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**Organiser of the Rotary Scenic Cycle Tour of Canberra.  
 Held annually in September.**

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**LINCOLN – KENNEDY COINCIDENCES – PART 1**

- \* Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.
- \* John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.
- \* Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.
- \* John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.
- \* Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.
- \* Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln.
- \* Both Presidents were particularly concerned with civil rights.
- \* Both wives lost their children while living in the White House.

**Attendance last week**

**Speaker:** Tamara Wilcock  
**Club guests:** Anne-Marie Driver & Ross Dyson  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Linda Morthorpe & Julie Samuels (Gungahlin)  
**Other Guests:** Rod Driver, Julia Widdup, Michael Slater, David Wellington & Rex Hunt  
**Members present:** 25  
**Makeups:** 5  
**Percentage:** 93.33

**APOLOGIES**

**BY 3 PM TUESDAY**  
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**DINNER ROSTER**

	<b>THIS WEEK - 11 March</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK – 18 March</b>
<b>Program</b>	DG Phil Mewett District Governor's visit	Alastair Hare A Youth Exchange in Denmark
<b>Introduction</b>	Shukry Sahhar	Ian Excell
<b>Appreciation</b>	Shukry Sahhar	Des Henderson-Kelly
<b>Fellowship</b>	Des Pain Alec Philip	Eric Taylor Judy Skelton
<b>Raven Recorder</b>	Gary Scott	Jeff Ibbotson
<b>Birthdays</b>	Ian Excell 9/3	Pixie Gray 19/3,
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil	Nil



# THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

## AN OUTSTANDING RESULT

Last week Gary Scott, parking chief extraordinaire, thanked everyone for their efforts at the weekend with show parking and in particular those who had taken leadership roles, those who brought extra helpers, and those who stepped in to fill unexpected gaps.



The assistance of other Clubs especially Gungahlin, and of Inner Wheel making sandwiches, was greatly appreciated. This is not to forget the young people

pictured who were recruited by Ajit Banerjee's son. They had a ball!

The Clubs parked in total 14,279 cars and raised \$26,844. This money will be divided between the participating Clubs after the expenses have been paid.

**Congratulations Gary Scott!**

### Attention all members!

Please note that this week's meeting is a partners' night. Norma Donaldson reminds you to advise her **without fail** by 3pm Tuesday whether you will be accompanied by a friend or partner.

**REMEMBER THAT THE FEDERAL GOLF CLUB CAN ONLY PROVIDE THE EXACT NUMBER OF MEALS THAT HAVE BEEN ORDERED ON TUESDAY BY NORMA.**

**NO ADVICE - NO MEAL!**

### Dates for your diary

- 13-15 March – Social weekend at Thredbo
- 28-29 March – District Assembly in Bowral
- Saturday 30 May – Our Club's 40th Anniversary Event
- Sunday 14 June – District Changeover
- 23-25 October – District Conference in Cooma

### TONIGHT

**We welcome tonight**  
**District Governor**  
**Phil Mewett**

**March is Polio Eradication/Literacy Month**

## Last Week



Tamara Wilcock was our guest speaker and her inspirational presentation made us all realise how fortunate we are to be Australians. She is the Multicultural Affairs Manager for the ACT and Region, in the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

Tamara began by telling us her fascinating life story. As teenagers her parents were picked up by German soldiers outside their high school in Russia, and they toiled in workcamps for four long years of WW2. When the war ended they were too scared to return to Russia and were on the run for two years, moving by night and hiding by day. During this time Tamara and her twin sister were born and the family found themselves in a displaced persons' camp before coming to Australia. Further years in camps in unfamiliar environments, led finally to the family becoming Australian citizens, a red letter day in Tamara's life and one she now celebrates. Her description of the years from 1942 until citizenship in 1957 opened our eyes to the hardships suffered in Europe, and the backgrounds of the people who brought so many skills to Australia.

