

Know your Fellow Member: Bruce Wyatt



I grew up at 'Hawthorn', my parents' mixed farm in northwest Tasmania - a most beautiful part of the world. I was educated at Deloraine Primary and High Schools, Launceston Matric College, and the Uni. of Tasmania in Hobart. I married Nancy in 1968 and we moved to Canberra in 1971.

I worked as a geophysicist for the Australian Government's Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics for about ten years. My work, airborne geophysical (magnetic and radiometric) surveying, included field work over many parts of Australia. To store, process, interpret, and display the enormous volumes of data that were generated, I

learnt to program these new-fangled devices called computers.

I left the Public Service and set up a data processing company, Data Science, with a mate. That business survived for about five years. Since 1985, I have been running my own small company doing consulting work for government bodies as well as mining and mineral/oil exploration companies. My work is generally associated with earth science and computing (software and systems design and development, information analysis, programming, database design and implementation, etc.).

We enjoyed ten years of service, citizenship and fellowship and made many lifetime friends with the Apex Club of Weston Creek. Our children have both worked in Melbourne for the last several years: Deb as a Journal Publishing Manager for Blackwell Publishing Asia and Matt as a private banker for the National Bank. Nancy and I separated last year after 35 years of mostly happy marriage and she returned to her home town of Bendigo. My other interests include bush walking/trekking, occasional runs, photography, travel, and waiting for the resurgence of the mighty fighting Hawks.

Roster:

	This Week 16th Nov	Next Week 23rd Nov
Program	John Gray Parliament House Gardens	Alison Proctor Ambassadorial Scholar
Introduction	Bob Harvie	Ian Excell
Appreciation	Ros Osbourne	Bruce Wyatt
Sergeant	David Fox	Neale Emanuel
Fellowship	Des Pain Eric Taylor	Peter Evans Val Bland
Raven Recorder	Phil Ibbotson	Robin Cromer
Birthdays	Bruce Wyatt 18 Nov, Joy Kelly 22 Nov	Barbara Whitbread 25th Nov
Anniversaries	Shukry and Helen Sahhar 21 Nov	Nil
Trash &	20 Nov Piers Booth-Val Bland	27th Nov Gary Scott-John Gray
Treasure	4 Dec Tom Davies-Ros Osbourne	11th Dec Shukry Sahhar-Ian Excell

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Tonight:

John Gray

on

The new Old Parliament House Gardens

John Gray will talk tonight about the recent restoration of these 80 year old heritage gardens where currently many hundreds of sponsored roses are in flower. Between 1927 and 1988 these gardens were for the exclusive use of Federal Parliamentarians.

Last Week:

The meeting was started as usual by the Sergeant, David Fox, with the Rotary Grace, the loyal toast to the Queen and the people of Australia and the Australian national anthem. *(Whilst not wishing to decry the use of these items at the beginning of the meeting, having made up on many occasions at other clubs, it is noticeable how much variation occurs between clubs. Some clubs use all of the items, whilst others omit some or all of them.)*

The club's President, John Widdup then introduced our guests, including the guest speaker Paula Chadderton, and her recently acquired husband Duncan Jamieson. Their marriage had been delayed so that Paula could attend the recent 9710 District Conference, with the GSE team she had led to District 9220, and of which we heard more later in the meeting.

During the business session of the meeting the President advised us that funds had been sent off for the purchases of a second "Shelter Box", as the previous one had been used in a recent disaster. The club awaits advice as to where it had been sent. A small donation had also been given to assist Judith Orr in her work amongst orphans

A Thought for the Week:

Nothing is more endangered in the modern world than the powerful combination of hard work toward meaningful goals joined with an exuberant embrace of the present moment. - Tom Morris



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and street kids in Vietnam. The club was also advised that the AGM would be held at the meeting on 23 November.

Bruce Hall now has available Rotary cakes and puddings. Bruce should also be contacted if you wish to attend either the Galilee School Formal Presentation Dinner (\$30) or the Galilee Annual Celebration.

John Gray called for volunteers for a working bee on Saturday morning, 12.11.05, to dig holes for the planting of shrubs at the Aboriginal Health Centre at Narrabundah. *(The task was successfully completed by six elderly gentlemen and one charming lady.)*

Members were advised that the meeting on 30 November would be a CARE night, at the home of Maureen and Piers Booth. The profits would be given to help the work of the charity.

A Job/Hobby Talk was given by Neal Emmanuel, who spoke about a recent trip to the Western Plains Zoo near Dubbo. He stayed inside the zoo grounds over night, and the highlight had been feeding the animals in the early morning. Of especial note had been the feeding of the lions, and how they behaved during this period. The male taking no notice of events until the food was provided to the animals. In the wild, the lionesses do the hunting, whilst the male has first right to the food.

The Guest Speaker was Paula Chadderton, who had led a Group Study Team to District 9220. She was introduced by Des Henderson-Kelly. The other team members consisted of three women and one man, all considerably taller than their leader Paula. However, despite the height disadvantage, Paula was able to dominate her team, but also because of the relatively small age differences was able to relate to them in a way not possible for an older person.

District 9220 lies of the east coast of Africa, and covers six independent territories, including Madagascar, Mauritius, Magotte, Reunion, and Myop. Travel between the islands was by air. The dominant language was French, but Creole and English was also spoken. Towards the end of the trip, Paula, who had spent a year in France during her legal training, found she was able to simultaneously listen to and translate to and from English and French. A period of vocational study resulted in Paula spending time in an Attorney General's department, where the lawyers both drafted legislation and worked in the courts. During the visit Paula looked for ways in which this district might help with projects being undertaken by the local Rotarians. These included help for a centre for disabled adults and children, the provision of water taps in villages, the upgrading of hospitals and dental clinics. *With thanks to Recorder Piers Booth.*

Update on Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service



A view of the courtyard. The holes have been dug on the outside of the fence line

ing of existing trees and shrubs and tidied up the courtyard generally.

You will be aware the Club worked on the courtyard earlier this year and organised a Community Open Day BBQ there in June. In recent months an aboriginal artist and his assistants have painted 3 colourful murals on the two walls of the courtyard. If you are near there it is worth a visit. The refurbishment of the courtyard is now basically complete.

Our association with Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service was initiated last year by PP Peter Evans and is being carried on by President John. Under the leadership of Rex Hunt, the Club is now pursuing a project in association with the Service to '... provide financial support for people to undertake education or training activities, or empowering people to work towards such activity'.



Nell Pain admiring one of the murals mottled by the morning sunlight

Attendance matters: Club Guest: Paula Chadderton; Hon Member: Frank Macklin; Visiting Rotarian Duncan Jamieson; Make-ups: Robin Cromer, Ken Goard Members present: 25; Attendance 76.66%.

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