

ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN INC.



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The back page: Secret to a long marriage, Italian Style

At St. Carlo's Catholic Church, they have weekly husband's marriages seminars. At the session last week, the priest asked Giuseppe, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all those years. Giuseppe replied to the assembled husbands, "Wella, itsa lika dis, I'va tried to treat her nicea, spenda da money on her, but besta of all is, I tooka her back to Italy for our 25th anniversary!" The priest responded, "Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?" Giuseppe proudly replied, "I gonna go pick her up."

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

Norma Donaldson
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Last week's attendance

Guest Speaker: Michelle Jester
 Guests: Geraint Horton
 Members present: 26
 Countable members: 22 Makeups: 0
 Attendance 73.3%

DINNER ROSTER

Program	This week - 23 June Club Forum	Next week - 30 June Changeover Dinner
	Plans for 2010-2011	The Ros and Gary Show
Introduction		
Appreciation		
Fellowship	Robyn Singleton Bob Harvie	Sue Pelengaris Ian Excell
Raven Recorder	Gary Scott	Piers Booth
Birthdays		
Anniversaries		

PARKING at Thoroughbred Park: Friday 25 June:

Gary Scott (Leader), Bob Harvie, Ros Osbourne, Pat Schmidt



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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

Next Year: DRAFT SUGGESTED MEMBERS' CLUB ROLES

Position	Coordinator	Support/Team
Raven (& Kintore) Editor	John Gray	Des Pain, Bruce Wyatt, Alec Philip
Sergeants	Bruce Wyatt	Ian Excell, Neale Emanuel, David Fox (monthly roster)
Program Director	Phil Ibbotson	Neale Emanuel
Attendance	Norma Donaldson	Des Henderson-Kelly, Annemarie Driver, Alec Philip
PR & Media	David Fox	John Gray
Members' Database	Ken Goard	Phil Ibbotson
Vocational	Carlo Binutti	Bob Harvey
Show Parking	Bernadette Cappello	John Robson
Membership & Friends	Sue Pelengaris	Ros Osbourne
Federal Golf Contact	Ros Osbourne	Norma Donaldson
Thoroughbred Park	Gary Scott	Robin Cromer
Spring Bike Ride	John Widdup	Noel Hart, Annemarie Driver
Social Activities	Bernadette Cappello	All Members
Award Certificates	Des Pain	Robin Cromer
Venue Setup	Annemarie Driver	Piers Booth, Robin Cromer, Robyn Singleton, Des Pain (monthly roster)
Webmaster	Robin Cromer	
Public Officer & Archivist	Keith Avent	

Members who are unhappy with their role(s) should contact Gary Scott directly

Dates for your diary

Parking - See roster at foot of page 4
 30 June - Handover Dinner
 7 July - Mike Rodd "My time is South America"
 14 July - Wilma Robb "The Forgotten Australians"
 21 July - John Gray "Reflections on the Pacific"
 21,22 Aug - District Conference, Hellenic Club

Tonight

**Club Forum
 Plans for 2010-2011**

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

Last week: Michelle Jester - Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar

Michelle Jester is a current Ambassadorial Scholar hosted by Gungahlin Rotary Club.



Michelle Jester

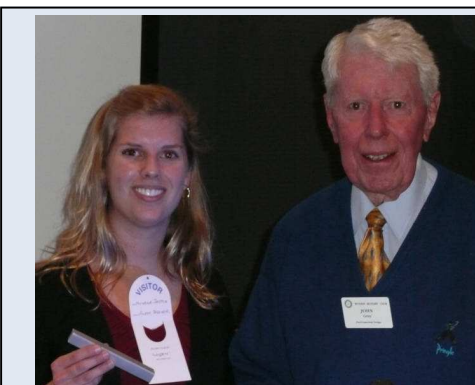
Robyn Singleton introduced Michele who comes from Rome Georgia, USA. Rome is a small town of 25,000 inhabitants and is known for cotton, peanuts, Coca-Cola and its famous clock/water tower. Michelle went to Davidson College (500 students), North Carolina to study pre-med & public health subjects. However she also took South Asian studies and learned to speak fluent Chinese. This led to a year in China as a volunteer in a kindergarten. Her primary role was to provide "play-time" for the young students as most of their time at kindergarten (and during after hours) was involved with study rather than relaxation and play.

She also undertook research into why Chinese women underwent Cosmetic Surgery. Her major findings were that women undertook surgery to improve their job prospects, to "modernize" their facial appearance or, in extreme cases, to increase their body height (a very extreme operation

that, in some cases, involved breaking and extending the leg bones.

Michelle returned to John Hopkins University in the USA to undertake research into vestibular (dizziness) issues. Michelle has come to Australia as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar at ANU to do a Masters in Public Health & Culture with a focus on the South Pacific. Michelle has completed 6 months of a one year program. During her time in Canberra she has involved herself in the work of the AIDS Action Council and the ACT Sexual Health & Family Planning Centre.

She is very committed to holistic medicine and the ideal of Rotary of service above self. The large number of questions asked by Members, that Michelle handled with excellent knowledge & confidence, reflected the interest that the Club had in this presenta-



Michelle Jester and John Gray

tion. John Gray moved a warm vote of thanks.

Raven Reporter: **Gary Scott**
Photos: **Bruce Wyatt**

Club News

District 9710 Changeover: This event will be held on Sunday 4th July at the RSL Club in Mittagong (Old Hume Highway) at 11.30am for a 12.00 noon start. Outgoing District Governor Michael Pedler (Julia) will hand over to incoming District Governor Bill Seelis (Mary). Bookings close on Sunday 27th June at 12.00 noon

Rotary Club of Woden Changeover: This will be held on Wednesday 30th June at the Federal Golf Course at 6.00 for 6.15pm. Members are strongly requested to pay the \$35 per person by Wednesday 23rd June 2010. The Changeover is a partners' night.

ROMAC News: Piers Booth informed the Club that the latest child to receive support in Canberra from the Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) is a 10 week old baby boy from the Solomon Islands. He has Oesophageal Atresia, a birth defect where the oesophagus (i.e. the gullet) is not connected to the stomach. At present he is being fed via a tube directly into his stomach. The operation(s) will take 3 months during which time the baby will be in hospital (at a cost of about \$1,000 per day)

Indigenous Health Scholarship Graduation: This event will be held on Saturday 10th July. A representative of the Club will attend

BOARD BYTES

The present and incoming Boards met jointly last Wednesday evening to review progress during the year and to do some forward planning. Here are some of the items discussed:

- Despite the heavy expenses for the Western Desert Health Project, our very active program of fundraising during the year has allowed us to keep up with the costs, and indeed to hand over to the incoming Board a better balance for project activities than we started with.

- The General Account, used for Club management, has been reduced due to transfers to the Kintore project, but is still sufficient going into the new Rotary year.

- Funds have come from a great range of sources – Club fundraising, personal donations, a matching grant through RI, donations from other Rotary Clubs, Government grants, and funds from Western Desert sources.

- Bulletin No. 3 for the Project has been drafted and will become available shortly.

- The latest estimate of proceeds from the Kintore Promotional Dinner is some \$7,500.

- We can look forward to a wealth of information about 2009-10 in the Annual Report from the Board, to be distributed at our Changeover Dinner on 30 June.

- Incoming President Gary is drafting a Club Leadership Plan, as a basis for an action-oriented year. He will meet with his incoming Board on Saturday 26 June to carry this forward.

It was decided to continue the same annual membership fee of \$240 as in 2009-10.

Keith Avent Secretary