Storms	TBA
Introduction	Bernadette Capello	Robin Cromer
Appreciation	Rex Hunt	Phil Ibbotson
Fellowship	Piers Booth Judy Skelton	David Fox John Widdup
Raven Recorder	Gary Scott	Piers Booth
Birthdays	Janet Mukerjee 5th Mar	Ian Excell 9th Mar
Anniversaries	nil	nil
Trash & Treasure	4th Mar Des H-Kelly-Val Bland 18th Mar Ray Newcombe-John Gray	11th Mar John Widdup-Gary Scott 25th Mar Shukry Sahhar-Ian Excell