Now as a University graduate, a multilinguist, a teacher and a former Australian representative overseas, Tamara has made an enormous contribution to this country. Her ability to speak English, Hebrew, Russian and French was critical when she was called upon to act as the Australian Government Medical officer in Tel Aviv in 1997 after many Australians were caught up in the Maccabiah Bridge collapse in Israel. At that time she was the wife of the Australian Ambassador to Israel, one of many overseas postings where she was able to make a difference in the life of Australians. Tamara is passionate about being an Australian, in a country where the new logo for Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'. Through her position as a leader in the multicultural community she is able to pass on this passion to many who come to live here.

Bish Mukerjee thanked Tamara for her unforgettable presentation.

## Welcome Annemarie Driver

John Widdup introduced Annemarie Driver as the newest member of the Club. Annemarie, born in the Netherlands, grew up in Wollongong and has taught in both Adaminaby and the ACT. Annemarie's skills as a holiday organiser, cycling tourist, grandmother and as the curator of the Canberra Bicycle Museum for many years will bring a range of new interests to the Club. How many members are game to challenge her in a race on a penny farthing? Husband Rod was at the meeting to see President Shukry induct Annemarie. Her classification is Local History.



## RYLA delegate Ross Dyson

Ross, who recently attended a Rotary Youth Leadership Program (RYLA) sponsored by our Club, spoke of the skills he had gained.

He emphasised that now he is able to look beyond the surface to gain greater understanding of people, he is more confident and has learned problem solving skills. Ross thanked the Club and Bernadette Cappello for all their assistance and in turn we wish him all the best as he begins studies in Commerce at ANU.

## Club News

**President-Elect Ros Osbourne:** thanked Club members for returning their planning questionnaires. She spoke about some of the highlights from the President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) weekend including the hosting next year by District 9710 of two GSE teams, one from Arizona USA and one from China.

**Western Desert Project, Kintore:** Things are buzzing with this project. At least five Club members will join a lunch meeting at the Rotary Club of Newcastle on Monday 20 April to present Certificates of Appreciation to three consultants for their professional work supporting the project. John Widdup and Shukry are busy organising a June work party. John is planning the exterior work with new polycarbonate windows, a fence, paving, and two outdoor shade areas while Shukry is busy sourcing kitchens. Under a government program the local indigenous workers will be trained, learning skills in making concrete pavers and building outdoor structures. Members interested in joining the work party please talk to John or Shukry. Skilled tradesmen are especially welcome.

## Board bytes - Secretary Keith Avent

Here are some of the items discussed at the March Board meeting last Wednesday:

**President-Elect:** Ros Osbourne tabled a listing of responsibilities of Directors and for a wide range of activities in her Presidential year 2009-10.

**Western Desert Project:** As reported at last week's meeting, the planning for the next phase of work at Kintore is going on apace. Working bee expected to be in June.

**Show parking:** The Board thanked and congratulated Gary Scott for his efficient organisation of the Show parking again this year.

**Prospective members' night:** It was agreed that another prospective members' night would be held in May. John Widdup will be seeking names from members shortly.

**Scenic Bike Ride:** Good progress was reported on arrangements for Gungahlin Rotary to be involved in this project, and we will seek to involve them also in parking activities.

**First Aid Training:** Bernadette will follow up on members' interests in this training.

**Police clearances in community work:** Ros Osbourne will talk at a meeting about the importance of Police clearance for individual members in relation to our community work, especially with young people.

**Yea Rotary Club:** We are awaiting advice from Yea Rotary Club through Alec Phillip on how we can help in the aftermath of the recent bushfires in Victoria.

**Club website:** Robin Cromer will seek advice and help from others in the club in updating the Club Website.

**PA system at meetings:** Eric Taylor is to look at improving the PA system at dinners, in collaboration with the Golf Club.

**Murray-Darling School of Freshwater Research Workshop:** Sam Duke of Canberra College will be sponsored by the Club for the next workshop

**Cardiac Ambulance, India:** The Rotary Foundation has written to advise of the completion of this successful project that was jointly sponsored at Nashik Road in India, with Bish Mukerjee as our main contact person.

RAVEN REPORTER

Ros Osbourne

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