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# 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 - Annemarie Driver

I was born in Holland and migrated with my parents to Australia. The KLM flight took five days and one night flying, with stopovers for meals and accommodation en route.

I became a naturalised Australian when I found out that I needed to be Australian in order to attend Wollongong Teachers College. My first appointment was at a two-teacher school at Adaminaby.

When I came to Canberra to teach, I met my husband Rod, and never wanted to live anywhere else, much to my parents dismay. Children followed soon after and I continued to do relief teaching when it suited. Our small government house grew bigger with the arrival of each child.

My husband became the Manager of the Canberra Tradesmens Club at Dickson in

1978 and I helped with his many projects, installing trams inside the Club, refurbishing in early Australiana style, buying holiday accommodation units and acquiring bicycles to set up the largest bicycle museum in Australia.

I found my own niche in being the curator of the bicycle museum, setting up exhibitions, arranging excursions, doing promotions and managing day to day running.

We are very proud of our five children, who are all making their own mark in the world, up to now producing seven grandchildren.

Making use of our love of cycling, we have travelled extensively by bicycle, in Australia and overseas. Now that we are both retired, much more cycle-touring is on the horizon.



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### WHEN INSULTS HAD CLASS

”I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one.” - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill.  
 “Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one.” - Winston Churchill, in response.  
 “I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure.”  
 Clarence Darrow.

## Attendance last week

**Guest Speaker:** Bruce Wyatt  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Mike Rodd (Nowra), John Gray (Canberra City)  
**Other Guests:** Celeste Rowlands  
**Members present:** 23  
**Makeups:** 4  
**Percentage:** 82.76 %

## APOLOGIES

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

	THIS WEEK – 10 February	NEXT WEEK – 17 February
<b>Program</b>	Tony Pemmer "Return GSE team from Shangahi"	Robert Messenger " Life pre-computers"
<b>Introduction</b>	Lukas Strohmayer	Ajit Banerjee
<b>Appreciation</b>	Annemarie Driver	Carlo Binutti
<b>Fellowship</b>	John Robson Ray Newcombe	Lukas Strohmayer Bish Mukerjee
<b>Raven Recorder</b>	Bob Harvie	Christine Bell
<b>Birthdays</b>	Nil	Frank Macklin
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Des and Helen Henderson-Kelly 10/2	Nil

**PARKING AT THOROUGHbred PARK**

Sun. 21 Feb. – Bernadette Cappello (Leader), Lukas Strohmayer, David Fox, Carlo Binutti

## Dates for your diary

- Racecourse parking – roster at foot of page 4
- 24 Feb – David Flannery – Greefields development - outgo or infill?
- 20 Feb – Rotary Foundation Seminar, Belconnen
- 26-28 Feb. – Canberra Show (parking)
- 3 March – Arto Avakian – The Muslim Month of Ramadan
- 12 May – WDHP Promotion Dinner

## TONIGHT

We welcome tonight  
**TONY PEMMER AND D9710**  
**GSE TEAM RETURNED**  
**FROM SHANGHAI**

**February is World Understanding Month**

## Last week

President Ros welcomed Rotarians Mike Rodd and a different John Gray from the Canberra City Rotary Club as well as Celeste the projectionist 'best buddy' of the speaker Bruce Wyatt and Natalie, Lukas' wife.

Bernadette has become the under fuhrer for the Show Parking and displayed her vast knowledge of the crime scene in telling us that the two weekends of least crime in the ACT were on the days of the Show and Summernats (although she wasn't wearing a T shirt). Please assist her in the creation of the roster for the 3 days of the show.

Our guest speaker, on impressions from India and Bhutan, was Bruce Wyatt. He was invited by his sister to go there with her and her husband John as they were to attend an Indian wedding in Hyderabad and then some travel to Bhutan. Bruce took about 2 minutes to decide thus ending in a taxi trip from Dehli to Agra costing \$100 because there was no other way due to his lack of language. His sister had married John who had grown up in Bhutan with his missionary parents.



