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

The back page

True friends and swine flu:

As the two friends wandered through the snow on their way home, Piglet grinned to himself, thinking how lucky he was to have a best friend like Pooh.



Pooh thought to himself: "if the pig sneezes, he's dead meat!"

Last week's attendance

Guest Speakers: Brian McLeod
Visiting Rotarians: Gabrielle Morrison, Desmond Woods, John and Janet Lawrence
Honorary Members: Irene Thomson
Visitors: Bert Thomson
Members: 25 **Makeups:** 4
Countable: 24 **Percent:** 90.322%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

Program	This week - 13 May Membership meeting	Next week - 20 May Club Assembly
Introduction	Ajit Banerjee	Robyn Singleton
Appreciation	Carlo Binutti	Lukas Strohmayer
Fellowship	Lukas Strohmayer Ray Newcombe	Eric Taylor John Gray
Raven Recorder	Ken Goard	Gary Scott
Birthdays	Helen Harvie 10/5	Carolyn Newcombe, Alec Philip 17/5, Robin Cromer 19/5
Anniversaries	Des & Nell Pain 12/5	Carlo & Joanne Binutti 23/5



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.

Library tagging project

Ros Osbourne reported that the Club will be paid for the time that volunteers spend on this project. The shifts are four hours in duration (morning or afternoon) and the project will run from 18 May until 22 July.

Ros visited Civic Library to see what was involved in the project. People work in pairs, one scanning the outside of the book to remove the present code, this process produces new labels automatically. The second person then puts the new label on the inside back cover of the book.

The work requires a fair amount of standing, though there are tables and trolleys so it would be possible to work at a table some of the time. It also requires methodical working, as you move along the line of books on the shelves and keep them in order. Training will be provided at the beginning of your first shift.

If you would like to do a shift or three, please give your preference to Ros. She is currently taking names for Erindale (18-27 May). Times for other libraries are as follows:

Kippax: 28 May to 4 June
 Tuggeranong: 5 to 17 June
 Woden: 18 June to 3 July
 Dickson: 3 to 15 July
 Gungahlin: 16 to 22 July



Guess who came to dinner!
 Honorary member Irene Thomson with husband Bert

Dates for your diary

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

Membership Meeting

April is Magazine Month

Guest speaker: Brian McLeod

Phil Ibbotson claimed to be an illegible writer but made up for that in verbosity in introducing the guest speaker, Brian McLeod from the office of Public Advocate. Brian has been a public servant for 30 years working in areas of child protection and people with disabilities and for 10 years in the Advocates Office working with cases of mental disabilities and dementias.

Brian said that where decisions must be made and people cannot make these decisions, the position of guardianship from a Power of Attorney must take over and his organization monitors these actions and the services of other organizations which also look after victims of Down Syndrome, accidents or dementias.



Guest speaker
Brian McLeod

The breakdown of client types has changed dramatically over the years from 10% of dementias to nowadays 85% including cases as young as 28 years of age. Prior to February, 2009 the ACT law differed from elsewhere in Australia, making the Advocate's office extremely busy because unless someone was appointed as guardian, no-one could make any decisions except by law or a medical emergency guardianship. Since February partners or carers can make decisions.

Part of his job is now to educate the community re guardianship by speaking to groups and distributing brochures on the Power of Attorney. The brochure enables one to act without advice and to make choices in appointing one or more trustees. This comes into force when one loses the capacity to decide on finances, writing a will, personal decisions as in leisure, legal issues or medical decisions such as intervention if required.

An Enduring Power of Attorney or brochure on guardianship can preserve your wishes regardless of the law. However, it must be signed, witnessed and dated, but it need not be certified except in special circumstances. It becomes invalid if one divorces, remarries or if the only witness dies.

Brian spends 1 or 2% of his time in court or dealing with disputes

and there is a statutory body to investigate and appoint a guardian if needed. Family and friends make the best trustees. Different age brackets require different roles for the Public Advocate having to monitor different services but he doesn't have to report to Parliament. Each state has separate laws so one should have a Power of Attorney of the State in which one lives.

Piers Booth thanked Brian and gave the traditional Rotary pen.

Club news

After Director's reports, we were delighted to have an address from our Past President and current Rotary International Director John Lawrence, giving an insight into his busy Rotary life. He is one of 17 directors and his responsibility is in the South Pacific. Rotary is divided into 535 districts and 34 zones. Every district is visited by a director at least once every two years.

The organization has been stretched by the current economic turmoil, so to avoid having to sell off assets, it operates on a cash basis to avoid unrealized losses. John, being an engineer, has the

job of chairman of the audit committee with a staff of 800 to oversee. He has been proud to use our Club's action in helping the Kintore Community, in encouraging other clubs world-wide to aid their own indigenous groups.

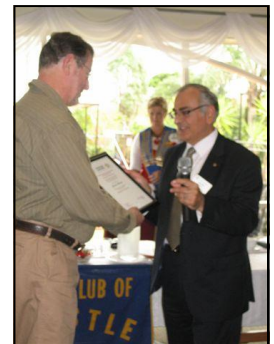


John and Janet Lawrence

They once said that a black man would be president when pigs fly. His first 100 days and wham!! Pig's flu! (Thanks, Bob)

Rotary Club of Newcastle

President Shukry presenting Awards (left and right) and the team relaxing after a hard day (below)



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Note change in Club web address
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