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



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

RURAL MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2008, the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund awarded 27 scholarships for medical students attending the 13 Rural Clinical Schools throughout Australia.

To receive the scholarship students must complete at least one year in a rural area. In addition to the \$5,000 to help with study and living expenses, recipients are matched up with local Rotary Clubs to help them connect with and settle into the community.



Melanie Simpson and Neil Anderson went to Manning Hospital at Taree, NSW. Neil says that he had a terrific experience there and in the process became aware of the

unique challenges faced by the Taree district community. In addition the added responsibility of being in an understaffed rural hospital had given him greater experience.

“I have grown in confidence and am now well prepared for the challenges of internship next year” he said.

The scholarship money allowed him to become more involved in the local community.

He has decided to stay on in Taree as a result of his experiences.

Another example of Rotary at work.

The back page

NOT FOR THE FAINT-HEARTED

A week or two ago, strolling with a friend in the enhanced Australian National Botanic Gardens, I noticed a large brown snake about a metre away.

As it was 10 metres from the bridge near the cafe and heading towards groups of people we decided to report its existence.

The woman at the information desk was very relaxed and her reply unexpected. “Oh that must be Bob.” she said.

Apparently he’s an institution and merely needs to be steered away from places inhabited by little snake-patting kiddies, by calm staff.

Anon (a friend of Des Pain)

Attendance last week

Club Guest & Speaker: Alastair Hare

Other Club Guests: Merryn Hare

Other Guests: Nil

Members present: 29

Makeups: 4

Percentage: 100%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

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DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK - 25 March	NEXT WEEK – 1 April
Program	Professor Julian Cribb	Cameron Macintosh/Bree Foster
	The Dwarf Lords	Projects to secure Canberra’s water
Introduction	Jeff Ibbotson	Bish Mukerjee
Appreciation	Bish Mukerjee	Ray Newcombe
Fellowship	Lukas Strohmayer	Eric Taylor
	Ajit Banerjee	Christine Bell
Raven Recorder	Ken Goard	Bernadette Cappello
Birthdays	Des Henderson-Kelly 23/3, Annemarie Driver 24/3, Des Pain 25/3, Carlo Binutti 28/3	Denise Goard 29/3; Eric Taylor 29/3
Anniversaries	Ajit and Anna Banerjee 23/3	Nil

Dates for your diary

28-29 March – District Assembly in Bowral
 Saturday 28 March – Greenhills W. Bee
 Saturday 9 May – Greenhills W. Bee
 Saturday 30 May – 40th Anniversary Event
 Sunday 14 June – District Changeover
 Saturday 19 September – Greenhills W. Bee
 Sunday 27 September – Scenic Cycle Ride
 23-25 October – District Conference in Cooma
 Saturday 21 November – Greenhills W. Bee

TONIGHT

We welcome tonight
Professor Julian Cribb
 who will speak on
 “The Dwarf Lords”

Late Final Extra!

Please note that the Raven should reach you next week by Monday night, not Sunday.
 Please be assured that we have not gone on strike!

March is Polio Eradication/Literacy Month

Last Week – Youth Exchangee Alastair Hare

Alastair gave us a lively presentation of his time in Denmark as a Rotary Exchange Student.



It was quite a shock to arrive in 1 degree c Denmark from 30 degree c Canberra. His first host family in the north of Denmark soon helped him break down the language barrier and introduced him to some of the finer points of Danish culture, such as their penchant for celebratory breakfasts of raw fish and rawer alcohol.

At a weekend gathering of all 220 Rotary Exchange Students he discovered another Danish delight: a 28 scoop ice cream cone.

His 18 day bus tour through Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Venice and warm Italian beaches, Avignon, Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam opened his eyes to a good slice of Europe. The enthusiasm with which he spoke showed how much he learnt, benefited from and enjoyed his exchange.

Des Henderson-Kelly expressed our appreciation and presented Alastair with a 'secret' gift.

Alastair was accompanied at the meeting by his mother Merryn Hare who had been a Rotary Exchangee in Holland many years ago. She still keeps in touch with her host families.

ATTENTION! – Health tip

Lyn Svanosio has heard there is an outbreak of egg Salmonella in the ACT at the moment – the source is believed to be on the outside of the eggs. Wash them well!

For further info on Salmonella go to <http://www.health.sa.gov.au/pehs/Youve-got-what/ygw-salmonella.pdf> “

Working bees at Greenhills

Community Service Director Bernadette Cappello advises that over the next few months working bees at Greenhills will be held on the following Saturdays: 28 March, 9 May, 19 September and 21 November.

The times are: Approximately 9am to 3pm with morning tea and lunch included. You don't have to work all day, you could participate for a few hours if that suits better.

Contact if you are attending: Advise through Bernadette, Barry Howe (0412 783 038) or Harold Small (0429 880415) one week in advance if you are able to attend.

Club News

Police Checks: President-Elect Ros spoke of the need for all members to have a current police check. If you don't have one, or if yours is nearly 3 years old, get it done while they are free. From July they will cost us money that's better spent at Kintore. Bernadette expects the forms shortly.

New Badges: The new badges are now available for collection. President-Elect Ros reminded those with magnetic badges to make sure they don't lose the magnet – otherwise you're up for a complete clip rebuild. See her if you have any badge problems.

District Service: The District Governor Elect (DGE) is on the lookout for people interested in taking on a role at District level. President-Elect Ros has the requisite paperwork. Please note also that the District has advertising space available in the District Handbook and Conference Program.

Dietary requirements: Norma Donaldson reminded members that it is she who has the direct line to the golf club's chef – so she needs to hear of any variations on the standard fare by the Tuesday before the meeting (and what a high standard of fare we've been served so far eh?)

Rotary Western Desert Project, Kintore: President Shukry has been finding out about the high cost of getting contractors and materials to Kintore. There is still room for willing workers who'd like to go to Kintore for some part of the period 4 June to 28 June 2009.

Past President Jim Grainger: Jim will be at this week's meeting to bid his farewells as he is transferring to a club on the Gold Coast. What no make-ups with us Jim?

Rotary wishing well: President Shukry showed us the plaque, with graphic design by Eric Taylor, that will be installed at the well we have at Canberra Hospital. It raises around \$1,000 each year for the hospital.

Bruce Drake Community Service Award: A reminder that Bernadette Cappello is seeking nominations for this Award. Members were encouraged to identify people in Canberra who have been making a valuable contribution in the community. There are plenty of people out there who are performing useful voluntary service – all you have to do is give their names to Bernadette and she will do the rest.

Social weekend: Everyone thanked Norma Donaldson for organising a great weekend at Thredbo. Judging by the photos it was a happy relaxed get-together.

