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**Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle****The back page****Last week's attendance**

**Guest Speaker:** Emma Baldock

**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil

**Visitors:** Bob & Shirley Robson

**Members present:** 25 **Make-ups:** 1

**Countable:** 22 **Percentage:** 76.6%

**Computers get the blame for almost anything!****Apologies****BY 3 PM TUESDAY**

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**DINNER ROSTER**

**This week - 16 June**

**Michelle Jester**

**Ambassadorial Scholar**

**Next week - 23 June**

**Club Forum**

**Plans for 2010-2011**

**Program**

**Introduction:** Robyn Singelton  
**Appreciation:** Lukas Strohmayer  
**Fellowship:** Phil Ibbotson  
 Peter Evans  
**Raven Recorder:** Gary Scott  
**Birthdays:** Jenny Fox 12/6  
**Anniversaries:** John & Pixie Gray 13/6

Carlo Binutti  
 Neale Emanuel  
 Robyn Singleton  
 Bob Harvie  
 Gary Scott

**Parking at Thoroughbred Park**

**Friday 25 June:** Gary Scott (Leader), Bob Harvie, Ros Osbourne, Pat Schmidt



# THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Meetings 6.00 for 6.15 pm each Wednesday, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill

**PolioPlus from 3H**

*President Ros urged members to read the latest issue of Rotary Down Under. She highlighted several articles including this one by Ted Latta (RC Ashgrove) on PolioPlus.*

Sir Clem Renouf has recorded that PolioPlus really grew out of the 3H program – Health, Hunger and Humanity. Although most Rotarians have heard the story of how discussions between Sir Clem and Dr John Sever crystallised the program, few realise the introduction of PolioPlus changed the way that Rotary operates.

Sir Clem officially launched the 3H program at a camp for handi-capped people on Long Island, New York, on his first day in office as RI President – July 1, 1978.

"It wasn't long before we received from The Philippines our first proposal – to immunise 6.3 million

children against polio, at a cost of about \$640,000. Never, in Rotary's long history, had we done anything like this – and it wasn't long before opposition to this new radical idea emerged," Sir Clem said. "A group of very senior Rotarians (including several Past Presidents and a former General Secretary) did all they could to strangle the program in its infancy".

"They declared Rotary had no business trying to solve the world's problems. For more than 50 years Rotary had operated under a Board policy, which actively discouraged what was called 'corporate action' – clubs combining to undertake major projects". "Their fear was that the autonomy of individual clubs would be threatened when they joined forces with others to undertake such major projects as were envisaged with 3H," he said.

*Read the full article on page 22 of Rotary Down Under.*

**Dates for your diary**

**Parking:** See Roster at foot of page 4  
**23 June:** Club Forum (plans for 2010-11)  
**30 June:** Changeover Dinner  
**7 July:** Mike Rodd "My time is South Africa"  
**14 July:** Wilma Rob "The Forgotten Australians"  
**21/22 Aug:** District Conference, Hellenic Club

**Tonight**

**Michelle Jester**  
**Ambassadorial Scholar**

**June is Rotary Fellowship Month**

## Guest speaker - Emma Baldock

Ian introduced our guest speaker, Emma Baldock, from the Canberra Mothercraft Society who spoke about 'Grandparents'.

The Canberra Mothercraft Society was established in 1926 and was designed to meet the needs of women requiring family services. Its main role is the QEII Family Centre facility for mothers and babies which is now located in Curtin.

The Society is a non-government organisation with funding provided by ACT Health to provide tertiary care for families.

The Society has established "Grandparents ACT and Region" in conjunction with Marymead and Relationships Australia in response to a demand from grandparents accessing the services of these agencies. It is a support and education group for grandparents.

Emma described the situations where grandparents are parenting children, particularly as a result of drug and alcohol abuse issues. Parenting grandparents' needs are manifold, and the children are often traumatised as a result of their circumstances and many have behavioural issues.

**Raven Reporter:** Bernadette Capello  
**Photos:** Robin Cromer

She also highlighted the sad loss of the traditional 'grandparent relationship' when grandparents become the parent and primary disciplinarian.



Emma Baldock

The Society acts as an advocacy group to Government for grandparents to access services and benefits and has a significant influence at policy level.

Emma described "The Grandparent Stories" – a narrative of experiences of grandparents created as a book, to highlight the situation to the 'powers that be', which was a key desire of parenting grandparents.

Members may wish to read more about the Canberra Mothercraft Society and "The Grandparent Stories" at:

<http://www.cmsinc.org.au/>

## Club news

President Ros welcomed members and guests to the meeting, including Bob and Shirley Robson, parents of our John.

**District Changeover:** This event is on 4 July in Mittagong. If anybody is interested in attending, please see Ros. It's a luncheon, so would be an easy day-trip.

**Rotary Western Desert Project:** Thanks to those members who have contributed photos documenting this years' progress in Kintore. Ros is seeking artistic assistance to put together a selection of photos in a static display for District Conference.

David Fox advised members of the good news of donations from the Belconnen and Unley (SA) Rotary

Clubs for the Kintore project. Belconnen Rotary Club are keen to do more to support this project.

**Rotary Youth Exchange:** Of the two nominees our club sponsored for Rotary Youth Exchange, Ros advised that Michael Skene was successful in his application, and will be going to Switzerland for his exchange year. We hope to meet Michael soon.

**Club changeover:** Norma reminded members of the upcoming Club Changeover dinner on 30 June. Could members please RSVP and pay (\$35 pp) ASAP.

**Dinner Roster:** Please advise John Gray of your availability for the dinner roster for the next few months.

## Board for 2010-2011

President Elect Gary Scott has been hard at work putting together a new Board for the 2010-2011 Rotary year. Whilst still subject to change, the current list of Board members is given below.



Position	Nominee
President	Gary Scott
President Elect	Bernadette Cappello
Immediate Past President	Ros Osbourne
Secretary	Mike Rodd
Treasurer	Lyn Svanosio
Director – Projects	David Fox
Director- Community	Shukry Sahhar
Director – Youth & Social Activities	Christine Bell
Director – International & Rotary Foundation	John Widdup
Director – Club Service & administration	Jeff Ibbotson