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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

MORE ABOUT OPERATION CLEFT

Over the last few years Operation Cleft has grown into a well recognised and widely respected Rotary humanitarian project. By the end of 2008 their team of surgeons had changed the lives of more than 4,000 children and young adults.

A recent initiative of Operation Cleft was the first ever speech therapy outreach program which was held at Lamb Hospital, Dinajpur, Bangladesh. This 6-day program involved the training of local speech and language therapists in cleft palate speech therapy and training of community health workers and parents in speech therapy tech-

niques. Seventeen children who had repaired cleft palates attended the program with their parent or guardian.

“It was incredible to watch the transformation in the parents over the course of the week” said the trainers. “They went from trying to force their child to speak, to using the songs, games and modelling of correct speech productions that they had learned to encourage their child. It was



fantastic.”

Another example of Rotary at work.

The back page

ON OUR ORIGINS

A little girl asked her father, ‘How did the human race appear?’ The father answered, ‘God made Adam and Eve and they had children and so was all mankind made.’

Two days later the girl asked her mother the same question. The mother answered, ‘Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved.’

The confused girl returned to her father and said, ‘Dad how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Mum said they developed from monkeys?’

The father answered, ‘Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your mother told you about hers.’

Attendance last week

Club Guest & Speaker: Prof. Julian Cribb
Visiting Rotarian: President Virginia Morris, Palm Beach Rotary Club, Qld
Members present: 28
Makeups: 3
Percentage: 93.548387%

APOLOGIES

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DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK - 1 April	NEXT WEEK – 8 April
Program	Cameron Macintosh/Bree Foster	Gary Scott
Introduction	Projects to secure Canberra’s water	Climate Change
Appreciation	Bish Mukerjee	Christine Bell
Fellowship	Annemarie Driver	Jeff Ibbotson
Raven Recorder	Eric Taylor	Lukas Strohmayer
Birthdays	Christine Bell	Des Henderson-Kelly
	Bernadette Cappello	Jeff Ibbotson
Anniversaries	Denise Goard 29/3; Eric Taylor 29/3	Nil
	Nil	Nil

Make-Ups - Norma Donaldson and the red book!!!

If you are eligible for a make-up Norma asks that you please write your name and details in the “red book”.

Dates for your diary

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 – Rotary Scenic Cycle Ride
23-25 October – District Conference in Cooma
Saturday 21 November – Greenhills W. Bee

TONIGHT

We welcome tonight
Cameron Macintosh and Bree Foster
who will speak on
Securing Canberra’s water

April is Magazine Month

Last Week – Professor Julian Cribb

The meeting opened with the customary enthusiastic toast to Rotary International followed by the Rotary Prayer. The sergeant announced a change of policy – positive fines instead of the customary negatives. But the money still flowed the same way.

Member Jeff Ibbotson introduced the speaker, Professor Julian Cribb an Adjunct Professor of Science Communication at the ANU. Since 1969 he has been a scientist, journalist, editor and writer in this field, within CSIRO and associated with the University of Technology in Sydney, also with overseas experience.



His subject was “The Dwarf Lords”. This is where nanotechnology and communications in the widest sense become deeply entwined. Science contributes to the former and the community contributes to the latter. Each may have significant influence on the other. Nanotechnology will enable the gathering, storage and sifting of enormous amounts of data.

Where does the data come from? There are computers throughout the fabric of life’s activity. The banks and other financial institutions, credit cards, and retail merchants with whom we have accounts are all there. The sellers of books and theatres know our preferences for amusement. Our clubs and others know what we eat and drink, and where we holiday. There is an increasing use

of video cameras, some checking our speed, others watching as we walk through a shopping mall. Then there is the potential to check through every e-mail we send and receive. The medical history and pattern of drug consumption may be an open book to investigative minds. Tie all these into compatible programs and a mighty lot can be known about us and be truly or falsely judged in the “community interest”.

This will demand phenomenal data storage capacity and in turn an analytical computer of mighty power and speed. Consider having the contents of the National Library in a match-box! In time the entire life of an individual will be accessible! This will require Quantum Computers.

But it doesn’t end there. Next under serious development are the Nanobots, a collection of minute devices easily placed inconspicuously, quietly collecting video images or sound recordings of anyone or anything, relaying back to the controller another mass of information searchable in microseconds.

Thus we are looking at the Dawn of the Age of Nanocracy. It will not be the governments who rule but those with access to all this sorted information. A word out of place could be tied to a book read, a conversation via the net, a membership of a mildly dissident group during student days and the community minder will seek to segregate us before we can influence the stagnating thought processes of an unimaginative government. Innovation and inventors can be curbed. On the other hand, let’s be more positive: you could be advised so that you will have a healthier life.

Hence the title of the talk “The Dwarf Lords”. Assess the possible outcomes and be sure that this aggregation of data will work to our betterment, to be healthier, freer and wiser. As it could take 20 years to get quantum nano things ago, there is time to set up the necessary control parameters. Therefore let’s capture the benefits before it commands our ways.....

Bish rounded this off and thanked the speaker.

Club News

Rotary Western Desert Project, Kintore: We were reminded that now is time for decisions on joining working parties at Kintore. There will be two crucial working parties – June and August this year – and 4 – 6 members are required for each. Book-up now or miss out.

40th Anniversary: Arrangements for the 40th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday 30th May are progressing with a menu of three courses and some choice. The cost will be \$40 and the time 6.30 for 7.00 pm at the Federal Golf Club. The invitations are being prepared by Ian Excell.



ROMAC: Piers Booth is looking for accommodation for a mother and child from China while medical treatment arranged by ROMAC is undertaken – a period of 6 weeks or so. Please contact Piers if you can help.

President Virginia Morris: Virginia Morris was our visitor last week. She comes from the Gold Coast and works at the Tweed Heads District Hospital in Community Health. After 6 years as a member of the Palm Beach Rotary Club and with active engagement in a number of offices she has this year accepted the Presidency. She spoke about her club and its activities and presented a banner.

Farewell Past President Jim Grainger

President Shukry welcomed our peripatetic member in recent years who will shortly be joining a Rotary Club on the Gold Coast.



Jim is a long-time dentist, formerly practising in Canberra, who moved years ago to the Gold Coast, continuing to practise as a locum dentist there and in upper North Coast. He has assiduously visited Rotary Clubs in his travels with make-ups but the time has come he says to retire, not resign from our club and join one close to home e.g. Kingscliffe. Not so well-known to many present members, we have with some delight welcomed him on his occasional attendances at his club.

Jim joined in 1971 and was President in the 1976/77 year. During that year he established the Arthur Holder Award for Phillip College students named after a distinguished member who died early in his presidency. The Club hosted the RYLA seminar later in the year. Other highlights were the Miss Australia Ball, a Scout Auction, a Fancy Dress Party and other activities, combining meetings with groups such as Apex, and Jaycees. This was also a year with some spectacular speakers.

He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1993.

It was not without some emotion that Jim bid farewell to us as a member, wishing us well as we reciprocated that he settle happily into a new Rotary home.

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