

ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN



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

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All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar where the groom was waiting - the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand.

The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card!

Last week's attendance

Guest Speakers: Cameron Macintosh, Bree Foster

Club guests: June Boswell, John Robson

Visiting Rotarians: Mike Rodd, Des Woods

Members: 27 **Makeups:** 2

Countable: 26 **Percent:** 90.32%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

Norma Donaldson

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DINNER ROSTER

This week - 8 April

Gary Scott

Climate change

Next week - 15 April

Louis van Rensburg

A view of South Africa

Program		
Introduction	Christine Bell	Ray Newcombe
Appreciation	Jeff Ibbotson	Des Pain
Fellowship	Des Henderson-Kelly	Alec Philip
	Lukas Strohmayer	Bob Harvie
Raven Recorder	Jeff Ibbotson	Norma Donaldson
Birthdays		
Anniversaries		Bish & Janet Mukerjee 17/4



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Woden Rotary Club meets at the Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill - 6.00 for 6.15 pm each Wednesday.

District Assembly

Sergeant Neale opened the meeting and introduced Acting President, and President Elect Ros Osbourne. President Shukry sent his regards from the Gold Coast. Again!

Ros, Lyn, Des P and Piers all reported on their time at the Rotary District Assembly, held last weekend in Bowral. By all reports it was a great event, with around 140 Rotarians attending. Information was provided about wider Rotary projects such as Polio Plus, RAWCS (where our own Kintore Project was given attention) and the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (with details of grants,



President Elect Ros Osbourne

indigenous and rural health scholarships).

For Lyn, it was her first experience at a District Assembly, and she found it inspirational and valuable in preparation for her upcoming role as Club Treasurer.

Des was interested in the Club Leadership Plan – something that many clubs adopt, which may be beneficial for our club to consider, with more effective use of members skills within the club, with new portfolios for board members compared with the historical roles.

Piers reported on the increasingly important role of public relations and the important link between this and recruitment of new members.

Dates for your diary

Sat 9 May: Greenhills Working bee

Sat. 30 May: Club 40th Anniversary Event

Sunday 14 June: District Changeover

Saturday 19 Sept.: Greenhills Working bee

Sunday 27 Sept: Rotary Scenic Cycle Tour

Tonight

Gary Scott will talk about Climate Change

April is Magazine Month

Guest speaker: Cameron Macintosh - ACTEW

Cameron MacIntosh and Bree Foster from ACTEW spoke about 'Securing Canberra's Water', and the major projects being undertaken by ACTEW to achieve this.



Cameron Macintosh

Cameron was a Rotary Youth Exchange Student and spent a year in the Netherlands in 1996,

and reported it as a tremendously rewarding and memorable experience.

ACTEW has a number of systems already in place to secure the ACT water supply, and allow flexibility in doing so. Water supply for the ACT is sourced from the surrounding dams (Corin, Bendora, Cotter and Googong) and water is also extracted direct from the Murrumbidgee River via the treatment plant.

The Cotter and Googong catchments are the major sources of Canberra's water. While both catchments have suffered as a result of the drought, the Googong catchment has been worst hit and is dryer. The Cotter to Googong bulk transfer allows the transfer of water from Cotter to Googong, which has been particularly beneficial, especially during the drought.

Many factors affect our water supply: climate change and variability, population growth, reduction targets for water use, water restrictions, environmental flows and bushfires. Thus far,

2009 is looking like a bad year.

Water storages are dropping, but not plummeting, thanks in part to water restrictions and water saving behaviours of the community.

ACTEW has a number of major projects which are aimed at building additional water supply assets capable of coping with longer, dryer and more frequent droughts. These include:

- Enlargement of the Cotter Dam from 4 GL to around 80 GL
- Murrumbidgee to Googong Transfer (a pumping station and pipeline transferring water from the river to Googong – the amount of water transferred is capped under the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement.
- Tantangara Transfer (water entitlements purchased by ACTEW from irrigators, in addition to the capped amount).

ACTEW has also designed a demonstration water purification plant to purify waste water. The design has been completed, but construction has been deferred until it is required. Cameron and colleague Bree Foster answered members questions' and were thanked by Anne-Maree for their informative and interesting presentation.

"Bernie" giving orders at the Grand Prix



Club news

Parking: Gary Scott was swamped with offers from members to assist with parking duties at Thoroughbred Park on April 4. For those who missed out, there is another opportunity coming up on April 27th. Please let David Fox know if you're willing and able to assist. Get in early to avoid missing out! If the Black Opal is anything to go by, the views of the punters attending the races is something to behold.

Membership: John Widdup reminded members of the upcoming New Members Night on 13 May, and to get names and addresses of potential new members in to him as soon as possible.

Convention: Keith Avent invited members interested in attending the Rotary International World Convention in Birmingham UK (where nobody gets shot) to contact him for more information.

Note change in Club web address

<http://www.rotarnet.com.au/woden>

MS Society: The Rotary Club of Canberra South sought assistance from our club for an upcoming fundraiser in support of the MS Society – a 24 hour swim event. They need help from night owls willing to volunteer time between 9pm and 8am (yep, that's not a misprint) on the evening of Saturday 18th April. Please let Bernadette know if you're willing to assist. Canberra South will be very grateful.

Kintore: There are Working Parties to Kintore planned for June

and August. Definite names are needed, so please provide them to Shukry, David and/or John W if you're interested. If you know of any plumbers, sparkies, tilers or chippies who'd be willing to join one of these Working Parties, dob them in too – the more the merrier and the more the cheaper.



Past club member Desmond Woods with John Gray

Police checks: Thank you for the great response to the request for Police Check forms to be completed. Please remember that all adult members of the household should ideally have Police Checks done. Remember, they're free of charge until June 2009. Forms to Bernadette as soon as possible please.

Austrian Choir: Members were invited to an evening with the Austrian Choir on Wednesday 22nd April. This is a fundraising event with money raised going to the Victoria Bushfire Appeal. See Lukas for more details.

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