

Know your Fellow Member - Murray Crowe:

Born on the 16th of March 1927. Elder son of Austin and Olga Crowe (nee Ledger).
 Primary education: St Augustines Boys School, Yass.
 Secondary education: St Ignatius College, Riverview, 1941 to 1944.



On leaving school, went into partnership with his father in A.J. Crowe's Retail Business, Yass, and Store at Burrenjuck. A staff of 28 were then employed.

Father died in 1948 and the Business was formed into a family company. Married Edna Smith on 2nd February 1954 at St Christopher's Church, Canberra - the day before Queen Elizabeth first visited Australia. We have two sons: Anthony now at Port Macquarie, and Peter now at "Kirawin", Yass. with their wives and 8 grandchildren - six girls and two boys.

Before leaving Yass, Murray became president of the Yass Chamber of Commerce and a Foundation Member of the Burrenjuck National Park Trust. He joined Yass Rotary Club in 1953. Classification: Retail Business. Not a chart a member. Was Bulliten Editor and the Sergeant at Arms. Yass Rotary projects included Scouts Hall, scrap iron, potatoes, fire wood etc. Hobbies: golf (life member, Yass), and fishing.

Mother died 1961 and brother 1962, leaving me the sole surviving member of the family. The business was closed in 1966. Edna and Murray purchased the premises - two shops and two flat. With their sons they moved to Canberra.

Rosters:

	This week 20th July	Next week 27th July
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The Raven

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Tonight:



We welcome
 Steve Pratt MLA
 relating

The Hostage Experience

Last Week:

Our Club Meeting on 13 July was certainly different. For a start it was at St James Uniting Church, Curtin. Then after President John had opened the meeting, he introduced the Guest Speakers, Phil and Louise Ibbotson from Action for Autism Inc. Each spoke for five minutes. Phil reminded the Club that it had made an establishment grant to Action for Autism Inc. some four years ago and outlined some its achievements. It has brought expertise in ABA, a special teaching method for Autistic Children, from America and Sydney and established ABA classes in North Ainslie Primary School and subsequently Woden Special School. In addition it has been pursuing an Anti Discrimination Case against the ACT Education Department which has led to some improvements in the provision of services for autistic children. Action for Autism has Tax-exempt status and also may receive donations to its charitable fund.

A Thought for the Week: The gem cannot be a polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials - Chinese proverb.



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Louise spoke of the effect an autistic child has on the other members of the direct family and the extended family. Their grandson was not only born with a serious heart condition. At the age of three he turned from a bright, happy and communicative little boy to a child who was unable to receive what was said to him and could not speak or answer or follow instructions. An autistic child has to be taught every single thing that other children learn as a matter of course. He is now 14 and is able to do what he is told and to communicate very simply. Unlike many autistic children he does not have socially unacceptable behaviours. This is due to the commitment of his mother who is a trained teacher, his father who has helped in his training and his sister who simply takes him as he is.

The rest of the meeting was a Trivia Night conducted by Phil Ibbotson and Alison McGregor, Principal of Weston Primary School and Secretary of Action for Autism. There were four rounds of eight questions. The questions were 50% Rotary and 50% General Knowledge. There were also some difficult tie-breakers. The winning table was Rex' Rebels (or was it Rex's Rabble). In between there were several competitions, including making the longest ribbon out of a Mintie paper, flying paper aeroplanes and tossing coins at a substantial bottle of wine. Shukry obviously has much more experience in throwing his money away! We won't mention whose planes finished up behind them.

The dinner was served by volunteers from each table and comprised a choice of three hearty, substantial, hot soups with crusty breads and sweets. Tea and coffee were available. Special thanks were given to Ajit, Pam and Louise. A total of \$444 was made for Action for Autism which will help it to carry on. *Thanks to Recorder Phil Ibbotson.*

Attendance Matters: Visiting Rotarian...Bill Brown; Guests...Sue Brown, Helen Sahhar, Alisha George, Louise Ibbotson, Alison McGregor and Jenny Fox; Make-up... Jim Grainger
Number of countable members present...1 Attendance: 69%

**Members are again reminded that:
Bruce Wyatt (ph:62863519, email:bwyatt@netspeed.com.au) is not only the apologies contact but he is also the person who arranges the bookings and cancellations with the Embassy.**

A fresh Club Brochure is being prepared as an information hand-out for potential new members. The heading is titled "why I enjoy being a member of the Rotary Club of Canberra-Woden. Draft copies are with President John and if anyone would like to help to improve the content please ask John.

The TADACT Board has conferred Life Membership on TADACT Technical Volunteer Dr Ken Goard. Ken was ACT Volunteer of the Year 2001 Science and Technology Category. Hearty congratulations to Ken for all his good work.

The Budget: Tax cut explanation for those who just don't get it...
by T. Davies, Professor Accounting and Chair, Division of Accounting and Business Law, The University of South Dakota

Here is a story to explain how pending tax changes work by putting tax cuts in terms everyone can understand. Suppose that every day, ten men go out for dinner. The bill for all ten comes to \$100. If they paid their bill the way we pay our taxes, it would go something like this. The first four men, the poorest would pay nothing; the fifth would pay \$1; the sixth would pay \$3; the seventh \$7; the eighth \$12; the ninth \$18; and the tenth man, the richest would pay \$59.

That's what they decided to do. The ten men ate dinner in the restaurant every day and seemed quite happy with the arrangement, until one day; the owner threw them a curve (aka, a tax cut). "Since you're all such good customers," he said, "I'm going to reduce the cost of your daily meal by \$20."

So now dinner for the ten only cost \$80.00. The group still wanted to pay their bill the way we pay our taxes. So the first four men were unaffected. They would still eat for free. But what about the other six, the paying customers? How could they divvy up the \$20 windfall so that everyone would get their "fair share?"

The six men realized that \$20 divided by six is \$3.33. But if they subtracted that from everybody's share, then the fifth man and the sixth man would end up being PAID to eat their meal. So the restaurant owner suggested that it would be fair to reduce each man's bill by roughly the same amount, and he proceeded to work out the amounts each should pay. So the fifth man paid nothing, the sixth pitched in \$2, the seventh paid \$5, the eighth paid \$9, the ninth paid \$12; leaving the tenth man with a bill of \$52 instead of his earlier \$59.

Each of the six were better off than before. And the first four continued to eat for free. But once outside the restaurant, the men began to compare their savings. "I only got a dollar out of the \$20," declared the sixth man, "but he", pointing to the tenth, "he got \$7!"

"Yeah, that's right," exclaimed the fifth man, "I only saved a dollar, too. It's unfair that he got seven times more than me!" That's true!" shouted the seventh man, why should he get \$7 back when I got only \$2? The wealthy get all the breaks. Wait a minute," yelled the first four men in unison, "we didn't get anything at all. The system exploits the poor!" The nine men surrounded the tenth and beat him up...

The next night, he didn't show up for dinner, so the nine sat down and ate without him. But when it came time to pay the bill, they discovered, a little late, what was very important. They were FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS short of paying the bill! Imagine that!.....And that, boys and girls, is how the tax system works. The people who pay the highest taxes get the most benefit from a tax reduction. Tax them too much, attack them for being wealthy, and they just may not show up. *Thanks to Jim Grainger.*