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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 or October.

## YOUR FELLOW MEMBER - Des Henderson-Kelly

Born in Burma during British Raj. Educated in India to include absorbing ancient cultures and religions. Moved to Sydney University. Degree in Engineering. University Blues in Athletics and Hockey.

Began career in Petroleum and Manufacturing. Commenced studies in the Management Sciences. On a committee of the Australian Institute of Management (Sydney) till 1970. Part-authored research and publication into Management Consultants.

Married Helen (Shepherd) in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Proud parents of: Lisbeth, Masters in Education: Business owner. Michael, degrees in Biological Science and in Engineering (Naval Architecture): Engineering Manager, Oil and Gas. Sandra: Masters in Law: Principal Legal Officer.

1970 joined Department of Supply. Presented paper to the International Conference for Manufacturing Engineering (Adelaide)

on Group Technology (aircraft). Projects with private sector on 'productivity'.

Next, new Department of Science and Technology. Investigations (findings accepted) into: Temporary Assistance Authority on

Fork Lift Trucks Tariffs, Kirby Committee (Phillip Lynch's Razor Gang), Cost Effectiveness of the Australian Government Analytical Laboratories re viability, assisted consultant on a 'Paperless Office' project. Authored technical publication on Coastal and Ocean Engineering.

1986 returned to private consulting: feasibility studies, training, application of the Standards in Construction. Most satisfying experience this

period with fellow Rotarian Carlo Binutti to gain five 'Excellence in Building' awards 1998 to 2007.

1975 nominated by Hans Zwillenberg to join Rotary and made enduring friendships since.



## The back page

### WHEN INSULTS HAD CLASS

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - Mae West

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." - Paul Keating

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination." - Andrew Lang (1844-1912)

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." - Billy Wilder

## Attendance last week

**Guest Speaker:** Tony Pemmer (Guest Speaker)  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Tony Pemmer (Canberra)  
**Other Guests:** Cliff Hicks, Jenny Josinski, Brian Rose  
**Members present:** 25  
**Makeups:** 1  
**Percentage:** 85.71 %

## APOLOGIES

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

	<b>THIS WEEK – 17 February</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK – 24 February</b>
<b>Program</b>	Robert Messenger "From baby to baby"	David Flannery "Greenfields Development - outgo or infill?"
<b>Introduction</b>	Ajit Banerjee	David Fox
<b>Appreciation</b>	Carlo Binutti	Robyn Singleton
<b>Fellowship</b>	Christine Bell	Bernadette Cappello
<b>Raven Recorder</b>	Bish Mukerjee	John Widdup
<b>Birthdays</b>	Christine Bell	Jeff Ibbotson
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Frank Macklin 17 Feb	Christine Bell 22 Feb.
	Nil	Nil

**NEXT PARKING AT THOROUGHbred PARK**

Sun. 21 Feb. – Bernadette Cappello (Leader), Neale Emanuel, David Fox, Carlo Binutti

## Dates for your diary

Thoroughbred parking – rosters at foot of pages 2 and 4

20 Feb – TRF Seminar, Belconnen

26-28 Feb. – Canberra Show (parking)

3 March – Arto Avakian – The Muslim Month of Ramadan

10 March – Jessica McConnell – My year on exchange in Switzerland

12 May – WDHP Promotion Dinner

**February is World Understanding Month**

## TONIGHT

We welcome tonight  
**ROBERT MESSENGER**  
"From Baby to Baby: One Giant Backward Leap by Mankind?"

## Last week

Sgt. Ian opened the meeting with a toast to Rotary Foundation. President Ros acknowledged the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet and welcomed visitors Brian Rose, Jenny Josinski, Cliff Hicks and our guest speaker and visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Canberra, Tony Pemmer.

Our Guest Speaker last week was Tony Pemmer who has been a Rotarian for 11 years and is the immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Canberra. He is a remedial massage therapist and has a number of other business interests. Tony was recently a leader of a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team to China.



Tony described GSE as an opportunity for 25-40 year olds to experience cultural and vocational exchanges in another country with support from a Rotarian leader and Rotary Clubs in the host country. Or in other words, a business trip on steroids.

The Rotary Clubs of Shanghai and Beijing shared the responsibility for the visiting GSE team, and did a great job, with the team enjoying opportunities not usually possible for most tourists. This was the first Australian GSE team to visit China. Team members were from all parts of the district and were:

- Laura Bance, secondary school teacher, who was interested to learn about the professional standards in education, and the use of technology and teaching techniques.
- Elke Davies, wine maker, keen to learn more about the Chinese wine industry, the exporting of boutique wine to China and other ways of marketing wine to China.
- Des Gomes, a mechanical engineer, interested in the comparison of strategies in bidding for tenders, the manufacture of valves and other product management. Des was able to visit a Chinese branch of his current employer as well.
- Matthew Bryant, physiotherapist, was interested to gain insight into healthcare delivery and alternative treatment techniques, along with cultural learning.

