



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

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The benefits of walking

- My grandpa started walking five km a day when he was 60. Now he is 97 and we don't know where he is.
- I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.
- I spent \$400 joining a health club last year and haven't lost one Kg. Now I find you have to go there.

Last week's attendance

Guests: Robyn Singleton, Christine Lewis & Jessica McConnell (3)

Visitors: Mike & Helen Rodd, Lindell & Ross McConnell, Rex & Dylis Hunt, Helen Sahhar, Joanne Binutti, Anne-Marie Driver, Maureen Booth, Jenny Fox, Pixie Gray, Helen Harvie, Louise Ibbotson, Nell Pain, Celeste Rowlands, Pat Schmidt, Julia Widdup, and John Joslin (19)

Members: 20 **Countable:** 19 **Percent:** 65.5%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

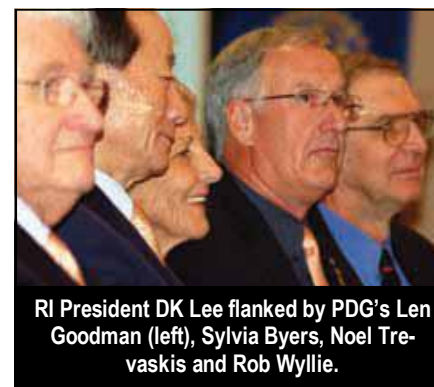
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DINNER ROSTER

Program	This week - 28 January Sean Battams St John Ambulance Aust.. CPR / CRABCD	Next week - 4 February Dr Duncan Steel Space Science
Introduction	Lukas Strohmayer	Ajit Banerjee
Appreciation	Piers Booth	Carlo Binutti
Fellowship	Judy Skelton Lyn Svanosio	Lukas Strohmayer Ray Newcombe
Raven Recorder	Bob Harvie	Ken Goard
Birthdays	Dylis Hunt 24/1	
Anniversaries	David & Jenny Fox 31/1	Keith & Yvonne Aavent 4/2

Presidential Membership Conference - Revisited

An article by PDG Len Goodman in the December issue of "Rotary Down Under" highlights the benefits from Australia's first Rotary Presidential Membership Conference (PMC), held in Canberra last July.



RI President DK Lee flanked by PDG's Len Goodman (left), Sylvia Byers, Noel Trevasakis and Rob Wyllie.

download all aspects of the Conference including – Final Resolutions; Group Reports; Action Plans; Speaker's presentations; "Have Your Say"; participants' feedback; and media releases plus the full program with messages from the Governor-General and Prime Minister.

Participants were unanimous in declaring the PMC a great success with a host of new ideas and most leaving with determination to "keep the fires burning" – but above all as a confidence booster and realization that Membership Retention and growth comes down to each and every individual Rotarian, not "them others"!

Len notes that it's in our court to write the final chapter of the PMC Report – will there be a 10 per cent increase in your club by June 2009?

Our Club certainly seems to have got the message loud and clear, so let's keep up the good work!

Len writes that Rotarians can read the comprehensive Report now available by logging on to the RDU site (see below) and clicking on the link to "Presidential Membership Conference".

Interested Rotarians can

<http://rotarydownunder.com.au/>

Dates for your diary

- Wed 28 Jan:** First meeting Federal Golf Club and meeting of the Board
- Wed 4 Feb:** Dr Duncan Steel, Space Scientist
- Wed 11 Feb:** Jeff Ibbotson, Therapeutic Goods Administration.
- 27/28 Feb & 1 March:** Canberra Show Parking

Tonight

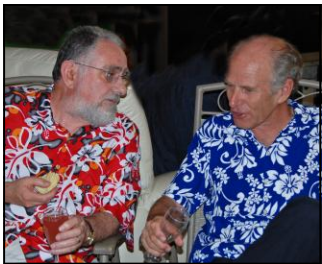
First meeting Federal Golf Club, 6 for 6.15 pm
Sean Battams
St John Ambulance

January is Rotary Awareness Month

President's barbecue

Last week the Club celebrated the beginning of the calendar year with an evening of fellowship and good food. Many thanks to our host and hostess, President Shukry and his wife Helen, for their home and hospitality. The barbecued meats were delicious thanks to Helen's marinade and Neale's deft hand as the cook, and we all enjoyed the fresh salads followed by Pavlova Bellissimo. Shukry even arranged with the weather bureau to keep the rain away for a few hours.

The evening gave everyone a chance to catch up and to hear about families, travels and plans. It was also a chance to welcome incoming Club members. Joining us for the night were Jess McConnell, and her mother and father. Jess is the outgoing Rotary Youth Exchange Student sponsored by our Club and



Bright shirts but serious discussion

she leaves this weekend to spend a year on exchange in Europe, at Basle in Switzerland. Jess's German language skills, already competent by our standards, will no doubt be vastly improved during her time overseas. Jess is a delightful young adult who has ambitions which will lead her into a life of service and knowledge on a global scale. Enjoy your year Jess, our best wishes travel with you.

Delightful to see Christine Lewis, Anne-Marie Driver and Robyn Singleton with us again and hope everyone



Where is Shukry when there is work to be done?

ryone had a chance to meet them. Mike and Helen Rodd, recently returned from the United Kingdom and Canada found time to come along and it was good to hear of their travels. We look forward to seeing all of you at our meetings at the Federal Golf Club.

Honorary member Rex, and his wife Dylis joined us, and we look forward to seeing them again before they leave Canberra for the Central Coast.

Travellers tales included David and Jenny Fox who have recently returned from Hobart. Christine Lewis also spent time there in the last month and all enjoyed the day trips available.

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Christine Lewis with John Joslin



President's barbecue continued..

Pat and Gary enjoy a joke



The best story of the night, one for the sergeant next week, was told by the four dedicated parking experts who turned up at Black Mountain Peninsula at 5 am one day last week to park five hundred cars at the start of a triathlon. Our experts arrived in the dark, two of them having ridden their bikes from home, and as

the sun rose at 6 am they were able to read their instruction sheets. Oh dear!!! wrong day!!! (they were one day early). Next morning, rising at 4 am again, they arrived at Black Mountain Peninsula at 5 am and parked five hundred cars. True Rotary spirit and perhaps everyone else should pay the fine.



Phil and Louise chat with Pixie and Maureen



NYSF Home Hosting

Two Rotarians volunteered a week ago to look after National Youth Science Forum students for the day. On arrival at Burgmann College they found that no one was allocated and therefore turned around and drove home with empty cars. Maybe we will be more successful this com-

ing Sunday and have the pleasure of hosting some NYSF students. Thank you to Norma, Phil, Jeff and Ros who offered assistance for this program.

Raven Reporter: Ros Osbourne
Photographs: Robin Cromer

New arrangements for notification of non-attendance

As reported last week, Norma Donaldson has take over from Ros as the contact person for non-attendance at meetings.

Members who are unable to attend a meeting should phone Norma (Ph: 6231 6680) by 3.00 pm (at the very latest) on the Tuesday

before the Wednesday meeting. Please leave a message if the phone is not answered. Alternatively, send an email to normad@apex.net.au also by 3.00 pm on the Tuesday.

Remember the Club pays for meals not eaten. Norma also need to know of any guests you have invited.