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The back page: Great Truths that little children have learned

- No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats
- When your Mum is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair
- If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person
- Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato
- You can't trust dogs to watch your food
- Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair
- Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time
- You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk

Last week's attendance

Guest Speaker: John Howard
 Visiting Rotarian: Mike Rodd (Nowra)
 Members present: 25
 Countable members: 22 Makeups: 1
 Attendance 79.3%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

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DINNER ROSTER

	This week - 3 February	Next week - 10 February
Program	Bruce Wyatt Impressions from India and Bhutan	Tony Pemmer GSE Team returns from Shanghai
Introduction	Alec Philip	Lukas Strohmayer
Appreciation	Ajit Banerjee	Annemarie Driver
Fellowship	Des Pain Sue Pelengaris	John Robson Ray Newcombe
Raven Recorder	Gary Scott	Bob Harvie
Anniversaries	David & Jenny Fox 31 Jan, Keith & Yvonne Avent 4 Feb	Des & Helen Henderson-Kelly 10 Feb

PARKING AT THOROUGHbred PARK – Friday 5 Feb.
 John Widdup (Leader), Julia Widdup, Ros Osbourne, Piers Booth



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 - Bish Mukerjee

Bish Mukerjee was born on 5 January 1937 in Calcutta, India where he completed his schooling (that included studies in English). After his schooling Bish went on to study at the University of Calcutta where he completed postgraduate studies in Obstetrics & Gynaecology.

In 1966 he moved to the UK to Cambridge (where he gained his Fellowship in Obstetrics & Gynaecology from the Royal College) followed by a move to Birmingham where he gained his Fellowship in General Medicine. Bish worked at the Midlands Hospital near Birmingham during this time.

For a brief time Bish returned to Calcutta but it was really Australia that captured his interest and he soon moved to Alice Springs to take up the position of Director of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at a new hospital in Alice Springs. Bish noted that in Alice Springs he worked very hard as there were many teething problems and he was very isolated. However with the help of the Government, fellow doctors (many from overseas) and the community Bish successfully managed the job that included running a Training Centre. In 1981, during his time in Alice Springs Bish met and married Janet with whom he went on to have two children, a girl and a boy.

In 1985 the lure of the "big city" brought Bish to Canberra where he had to purchase a tie as he was working in a very different environment with very professional people.



Bish Mukerjee

Dates for your diary

Parking – See roster at foot of page 4
 10 Feb – Returning GSE Team from Shanghai visits our Club
 17 Feb – Robert Messenger, "Life pre-Computers"
 20 Feb – Rotary Foundation Seminar, Belconnen
 24 Feb. – David Flannery "Greenfields development? Outgo or Infill"
 26-28 Feb. – Canberra Show (parking)

Tonight

**Bruce Wyatt
"Impressions from India and Bhutan"**

February is World Understanding Month

Last week: John Howard "Teaching in the Outback"

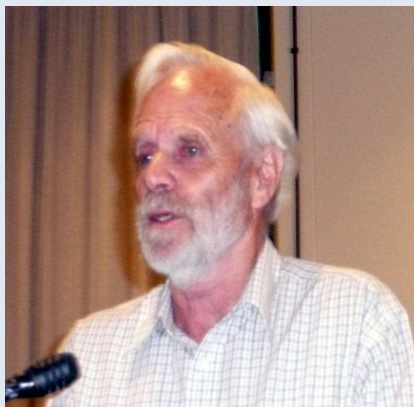
John Howard was introduced by Annmarie Driver and spoke about his work with VISE or Volunteers for Isolated Student Education - an organisation that was set up in 1989 by a small band of retired teachers and the support of the Tennant Creek Lions Club in consultation with the Isolated Childrens Parents' Association (I.C.P.A.). VISE now receives Commonwealth support (via the Rural & Regional Resources Program) plus support from the proceeds of the Southern Cross Club evening titled "Stars on Parade" that involves many nationally important personalities.

VISE started in 1989 with 4 retired teachers and now numbers 300 volunteers that serve over 500 students. VISE provides advice and practical educational support for isolated schools, communities and families within rural Australia. They also provide domestic and personal support in the case of emergencies or when respite care is necessary.

John Howard outlined several examples where VISE volunteers had helped rural students and teachers with their Distance Education Programs as well as supporting remote families to keep the home ticking over if there is an emergency situation (such as sickness, accidents or heavy work periods (eg shearing)) by performing cooking, child sitting or general domestic duties.

Volunteers generally do a 6 week placement at their own expense. At present VISE have 16 placement groups in the field with many volunteers doing repeat visits. Some volun-

teers have been with VISE for over 6 years. John Robson thanked John on behalf of the Members.



John Howard

Club News

NYSF Hosting

President Ros Osbourne thanked Rotarians Annemarie Driver & Gary Scott for hosting NYSF students on Sunday 24th January 2010. (Note: President Ros also hosted students)

Thoroughbred Parking

John Gray, Robin Cromer, Gary Scott & Keith Avent successfully completed their parking duties on Friday 22nd January 2010. The next parking day is 5th February 2010 (see page 4).

Rotarians born overseas

President Ros asked all Rotarians born overseas to stand up (a large percentage of the Club responded). Ros then invited several Rotarians to comment on what it is like to be an immigrant. Bish Mukerjee started by thanking Rotary and noting that Australia had provided him and his family with greater opportunities to live in

harmony, to learn about other cultures and to develop an open and welcoming society. Carlo Binutti noted how happy he and his family were to live in Australia and that Rotary had been a key part of his successful integration into Australian society

Kintore financial aspects

President Ros Osbourne briefly outlined the financial situation regarding the Kintore project. Full details will be presented to the Club in subsequent weeks.

Show Parking

Bernadette Cappello noted that we will all be involved in Show parking during 26 – 28th February. Most members would have four sessions of 4 hours with most members only needed for 2 of the 3 days. Bernadette stressed how important it was for all Rotarians to keep these dates free. A draft roster would be distributed early next week.

Promotional Dinner

Jeff Ibbotson spoke about a promotional dinner proposed by the Board. The members present supported the idea and several very useful items were discussed re the raffle, the raffle prize, the price of the raffle tickets, the budget & associated "profit" from the evening, the role of an auction and the number of participants.

Public Address System

Des Pain took our PA system to the supplier for advice. The recent problem was possibly caused by a wrong switch setting. Des has now attached a simplified set of instructions to the amplifier and blocked off some options with tape. Thanks are due to Robyn and Annemarie for their regular help in setting the system up. Other helpers would be welcome.

Raven Reporter: Gary Scott

Photos: Bruce Wyatt

Some Great Lines

- My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't .
- I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
- Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
- Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.
- You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me
- Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder .
- Earth is the insane asylum for the universe .
- I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are just missing.
- Out of my mind. Back in 5 minutes.
- God must love stupid people; He made so many.
- The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
- Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
- Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
- Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!
- A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
- Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
- They call it PMS because Mad Cow Disease was already taken.
- He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.
- Ham and eggs. A day's work for a chicken, lifetime commitment for pig.