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

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Notable senior moments

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on the M1. Please be careful!"

"It's not just one car," said Herman. "There are hundreds of them!"

Last week's attendance

Club guests: Anthony Costello, Jonathan Benyei

Members: 28 **Countable:** 24

Percent: 85.71%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

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DINNER ROSTER

This week - 18 February

Next week - 25 February

Program	Dr Frank Bowden	Peter Budd - South Pacific:
	Control of infection in hospitals	Political, Economic & Environmental issues
Introduction	Lyn Svanosio	Peter Evans
Appreciation	Peter Evans	Norma Donaldson
Fellowship	Des Henderson-Kelly Eric Taylor	Gary Scott Jeff Ibbotson
Raven Recorder	Norma Donaldson	Ken Goard
Birthdays	Frank Macklin 17/2	Christine Bell 22/2

Anniversaries



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Induction - Christine Bell

It is always good to see new members joining Rotary and particularly the Woden Rotary Club.

Our newest member, Christine Bell was introduced by Geoff Ibbotson. He started the introduction by asking all members to stand, and then asked all who had not been born in Canberra to resume their seats. Only Bernadetta Cappello remained standing.

He then introduced Christine, born in Canberra, but growing up in Cooma, before completing a degree in science at Sydney University. Since completing her degree, Christine has worked in the pharmaceutical industry, both in Australia and later in the UK and the USA, before returning to Canberra. She now works for the Therapeutic Goods Administration. Following her return to Canberra, she met her now husband at the TGA. Husband Jonathan Benyei was in attendance to witness Christine's induction to the Club. She enjoys walking, gardening and her four legged pet Gilbert.

President Shukry formally inducted Christine and she was then introduced individually to all the members.

Welcome Christine!



President Shukry inducts Christine Bell

Dates for your diary

27/28 Feb & 1 March: Canberra Show Parking

11 March: District Governor's visit

13-15 March: Social weekend at Thredbo

Tonight

Dr Frank Bowden

Control of infection in hospitals

February is World Understanding Month

Club news

The meeting was opened by Sergeant Neale Emanuel, who in conjunction with a toast to Australia, asked us to remember the people of Victoria, suffering from the terrible bush fires. He then introduced our President, Shukry Sahhar, returned from life on the high seas, off the coast of Queensland.

Raven Reporter: Piers Booth
Photographs: Robin Cromer

President Shukry raised the matter of help to the people of Victoria suffering as a result of the recent and ongoing fires. Bernadetta Capello reported That Shelter Boxes had been sent and Alec Philip said the Rotary Club of Yea, in the centre of the bush fire area, were not at present asking for help.

The Rotary Club of Canberra South had asked the club if there was anyway this club could help. In response, Geoff Ibbotson suggested this club should wait until a specific need was identified (possibly in conjunction with one or more Rotary Clubs in Victoria), rather than sending money to one of the disaster funds.

Bernadetta Capello advised the club that she had been approached by Canberra Weston

Creek Club asking for help with Bowel Scan. This could involve delivery of the kits to pharmacies, and collection of money from their sale. Several members indicated they would be able to assist. The tasks are not expected to be onerous.

John Widdup said he had visited the Rotary Club of Gungahlin. They had agreed to assist in marketing of our annual event "The Rotary Scenic Cycle Tour of Canberra", and also to assist on the day for a share of the income. Our aim is to eventually reach one thousand riders.



Anthony Costello receiving the Excellence in Service Award

Anthony Costello was introduced by Peter Evans, to receive an "Excellence in Service Award" from the Club. His business services Mercedes and BMW vehicles. President Shukry presented the award.

Guest speaker

A member of our Club, Jeff Ibbotson, the guest speaker was introduced by Carlo Binutti, as a lawyer working at the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).



**Guest speaker
Jeff Ibbotson**

Jeff advised us that the TGA is a regulatory arm of the Federal Government, involved with ensuring that medical products do no harm by

checks prior to their release onto the market. Areas covered by this regulatory process include, pharmaceutical drugs or medicines, herbal remedies, medical devices such as joint replacements and artificial heart valves, blood products and other tissue therapies.

Regulation begins at the pre-market stage of development, checking purity, the manufacturing process, effectiveness of the product, safety including incidence of side effects. After registration monitoring continues, of the manufacturing process and further incidence of adverse side effects. The TGA works in conjunction with other overseas regulatory bodies, but requires all new products to be trialled in Australia.

After many questions, an appreciation was given by Noel Hart.

Indigenous Health Scholarship

Marion Bateup reports that 2008 has been a hectic year with both university and home life. At the same time it has given her the opportunity to expand her knowledge and skills and given her an idea of the area in which she would like to work in the nursing field.

She also reports that she received an encouragement award from the Ngunnawal Centre at the end of her first year of study in 2007. The award has encouraged her to complete what she set out to accomplish when she started her nursing degree.

Thanks to the help and support from the Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Scholarship and the Woden



Rotary Club for awarding the Scholarship, she is able to complete her dream of becoming a nurse.

This will enable her to help her indigenous and non indigenous community in maintaining a healthy life style. The Rotary Scholarship allows Marion to buy textbooks, pay some of her HELP fees and support herself and her family throughout the completion of her degree.