

## Know your Fellow Member: Val Bland



I grew up on a wheat and sheep farm near Nhill in Western Victoria and attended school in Nhill. I developed a passion for planes during many flights to visit my grandparents in Brisbane. My first job was as a Pharmacy Assistant in Nhill. I married and moved to Canberra in 1970 where I undertook general and midwifery nursing, and studied accounting to manage the accounting side of our family company.

I have two children, Stuart and Sharyn. Stuart studied Chinese and Economics at Latrobe University (Melbourne) and lived in China for three months. He married Carolyn in January 2005 and lives in Melbourne. Sharyn was an exchange student in Nagano, Japan in 1993, studied Japanese and Science at the ANU, and studied at Osaka University in 1999. She married Aaron in January 2001 and produced my first grandchild, Jacob on 25 October 2005.

After a divorce, I could no longer do shiftwork with two children, so I worked briefly as a bookkeeper for a charity, then joined the public service in 1985. In 1989, I completed a part-time Accounting in Commerce degree at the University of Canberra. I worked in auditing and financial areas in the Australian Government (Customs, Health, Family and Community Services, Statistics) and am now a GST technical officer in the Taxation Office.

I am a member of Canberra-Woden Rotary (2003), the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club (1971 Holden Belmont), the Veterans Athletic Club, and treasurer of the ACT Cross Country Club (800 members, including Jogalong).

After many years being a sole parent, working and studying, I have begun to smell the roses (literally, as I have some Old Parliament House roses) and I wish to travel. My children have seen the world, but to date, I have only been to Japan. I intend to visit Angkor Wat in Cambodia on the return journey from the Rotary project in Thailand in February.

## Roster:

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
Program	Christmas Party Entertainment	Emma Burton
Introduction	Shukry Sahhar	Ray Newcombe
Appreciation	John Gray	Ros Osbourne
Sergeant	Neale Emanuel	Neale Emanuel
Fellowship	Keith Avent Ajit Banerjee	Shukry Sahhar Eric Taylor
Raven Recorder	Tom Davies	Gary Scott
Birthdays	Babs Grainger 12th Dec	Jill Cromer 20th Dec
Anniversaries	Pat and Tom Davies 9th Dec	Jim and Babs grainger 17th Dec Robin and Jill Cromer 17th Dec
Trash & Treasure	11th Dec Shukry Sahhar-Ian Excell 25th Dec Des H-Kelly-Bruce Hall	18th Dec Ajit Banerjee- ? 1st Jan 06 ? - ?

# The Raven

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*Tonight:*

## Christmas Party

Time: 6.15 for 6.45 .....\$30.00

Entertainment by CREDO starts at 6.45pm sharp so please don't be late.



*The dinner's served - full bite and sup.  
"Come on," says Mum, "Now all sit up."  
The meal takes on a festive air;  
And even father eats his share  
And passes up his plate to have some more.  
He laughs and says it's Christmas time,  
"That's cookin', Mum. The stuffin's prime."  
But Rogan pauses once to praise,  
Then eats as tho' he'd starved for days.  
And pitches turkey bones outside the door.*

CJ Dennis

CREDO is a Canberra based all male quartet that specialises in 4 part harmony folk gospel and other songs. The group has been established now for about 4 years. They have performed at various functions and helped raise funds for a variety of groups. The group consists of Brian Triglone, Mick Rice, Bruce Harvey and Mick Eley All members have been part of the Australian Rugby Choir. Brian is the leader of the group and also conducts the Gospel Choir.



**SERVICE Above Self**

## Last Week:

Our hosts, Piers and Maureen Booth, greeted and welcomed us into their home in Farrer. Car parking was somewhat of a hazard and one member at least was told that his bottom was sticking too far out into the road! The order of the evening was explained by Piers, and Phil Ibbotson was apologetic because the Guest Speaker who was to have spoken on the work of CARE AUSTRALIA was booked for the wrong night!



However, everyone soon queued in the kitchen for sausage, tomato and salad, and made their way to the tables for a fine dinner and liquid refreshment. Conversation flowed, stories told and by the end of the meal, when Bruce on behalf of us all thanked Piers and Maureen for their kind hospitality, everyone had enjoyed the informality of the evening. Phil had expected to give a short talk as the substitute Guest Speaker but time ran out and so he gave his 'notes' to the Editor for recording here in the Bulletin. The 'notes' reflect the Vision, Mission and Core values of CARE AUSTRALIA as follows.....



**VISION.** We seek a world of hope, tolerance and social justice, where poverty has been overcome and people live in dignity and security. CARE will be a global force and partner of choice within a world-wide movement dedicated to ending poverty. We will be known everywhere for our unshakeable commitment to the dignity of people.

**MISSION.** CARE'S mission is to serve individuals and families in the poorest communities in the world. Drawing strength from our global diversity, resources and experience, we promote innovative solutions and are advocates for global responsibility. We facilitate lasting change by:

- strengthening capacity for self-help;
- providing economic opportunity;
- delivering relief in emergencies;
- influencing policy decisions at all levels; and
- addressing discrimination in all its forms

Guided by the aspirations of local communities, we pursue our mission with both excellence and compassion because the people whom we serve deserve nothing less.

**CORE VALUES.** • We respect and value diversity.

- We respect, value and seek to enhance local capacities.
- We value and support the central role of women in development.
- We recognize and value professionalism, skills and experience of our staff, and of

their contribution to institutional learning and development.

- We value CARE'S dynamism, adaptability and resilience.
- We value the support of our donors and programme partners.
- We value the operational freedom which stems from being a not-for-profit Australian agency which is independent of any religious or political affiliation and which does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity, age, religion or politics.

**For the Diary.** I am pleased to be able to announce that PRIP Frank Devlyn who is the current RI Chairman of the Rotary Foundation has agreed to visit District 9710 in 2006 and to hold two Rotary meetings one in Canberra and the other will be in the Highlands, Clubs from the southern part of District 9750 will be invited to attend that meeting. Dates for the meetings are **Canberra Monday 3rd April** and the Highlands Tuesday 4th April 2006. PDG Paul Street who is National Fund Adviser to the Rotary Foundation in Australia will be the Aide to PRIP Frank Devlyn while he is District 9710, Paul will also coordinate the two Club meetings. There will be regular news coming through to the District Leadership Team and Club Presidents about the visits of RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar and PRIP Frank Devlyn. Both visits will be different but both present great opportunities to promote Rotary throughout the District.

*District Governor, Noel.*

**The Rotarians' Kokoda Trek 2006** follows the two successful treks in 2004 and 2005. In total the two treks so far have seen thirty nine (39) Rotarians from Brisbane, Cairns, Atherton, Mackay, Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Caloundra, Gold Coast, Tweed Heads, Mitchell Qld, Lismore, Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne, get fit, raise over \$76,000 for Legacy and then trek Kokoda. The 2005 trek included three (3) father / son and one mother / son combinations - a wonderful family opportunity. Thirty five (35) Legacy wards have completed Outward Bound and four (4) young Legacy adults have trekked Kokoda from the funds raised by the two Rotarians' treks. So if you would like to be the fittest you've been in twenty to thirty years, set yourself a worthwhile goal to participate in the Rotarians' Kokoda Trek 2006 in August 2006. Encourage at least one other in your club, so that you have a training companion. Full details in the brochure or call me at Brisbane on 0407 123 124.

Regards John Williams, Rotarian, Email john.w@bigpond.net.au

**Attendance Matters:** Guests: Joy Hall, Helen Harvie, Maureen Booth, Shirley Granger-Evans and Dylis Hunt; Make-up: Gary Scott. Members present: 22; Percentage 70%

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