Tony presented a DVD of the history of Rotary in China. From 1919, when the first Chinese Rotary Club was established in Shanghai by an expatriate US Rotarian and other US businessmen, to the dizzy heights of 1945 when there were 29 clubs throughout China, to 1952 when they were all disbanded, and then to 1993 when the Rotary Club of Shanghai was re-established, and the Rotary Club of Beijing not long after.

Membership of Rotary in China is limited to expatriates, with membership for Chinese nationals prohibited by the Chinese Government. This represents a big challenge for Rotary in China, with many being members for only a short time before returning to their homelands. This creates difficulties for active work in local communities as local knowledge can be limited. The clubs make great efforts and have great successes despite the considerable challenges.

## Thoroughbred Roster for Sunday 7 March

Gary Scott, Ray Newcombe, Des Pain, Pat Schmidt, Julia Widdup, Shukry Sahhar, Christine Bell, John Robson, Bob Harvie, Bish Mukerjee, Jeff Ibbotson, Bernadette Cappello, Ian Excell, Lyn Svanosio, Des Henderson-Kelly, Robyn Singleton.

SEE ALSO FOOT OF PAGE 4 FOR SUNDAY 21 FEB, ROSTER

## Club News - lots of it this week!

**Western Desert Health Project:** If you have friends or contacts who would like to make a tax deductible contribution to the Kintore project please advise them that cheques should be in favour of the *J. C. Olsson Relief Trust Fund (WDH Project)* and posted to: Rotary Club of Woden, PO Box 637, Woden, ACT 2606.

**Keith Avent:** Our highly efficient Secretary had a complex operation on his right eye on 1 February. He has had a setback since and we will not see him for a while. Keith, we look forward to your recovery and return. Take care.

**Promotion Dinner 12 May:** A reminder to please provide Ken Goard ASAP with the names and addresses of anybody you think may be interested in attending this event.

**Membership:** President Ros reported that Marcus Donnelly has resigned from the club, and that Mike Rodd has been proposed as a prospective new member (transferring his membership from the Rotary Club of Nowra). Marcus, we thank you for your service to Rotary.

**Raven recorder:** John Gray advised that vacancies exist for the highly sought after and respected role of Raven Recorder. Piers was only joking when he said he didn't like the job. Rumour has it that Piers has said that there are few tasks in the service of the club more rewarding and satisfying than that of Raven Recorder. In fact, it is a job second only in prestige to parking cars. Get in early so as not to miss this rare opportunity. Call John Gray.

**Show parking:** Bernadette reported that Show Parking is coming up on 26, 27 and 28 February. She will circulate a revised roster shortly. She says: "Please check your allocated shifts carefully and gear up for a great weekend of fellowship, dust, cranky patrons and Ian E breaking stuff. In all seriousness, this is a great fundraising weekend for our club and a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and service. (It's the only thing that pips being a Raven Recorder)."

**Thoroughbred Park parking:** Gary Scott reminded members of upcoming parking days at Thoroughbred Park on 21 February and 7 March. Please check if you have been rostered on these days. You wouldn't want to miss them. They are almost as much fun as the Show. (See foot of pages 2 and 4 of this Raven)

**Marion Bateup:** Our recently graduated Indigenous Health Scholar reports that she now has her NSW registration and will start her "new grad" at Queanbeyan Hospital in March; she is working there as a casual until then. Her last Rotary engagement will be on 20 February with PDG Noel Trevaskis at Young when she will be talking to incoming Rotary District 9700 Presidents. Neale Emanuel reports that Marion received a 'Dean's Excellence Award' at University of Canberra for a Grade Point Av. of 6.5 in her last semester. She is chuffed!

**Donations in Kind:** Please note that the information at page 43 of the District Directory is incorrect. Delete PDG Ken Nicholls and insert: Miriam Jacka, (02) 9624 6592 Mob. 0450 110 336. Email [ljacka@zipworld.co.au](mailto:ljacka@zipworld.co.au) Please note also that the DIK facility is now located at Minchinbury.

## Vale Walter Strohmayer

President Ros informed members of the sad news of the death of Rotarian Lukas Strohmayer's father – Walter Strohmayer (1931-2010) – in Austria last week. Lukas has returned to Graz with his family for the next few weeks.

We extend our sincere sympathies to Lukas and his family on this sad occasion.

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