

*Rotary Club Of Dili, Timor Leste (contd)*

At this stage, I think RI was becoming a bit concerned about developments between D9550 and Timor Leste. Our District Conference at Mission Beach was honoured to have as the personal Representative of R.I President Frank Devlyn, RI Vice President Louis Piconi.

Witnessing the total support and approval expressed at Conference for my Actions with regard to the formation of a RC in Dili, Louis Piconi became an ardent supporter and I believe was largely instrumental in forthcoming events.

Initial Approval was given in the dying stages of 2000-2001 by the Board of Rotary International to agree to the Chartering of a Rotary Club in Dili, Timor Leste when all necessary criteria was addressed.

Despite being welcomed by the UN Transitional Government, We had to wait until results were posted following General Elections 21st August 2001. This being effected, the UN ceased its administrative role in early 2002.

All that remained was for the newly Independent Government to elect a Head and when Xanama Gusmao filled that position, the long awaited invitation went out to Rotary International and it is now history that the Rotary Club of Dili, received its Charter on September 11th 2002 with 32 Members.

Although some 29 Months elapsed between Genesis and Chartering, I believe that Rotary International are to be congratulated for the controlled manner in which it was done. The prolonged gestation period was due to the fact that although Timor Leste was an Independent Nation it did so under the auspices of the United Nations, and until it achieved a Government and Recognised leader, the Members of the Interest Club of Dili operated as Rotarians in everything but name.

President of Rotary International 2000-2003, Frank Devlyn asked Rotarians the World over to Create Awareness and take Action. Given his inspired Leadership, all Rotarians involved in the Charter of the Rotary Club of Dili, Timor Leste, fulfilled this obligation by Creative Action and putting Service above Self.

*Past District Governor 9550 Frank Darveniza 2000-2001*

## *Roster:*

	<b><i>This Week 26th Oct</i></b>	<b><i>Next Week 2nd November</i></b>
Program	Noel Ward Eyes in the Sky	TBA TBA
Introduction	Bruce Hall	Gary Scott
Appreciation	Peter Evans	Frank Sheldon
Sergeant	David Fox	David Fox
Fellowship	Bob Harvie Des Henderson-Kelly	Eric Taylor Bruce Wyatt
Raven Recorder	Keith Avent	Piers Booth
Birthdays	Shukry Sahhar 28 Oct	Shirley Evans 4th Nov
Anniversaries	Piers and Maureen Booth 26 Oct	Nil
Trash &	30 Oct Carlo Binutti-Pamela Best	6 Nov David Fox-Eric Taylor
Treasure	13 Nov Piers Booth-Peter Evans	20 Nov Robin Cromer-Val Bland

# The Raven

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## *Tonight:*

Noel Ward  
on  
**Eyes in the  
Sky**

Noel Ward is a member of Sinclair Knight Mertz, an Engineering Worldwide Consulting Company, Noel is also a member of the Defence Infrastructure Panel 2004- 2007 He will be talking about the use of satellites in position fixing and satellite photography.

## *Last Week:*

**President John** welcomed the **Guest Speakers**, Bernie Rodgers and Cathy Bandle for a Presentation of "Beyond 2000". Also visiting, Ken Stone (Public Affairs Coordinator) issued an invitation for members to join in the **Rotary Centennial Dinner** at the Hellenic Club on Friday Evening 18th November. The M.C. will be Brendan of the Magnet Market advertisements and Professor Tony Jorm (Mental Health) of the ANU will speak. Interesting raffles have been organized

This dinner is associated with the visit of the **Winnebago Safari** Caravan publicizing 20 years of the Australian Rotary Health Research Foundation. This is half-way round Australia and aims to increase the awareness of Rotary, the ARHRF and focus attention on the impact of mental health problems in the community. Displays are open to the public and may be visited during the day.

## *A Thought for the Week:*

**Politics is the most important invention in human history, because it is the only way of solving disputes without killing people.**

*Robert A Heinlein*



**SERVICE Above Self**

Ros Osbourne expressed appreciation on behalf of **Inner Wheel** Committee for the generous assistance of Club Members with the 550+ registrants attending the Australian Conference. Some 80 people, from Inner Wheel and our Club joined in a combined Dinner on Friday evening at the Embassy.

There were numerous details for the organization of the **Rotary Scenic Bike Tour** for Sunday 30th October. Setting out of directions etc will begin from 6.30 for an 8.00 am Start. **Details of the tasks, including maps of the areas the Volunteers will be patrolling, will have been emailed to Individual Volunteers before the Event. All questions should be directed to President John or Shukry Sahhar.**

Note in your diary that we will attend the **National Youth Science Forum** Dinner on **TUESDAY** evening 17th January 2006 and host students on the following Sunday.

**Presentation of District 9710 “Beyond 2000”** Phil Ibbotson introduced the speakers with this background: **Bernie Rodgers**, District Governor Nominee comes to us initially from Wales, a former Fleet Air Arm pilot then here as an air-traffic controller and later accident investigator to retirement 2 years ago. After giving a general introduction to membership and declining numbers, introduced **Cathy Bandle**. (consultant in book-keeping, member of Canberra South).

Cathy with the aid of a Datapoint Presentation (prepared by Michael Pedder) enlarged in much detail on the various issues from approaching potential members to growing mature membership.

#### **Recruitment ..... Retention ..... Education**

1. Why “Beyond 2000”? Last year the District gained 150 but lost 171.
2. What is “Beyond 2000”? It is an organized process working in member pairs.
3. Overview of the B2K Process.
4. Examining the B2K Process. Names are submitted, considered by the committee. If approved an information bundle about the Club is sent out about meetings and Rotary. If there is a response, the person is then invited to a meeting as a guest only at this stage. If interest is expressed further visits will be encouraged under the guidance of a mentor. If interest is mutual an invitation is then issued.
5. Staying Friends. The mentor introduces the new member, gives contact support in early days and finds a committee for service in the Club
6. Mentor Support. This continues to provide education, encourages involvement in activities, advises on make-ups etc.
7. Support for the Process. This segment gave more “fine print” detail.
8. Action to take now.

Questions and discussion followed. The Club has an excellent introductory brochure.

Our ageing membership means diminished contacts from whom to draw members.  
*Robin Cromer summed up, expressed appreciation. Raven Reporter: Ken Goard*

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2004/2005**

The AGM of the Rotary Club of Canberra Woden will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 23 November 2005. The meeting will consider for acceptance:

- Minutes of the last AGM on 10 November 2004;
- Annual Report for year ended 30 June 2005 (as circulated 30 June 2005);
- Audited Financial Report for year ended 30 June 2005;
- Confirmation of President for 2006-07 (elected 10 November 2004);
- Election of President Elect for 2007-08;
- Election of Secretary, Treasurer, and 5 Board Members for 2006-07;

Nominations for the above positions may be submitted in writing prior to the meeting or from the floor.

John Gray  
Secretary & Public Officer

### **Rotary Club Of Dili, Timor Leste** *(continued from last week)*

Arising from all this, We had gained the wholehearted support from D3400 Indonesia, 100% support from all Rotary Clubs in D9550, Australia, a Letter from UNTAET welcoming the establishment of a Rotary Club in Dili, Support from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Vigorous support from RI Director Kenneth Collins and events appeared to be going favourably.

Amongst the rules governing the extension of Rotary into new Countries are several criteria that have to be met prior to approval being given. First and foremost amongst these are that there has to be a Democratically Elected Government, secondly Rotary has to be invited in by the head of such Government.

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