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**MORE FOR LEXOPHILES**

He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.  
A calendar's days are numbered.  
A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours', and 'taint mine'.  
A boiled egg is hard to beat.  
He had a photographic memory which was never developed.  
A plateau is a high form of flattery.

(Complaints to you know who!)

**Attendance last week**

**Guest Speaker:** Jeff Griffiths  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil  
**Guests:** Nil  
**Members present:** 19  
**Makeups:**  
**Percentage:** 67.86 %

**APOLOGIES**

**BY 3 PM TUESDAY**  
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**DINNER ROSTER**

	<b>THIS WEEK – 20 January</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK – 27 January</b>
<b>Program</b>	Elaine Fotu "Opportunities for Chinese Students".	John Howard "Teaching in the outback"
<b>Introduction</b>	Bish Mukerjee	Annemarie Driver
<b>Appreciation</b>	Des Henderson-Kelly	Marcus Donnelly
<b>Fellowship</b>	Alec Philip Susan Pelengaris	Carlo Binutti Marcus Donnelly
<b>Raven Recorder</b>	Bob Harvie	Piers Booth
<b>Birthdays</b>	Val Excell 22/1	Nil
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil	Christine Bell & Jonathan Benyei 27/1

**PARKING AT THOROUGHbred PARK**

Frid. 22/1 – Robin Cromer (Leader), John Gray, Keith Avent, Alec Philip



**THE RAVEN**

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Meetings: 6.00 for 6.15 pm Wednesdays, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill

Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle Ride of Canberra.  
Held annually in September.

**YOUR FELLOW MEMBER - Ian Excell**

Ian was born and raised in Adelaide and attended Adelaide University. He was appointed to Cowell Area School as the first secondary trained teacher to be appointed to that school.

After two and a half years he emigrated to Canada to take up a senior high teaching position in Southern Alberta. As a really raw 24 year old single male he really enjoyed coaching the senior girls volleyball team.

While teaching, he completed additional degrees in Psychology and Education. After five winters he returned to Adelaide for a summer and make a decision as to continue as a Canadian or settle in Australia.

The weather won and Ian took a counselling position with the Commonwealth Teaching Service. This provided many rich

experiences in many primary and secondary schools in Canberra including Malkara School.

During this time he met and married Val (they have been together for 35 years).

They took a posting on Christmas Island and were a part of the second (conservative) wave of CTS staff to work on the island.

Returning to Canberra he left the public sector and has worked in sales and marketing for a variety of IT companies over the last 25 years.

He currently works as an advisor to several Australian technology companies and is involved in a business development company focussing on India

Ian and Val have two sons David and Adrian and a grandson, Flynn.



**Dates for your diary**

- Racecourse parking – roster at foot of page 4
- 3 Feb – Speaker Rob Jamieson "Resuscitating abused computers"
- 10 Feb – Returning GSE Team from Shanghai visits our Club.
- 20 Feb – Rotary Foundation Seminar, Belconnen
- 26-28 Feb. – Canberra Show (parking)
- 12 May – Fund-raising dinner

**January is Rotary Awareness Month**

**TONIGHT**

**We welcome tonight**  
**ELAINE FOTU**

**"Educational opportunities**  
**for Chinese students"**

## Last week

President Ros Osbourne welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Piers Booth introduced the evening's guest speaker, Jeff Griffiths, from Marymead. Jeff is a Canberra resident of long-standing and worked in advertising and then the motor trade before joining Marymead as communications and marketing manager.

Marymead was established in 1967 by the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, who had identified a lack of residential care facilities in Canberra for children in crisis. The original facility comprised a convent and six cottages (each with five bedrooms, one of which was for a house-parent). This facility provided temporary care to children in crisis until they could either return to their home or be placed in foster care.

Since it was first established, Marymead's services have expanded significantly. It now has 180 staff and deals with around 1,000 families in Canberra through a range of programs including:

- Marymead Foster Care program – one of the largest in Canberra
- Kids Companion – a respite care program for children with disabilities (has around 150 volunteer carers)
- Child and family counselling program – professional counselors are available to help children, parents, grandparents
- Indigenous children's program –

commenced only 2-3 years ago and is expanding

- Horizons – mental health family support program to assist families affected by mental illness

- Disability support services – provides residential care for children with disabilities

To accommodate this expanded range of services, an administration wing was built around 20 years ago and another administration building was opened more recently.

Marymead receives government funding to deliver many of its programs (e.g. the Foster Care program) however, it relies on fundraising and corporate sponsorship to deliver some of its programs, such as the counselling program.

Marymead has selected May as its major fundraising month. Individuals or groups are encouraged to raise funds for Marymead in that month. Organisations can earmark some or all of funds raised during that month. As they say "Make May the month you help Marymead to make a difference."

During questions, Des Pain recalled that in the early days, members of Woden Rotary prepared the access road to Marymead and also assisted from time to time with engineering advice.

On behalf of the Club, Jeff Ibbotson expressed appreciation for Jeff Griffith's very informative talk.

## Club News

**Duck Day Dash:** Bernadette Cappello reported that neither of the Woden Rotary Club's ducks won the Duck Day Dash held on 2 January. The Dash is a fundraising event put on by the Sussex Inlet Rotary Club.

**Dates for your consideration:** On 24 April 2010 there is the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Milton Ulladulla. On 20-23 June 2010 there is the Rotary International Convention, Montreal, Canada.

**Western Desert Health Project:** John Widdup reported that plumber, George Calear, is currently at Kintore assessing the work that needs to be done. He will be registering as a plumber in the NT. Subject to no problems, he intends to return to Kintore on 19 April to lead a small working party (including two indigenous community volunteers based in Alice Springs) to commence the plumbing work. The Rotary Club of Canberra City is planning a working party of perhaps 8 (& possibly up to 13) from 8-18 April to work on fencing and internal doors. Shukry Sahhar advised that the TAFE college at Wagga is no longer able to undertake work on shelving and benchtops, as previously planned, so alternative arrangements are to be explored.

## First 200 shelterboxes to arrive in Haiti

More than 200 ShelterBoxes were set to arrive in Port au Prince, Haiti on Saturday 16 January 2010 (Haiti time) subject to landing clearance. The 256 ShelterBoxes were dispatched from the prepositioned stock in Curacao.

ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members David Eby (US), Wayne Robinson (US) and Mark Pearson (UK) have been in Port au Prince since Thursday 14 January and have been working around the clock assessing the most effective ways to distribute the much needed aid. They have already been in contact with government officials, ACTED and Rotarians in the country. The Response Team, who are completely self-sufficient, have set up base with the help of a Haitian Rotarian.

The Response Team says the situation on the ground is frantic but they are doing all

they can to make sure they deliver aid into Port au Prince as quickly as they can.

A second Response Team, consisting of SRT members Mark Dyer and John Lacquey (both US), are in Miami, USA coordinating the ShelterBox logistical effort into Haiti from there. They will be joined later today by SRT member Ian Neal (UK) who will be travelling with the ShelterBoxes which are being shipped through Miami.



ShelterBoxes being packed for Haiti at UK ShelterBox headquarters by volunteers

930 ShelterBoxes have already been dispatched and are en route to Haiti while another 1,000 are being packed at Shelter-Box HQ (in UK) by ShelterBox's team of volunteers. Virgin Atlantic are supporting the relief effort by flying hundreds of the ShelterBoxes on their planes.

If you would like to keep in touch with the ShelterBox response to the Haiti earthquake just go to: [www.shelterbox.org/](http://www.shelterbox.org/)

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