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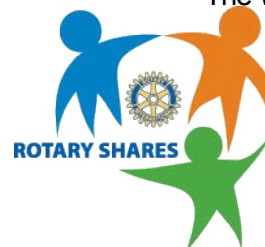
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# The Raven

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### Apologies to: Phil Ibbotson 62813415 <[pibbotson@ozemail.com.au](mailto:pibbotson@ozemail.com.au)>

'Kintore'. Members of this community have shown initiative in selling their art to fund health care needs in their own community and they want Rotary to help them and be partners in their efforts, not to do things for them. They have presented the club with two paintings and the club is yet to decide the best way to make use of these. David read an email from WDNWPT wishing us well for the coming year and looking forward to working with us – this is reproduced elsewhere in this Raven. David noted that as a small club, we cannot do everything so we need to choose carefully and do a few things well, but a major aim must be to keep our sense of humour. President David then presented his new Board to the club (as listed elsewhere in the Raven).

## Attendance:

Club Guests: DG Mick Newling & Lori; and ADG Barry Howe & Margaret  
Other Guests: PP Alan Ashley & Marj; PP Frank Long; and Colin & Carol Hughes  
Members present: 23 Percentage: 81.48

## Roster:

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THIS WEEK -- Wed 27th Jun	NEXT WEEK -- Wed 4th Jul
Program	TBA
Introduction	Bernadette Cappello
Appreciation	Bish Mukerjee
Fellowship	Judy Skelton
	Juliet Badu-Towaa
Raven Recorder	Ken Goard
Birthdays	Maureen Booth 31 July
Anniversaries	nil
Trash &	1 July Piers Booth-Val Bland
Treasure	15 July Neale Emanuel-Des Pain
	22 Jul R. Newcombe-Judy Skelton



## WELCOME

TO THE NEW ROTARY YEAR  
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF  
PRESIDENT DAVID FOX

WITH THE THEME

## ROTARY SHARES

## A message from the new Editors

As incoming joint editors we wish to acknowledge the outstanding work of those who have come before us in lifting the standards of the Raven. We wish to acknowledge in particular Des Pain who has edited the Raven over the past two years and has been providing us with technical advice as we prepare for the job. He has in fact clocked up seven years as Raven Editor. MEMBERS, PLEASE SEND ALL COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING RAVEN REPORTS, TO BOTH OF US as we are working on the Raven jointly.

John and Bruce

## *A message from WDNWPT - Changeover 20 June 2007*

"We know you have your meeting tonight and we want to wish you luck.

The members of WDNWPT have been touched by your interest in our story and your willingness to work with us to improve life in the Western Desert. It is important to us that you are willing to listen to us about what we want and where we want to go and to help us to develop the initiatives Anangu have established. We do not need or want others to take control, but need friends to help us to access the resources and gain the skills to move our vision forward.

We see that we will be able to work effectively with you, with positive outcomes for both WDNWPT and your club. We do look forward to meeting you in Central Australia and being able to show you properly what we are doing and what problems we face. Relationships and sharing are very important to Anangu and we are very happy that you are talking about a long term commitment to us. We believe we can learn lots from each other and see great things happen that will reduce the number of people requiring dialysis and improve quality of life.

Good luck with your meeting, we welcome David as your President and look forward to working with Ray, David and the rest of your Club in the future."

Bundi Rowe, Chairperson

## *Club News*

**Secretary Eric Taylor** has been taken ill and we wish him a speedy recovery. On Saturday 23 June, at short notice, he was operated on at Calvary. We feel sure he would appreciate receiving a card from fellow Club members addressed to his home. Keith Avent is the point of contact in the Club.

**Keith Avent** has generously agreed at short notice to act as Secretary, with John Gray assisting, pending Eric's recovery. MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT KEITH'S EMAIL IS ONLY ATTENDED FROM MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY.

**Past President Ray** attended the District Changeover and our Club received a plaque for achieving the District Goals. He, Val Bland and Phil Ibbotson attended the charter meeting of the Mitchell-Gungahlin Club and presented two fines boxes to the new Club.

**Our Youth Exchange applicant Alastair Brister Hare** has been selected by the District to spend a year in Denmark next year. Alastair lives in Mawson and is in year 10 at Melrose High. The Club looks forward to meeting Alastair.

## *Last Week's Report - Robin Cromer*

At our Club Changeover, we wished farewell to President Ray Newcombe and welcomed our President for 2007-08, David Fox. Sergeant Rex opened the meeting before handing over to the President.

DG Mick Newling responded to the toast to Rotary International, proposed by President Ray. He praised the Club for its leadership in supporting two Indigenous Health Scholarships and in initiating the Kintore Project in the Western Desert. He also noted the Club's great support for the Rotary Foundation, with provision of funds over the years to support the award of some 75% of members with Paul Harris Fellow awards. He also thanked AG Barry Howe for acting as his interface with our club during the year.

After an excellent first course, we were entertained by the 'Shiny Bum Singers', who regaled us with songs and ditties based around the life of a public servant, many written by members of the group. Sergeant Rex then proceeded to entertain us and in the process extracted large amounts of money from members and guests alike.

President Ray gave us some final departing words, indicating that he had enjoyed his year in the job and thanked 'the troops' for their support during the year, including members of Inner Wheel. He asked that members read the Annual Report which provides details of the activities and achievements of the year. He particularly acknowledged the work that John Gray had done during the year and those who had assisted in finalizing the Annual Report ahead of time. In addition to John Gray, Ray presented bottles of wine to club members who had undertaken specific tasks during the year, including: Noel Hart (Treasurer), Val Bland (Community), David Fox (International), Shukry Sahhar (Vocational), Ajit Banerjee (Youth), Des Pain (Raven Editor), Rex Hunt (Sergeant), Keith Avent (Historian), Ros Osbourne (Attendance), Robin Cromer (Webmaster) and Eric Taylor (Secretarial support). Tom Davies (Club Service) and John Widdup (Immediate Past President) were absent.

Ray awarded Rotary Glasses to two 100% attendees (Val Bland and Des Henderson Kelly). He also presented a cheque to the District Governor's wife Lorri as a contribution from the club to the Children's Fund. His final act as President was to present incoming President David Fox with his President's badge and the collar.

President David outlined his vision for our club for the coming year. Potential major projects had been investigated and the club had agreed to initiate a major, long-term project to support an indigenous community in the Western Desert at