Bruce showed many colourful slides naming places such as Taj Mahal, Darjeeling, Tupi, Assam, Piligari, and scenes of prayer wheels, markets, political flags, Sikkim orchids, architecture, Delhi Red Fort, street food, the blue roofs in Rajasthan and the deserts.

The people in Bhutan are well off and employ labourers from India to do manual work with no machinery. Government policy includes a happiness index with most of its income coming from electricity generation and the country whose national flag depicts a dragon, discourages tourists.

Sergeant Ian Excell gave an impressively long list of esoteric fines and managed to offload some of his outdated Microsoft material.

## Canberra City Rotary – Kintore Working Party

We were pleased to welcome Past President John Gray from Canberra City Rotary who will be leading a working party of up to 12 people to Kintore from 8 to 18 April 2010.

They will be fitting internal doors, completing internal structural work and carrying out fencing.

John plans to drive the 6,000 km return trip there so as to transport the necessary tools and equipment required for the job; he will take his van and other drivers. He was



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pleased that we could help them with shopping lists.

John has had many people wishing to go including Wal Cooper from Belconnen Club as well as possible Rotaract members.

We are grateful for Canberra City's working party support which has been supplemented with a substantial financial contribution to the project.

## Club News

**Rotary Spring Cycle Ride:** President Ros reported that agreement had been reached with Gungahlin Rotary for them to receive 25% of the profit up to a total of 359 entrants and 50% after that total. Our Club has committed all of its receipts to the Kintore project. This agreement is aimed at increasing the number of entrants.

**Western Desert Health Project:** The Board has approved \$31,000 for plumbing costs plus the work party. Shukry Sahhar estimates another \$20,000 will be needed for the kitchen cupboards and their transport; Belconnen Rotary may help with this cost. Lukas reported on his discussions with his Ambassador, a member of the Canberra Rotary Club, who is interested in a group of Austrian disabled cyclists about to come from Perth with the possibility of money raised going to the project. The Promotion Dinner, to be attended by Major General Jeffrey on the 12th May, will be by invitations organized by Ken Goard. General Jeffrey is very interested in charity donations and our project.

**Board allocation of funds:** President Ros reported on allocation of funds to projects other than the Western Desert Health Project, including \$1,500 to *End Polio* (a commitment made 3 years ago), an *Indigenous Health Scholarship* and the *Duck Dash* at Sussex Inlet.

**Rotary Foundation Seminar, 20 Feb:** This is a chance to gain valuable knowledge about the Foundation. Bruce Allen, Foundation Manager at Parramatta, is attending. Two Club members are already attending. Contact Jeff so he can pass on numbers.

## Promotion Dinner - help wanted!

Ken Goard is preparing a list of people who are interested in the Western Desert Health Project (and hopefully) will support our fund-raising.

Ken asks all members to provide ASAP names and addresses of friends and others who should receive invitations to the Promotion Dinner in order to get the mailing list ready.

**Ken's email address is:** [kedjes@bigpond.net.au](mailto:kedjes@bigpond.net.au)

## We will welcome you to Montreal!

The following message has been received from Roger and Anne Wilson. Roger was a very active member of our Club in the 1980s and was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow in 1989 while Anne was a great supporter. The message reads:

*"Just a brief note to say thanks to the Woden Club for adding me to the email list for the Raven. It is just great to read and I am sharing it periodically with our Club - Arnprior, Ontario.*

*Wondered if anyone from the Woden Club would be attending the 2010 Convention in Montreal. If so please pass them my email address and have them write us. We would love to meet them there. Our District 7040 is hosting the Convention. I'm active in the RV Fellowship Rally and finding RV sites for Rotarians traveling to Montreal in their RVs.*

*Lots of work but great fun. Best wishes and thanks again for adding us to the list.  
Roger and Anne"*

**If you are going to the conference please let Des Pain know.**

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JOHN GRAY