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

The back page

A doctor on his morning walk, noticed an older lady sitting on her front step smoking a cigar, so he walked up to her and said, "I couldn't help but notice how happy you look! What is your secret?"

"I smoke ten cigars a day," she said. "Before I go to bed, I smoke a nice big joint. Apart from that, I drink a whole bottle of Jack Daniels every week, and eat only junk food. On weekends, I pop pills, and don't exercise at all."

"That is absolutely amazing! How old are you?" "Thirty-four," she replied.

Last week's attendance

Guest Speakers: Pat Vergas, Clair Conway
Visiting Rotarians: Buz Green, Des Woods
Visitors: Celeste Rowlands, Maurene Booth, Jenny Fox & Elizabeth Woods
Members: 17 **Makeups:** 5
Countable: 17 **Percent:** 70.9674%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

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DINNER ROSTER

This week - 29 April

Program Toscandinn - Funeral Directors
 Arranging a funeral - the options

Introduction Annemarie Driver
Appreciation Ajit Banerjee
Fellowship Des Pain
 Lyn Svanosio
Raven Recorder Norma Donaldson

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Next week - 6 May

Brian McLeod
 Enduring Power of Attorney

Lukas Strohmayer
 Piers Booth
 Judy Skelton
 Lyn Svanosio
 Bob Harvie
 Ray Newcombe 5/5, John Gray 7/5
 Ian & Val Excell 3/5



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.

Rotary Western Desert Project

Acting President David Fox reported that our President, Shukry and 5 other members of the Club had visited the Rotary Club of Newcastle on Monday 20th April.

This was to thank them and to present certificates of appreciation to the architectural and engineering firms who had provided (at no cost) the drawings required for the alterations of the building at Kintore.

Neale Emmanuel, Bernadette Cappello and Norma Donaldson were members of the group, and reported on the occasion. We understand President Shukry and his wife Helen spent the Sunday night in fear that their caravan would be blown away.

David also reported that quotes have been accepted for: air conditioning; fencing; solar hot water panel; and an external shelter shed at Kintore.



Sound system

Eric Taylor introduced the club to the new sound system, a 16% discount had been given at the time of purchase. The system allows for the use of 4 separate microphones. The club at present has 3: one with a cord; a cordless radio microphone; and a lapel microphone for use by the guest speaker.

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

Toscandinn Funeral Directors
Arranging a funeral

April is Magazine Month

Guest speaker: Pat Vergas

The guest speaker, Pat Vergas spoke about the work of Amnesty International. She was assisted by Clare Conway and was introduced by Alec Philip.

Guest speaker

Pat Vergas



The organisation was started in 1961 by Peter Benenson, following his letter to the London Observer newspaper about two Portuguese students who had been imprisoned after they had raised their glasses in a toast to freedom. Shortly afterwards the international movement was started in July of that year. The organisation pro-

motes its activities through: websites; emails; press releases; magazines; street stalls and an annual report. Members of Amnesty and the general public are encouraged to write letters and emails to persons in authority. Demonstrations are also organised, and the passing of Human Rights Acts by governments are promoted.

Amnesty International has over the years been involved in many areas of abuse, including: the elderly; refugees; Tiananmen Square; David Hicks; cases of arbitrary arrest; detention of children; poverty; the death penalty; torture; and not least violence against women and children. Cases are identified as the result of research, newspaper reports and eye witness statements.

The organisation is totally funded by membership fees, donations and other money raising activities. The speakers were thanked by Bruce Wyatt.

Learn Grow

Rotarian Buz Green, from the Rotary Club of Devonport North, introduced us to his clubs latest project.

Following the publication of a directory of food plants with their growing needs, they are targeting 3rd world communities with high infant mortality rates. The **Learn Grow** program advises them on the most suitable food crops to cultivate, in order to improve the levels of nutrition.



Buz Green

Rotary Club of Devonport

Pilot studies are being run in the Solomon Islands, P.N.G. and the Philippines. The intention in the future is to run the program alongside other aid programs. Check out their web site at: www.learngrow.org

Note change in Club web address

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Club news

RAIC: Ros Osbourne advised members that the dates for Rotary Adventure in Citizenship will be from 5-10 September. Neale Emmanuel asked for suggestions for a suitable venue for the farewell dinner.

Taste of Italy: Ros advised the club that this concert is scheduled for 9th May. It is being organised by the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise, in conjunction with the Italian Embassy and Melbourne Opera. Money raised will provide two music scholarships. Tickets (Premium \$139; Adult \$69 and Student \$35) can be obtained from Ticketek outlets, phone 132 849 or www.ticketek.com.au.

Meal prices: Ros also led dis-

ussion on the price of meals. We have now been at the Golf Club for 3 months. To make it viable for the Golf Club, they need us to pay for at least 25 meals. We also need to cover the cost of those who attend and do not need a meal. After considerable discussion, a price of \$22.00 was agreed, with a charge of \$5.00 for those having only tea or coffee.

Working with children:

Bernadette Cappello reminded members to complete and return their police check forms ASAP.

Raven Reporter: Piers Booth

Photographs: Robin Cromer, Norma Donaldson & Jess

Hello from Jess in Switzerland

Well my first family change is happening on Friday, I am going to the Allman family of which the father is my club youth adviser. I will be living about 45 minutes from Basel and 30 from school in a small village called Witterswil. I will have Mum, Dad, brother aged 16, and sisters aged 17 and 8. They seem really nice and due to Rolf being a horticulturalist there are lots of flowers.

However I will REALLY miss my first host family as they have been great in helping me with the language, the Rotary "Omg must send in note/pay/reply to something as of yesterday"-ness and as all the information we get is in German I would be very lost without their help and of course simply settling me down with the changes.

I am going to Venturers on Saturday afternoons and have made a couple of friends there. I have also made some friends from Finland, USA, Canada, Mexico, Thailand, Malaysia, Brazil and, of

course Australia. I have also made some friends who aren't exchange students and go to my school.

I am settling in at school and am doing work equivalent of year 12 advanced. I just finished year 10 so it is going wayyyyyy over my head, especially in German. My German on the other hand is getting far, far better, to the point of being able to have a decent conversation now without using English. I also failed an English test due to it being about grammar, I don't think I was ever taught grammar.

Jess did have more.....

