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**Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle Ride of Canberra.  
 Held annually in September.**



# THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

**Meetings: 6.00 for 6.15 pm Wednesdays, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill**

## A FRIEND OF ROTARY

Last week Cliff Hicks – previously a public servant, but now a Licenced Electrician – loaded the Club’s trailer with everything he needed to wire the purple house being refurbished by the club as part of the Rotary Western Desert Project. As the illustration shows the trailer was very full.

He has since driven to Kintore and is now part of the team working on the project this week. The team comprises Shukry Sahhar and Helen , Neale Emanuel and Margaret, Lukas Strohmayer & Natalie & family, and of course Cliff Hicks.

Ros Osbourne has also been in Alice

Springs talking to Paul Sweeney in relation to the possible auction in Austria of paintings of the indigenous people of the Western Desert.



Not only is Cliff Hicks helping Rotary at Kintore, he has also been assisting many in the Canberra community as an electrician. In recent times he has been in Victoria rewiring houses after the recent disastrous

bushfires. Rotary extends its deep thanks to Cliff for his valuable contribution to the Rotary Western Desert project. He is a real friend of Rotary.

## The back page

### SOMETHING MISSING

Two elderly women were eating at a restaurant one day. Ethel noticed something funny about Mabel’s ear and she said “Mabel, did you know you have got a suppository in your left ear?”

Mabel answered, “I have? A suppository?” She pulled it out and stared at it. Then she said, “Ethel, I’m glad you saw this thing. Now I think I know where my hearing aid is.”

## Attendance last week

**Club Guest & Speaker:** Mark Blumer  
**Visiting Rotarian:** 0  
**Members present:** 24  
**Makeups:** 0  
**Percentage:** 70.96774193%

## APOLOGIES

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

	THIS WEEK - 10 June	NEXT WEEK – 17 June
<b>Program</b>	Alan Hall Another view on a Bill of Rights	John Gray The new 'Old Shanghai'
<b>Introduction</b>	Ian Excell	Des Henderson-Kelly
<b>Appreciation</b>	Christine Bell	Jeff Ibbotson
<b>Fellowship</b>	Piers Booth Bish Mukerjee	Des Pain Alec Philip
<b>Raven Recorder</b>	Piers Booth	Bernadette Cappello
<b>Birthdays</b>	Phil Ibbotson 9 June, Jenny Fox 12 June	Nil
<b>Anniversaries</b>	John & Pixie Gray 13 June	Nil

## Dates for your diary

**3 to 10 June – Club fund-raising at Libraries**  
 (see inside for details)

- Sunday 14 June – District Changeover**
- Saturday 19 September – Greenhills W. Bee**
- Sunday 27 Sept. – Rotary Spring Cycle Ride**
- 23-25 October – District Conference in Cooma**
- Saturday 21 November – Greenhills W. Bee**
- 26-28 February – Royal Canberra Show**

**May is Planning Month**

## TONIGHT

**We welcome Alan Hall a respected Canberra lawyer who will present “Another view on a Bill of Rights”**

## Last week

President Shukry after a warm welcome by Sergeant Neale read several notes of appreciation and apology relating to the 40th Anniversary Dinner.

Former member Arnold Osborne, now living in Hobart, remains active in community affairs but, now at the age of 92 years, avoids travel. Jon Cassell was impressed by the Kintore Project and has made an offer of a donation to the Club. Shukry also mentioned Judy Skelton's donation of table decorations. District Governor Phil Mewett offered his congratulations on our achievements and in looking forward to future milestones



Christine Bell introduced the guest speaker, Mark Blumer of the named firm of Canberra solicitors. He is a member of the Australian Lawyers Alliance dedicated to human rights issues, freedoms and protection leading to a Bill of Rights for Australia reminding us that Rotary International was active with the U.N. in preparation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The motivation – people should be more aware of the rights to which they are entitled. Why do we need a Charter (or Bill – the words are synonymous)? Experience over years with anti-terrorism, migration and refugees, children in detention has brought these issues to the front pages of the

newspapers, wider matters we may otherwise find to be irrelevant.

We need to look after the powerless – the powerful can look after themselves. There are basic rights but individual rights are not necessarily protected. Do we have the right to vote?

Ultimately there would be a specific Human Rights Act against which all new legislation would be tested for conformity. The time scale may be ten years and in time all statutes would be examined and revised for consistency. Otherwise a Dialogue Model would be adopted.

After a time of questions with expansion into detail, Ian Excell moved a vote of appreciation for the challenging nature of this issue.

## Memories of the 40th Anniversary Dinner



### PAST PRESIDENTS

#### From left:

Jon Cassell  
Jim Grainger  
Alan Ashley



## Club News

**District Changeover 14 June:** Bookings for this can be made on the District web site. D.G. Phil invites us all to come. New Rotarians are encouraged to attend this function as it helps to broaden your understanding of Rotary at District level.

**Group Study Exchange (GSE):** President-Elect Ros Osbourne reminded everyone of the forthcoming visit to our district of two GSE teams and of the need to put forward candidates for selection. They should be aged 25 – 40 and established in their professions. Both GSE incoming teams will be at the District Conference in Cooma on 23-25 October. Team leader applications need to be in by 10 July and nominations of candidates by 31 July. See last week's Raven for further details.

**Book tagging at libraries for fund-raising:** Ros Osbourne stated that to date \$926 has been raised. She called for volunteers for the period 16 to 26 June at the Tuggeranong Library. This will be the last opportunity on the south side of Canberra to be involved. See below for details.

**Parking for fund-raising:** Gary Scott reported on another successful parking episode at Thoroughbred Park on Friday 29 May. He mentioned an appreciative comment from one of the Race Officials on the service we are providing. He will be calling for more volunteers for Friday 26 June from 10am to 3pm. See Gary if you can help or send an email.

**Rotary Western Desert Project:** David Fox pointed out that, with the new Rotary year approaching, the application for a Matching Grant in association with a Korean Club is under way.

**ARHRF Indigenous scholarships:** Neale Emanuel commented on the possibility of a suitable candidate – an indigenous medical graduate from the Atherton Tablelands to work toward a Ph.D in issues relevant to Aboriginal Health.

**Ambassadorial Scholarships:** Neale Emanuel reported progress with the arrangements for our candidate for the Ambassadorial Scholar. He departs for Yale in July.

## Raising Club funds at libraries – can you volunteer?

Many thanks to all those who are doing tagging at the Woden Library at the moment to earn funds for the club.

If you would like to be on the roster for the Tuggeranong Library (16 to 26 June) please contact Ros Osbourne ASAP. Already Alec, Ros, Bernadette, John Gray, Neale and Des Pain are on the roster.

The activity is simple and easy to pick up. All the work is conducted inside in a warm environment. Volunteers work in half-day sessions either during the week or at weekends.

**IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE ADVISE ROS OSBOURNE ASAP.**

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