

Know your Fellow Member: Gary Scott

I was born in central Victoria in 1940 and spent 16 happy years in the country. In 1956 I moved to Melbourne for my year 12 followed by the period 1958-1965 when I worked as an industrial chemist with the Victorian Gas & Fuel whilst completing my B.Sc. part-time. During this time I met and married my first (very lovely) wife Heather. In 1969 I completed my Ph.D. at Melbourne University. This was followed by two years in London as a postdoctoral research fellow at Imperial College, London University. In 1972 I returned to Australia (sadly without my wife) to take up a position of Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry at the Melbourne State College (MSC). In 1975 I married my second wife Evelyn and was appointed as Coordinator (Senior Lecturer) for a new undergraduate course in Environmental Science at MSC. My two wonderful daughters Linda and Kylie came along in 1977 and 1979 respectively. Since 1981 I have held several positions as Director of Environment with the National Capital Development Commission (1981 - 89), the National Capital Planning Authority (1989 - 1990), Environmental Consultants Dames & Moore (1990 - 1991) and the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (1991 - 1992). My interests over this period were my family, Rotary, running/cycling, school Boards and overseas holidays. Since 1992 I have been at the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) where I have happily continued both of my "work - hobbies" of teaching and consulting. Evelyn and I divorced in 1999. Kylie has been fully and very successfully integrated into society and is now living independently and working part-time at Environment Australia. Linda has (almost) completed her Ph.D. in Psychology at UNSW and is working at Attorney General's (NSW) as a research officer. Overall it has been an extremely happy and exciting life and I plan for many more such years.



	This week 24th Aug	Next week 31st Aug
Chairman	Peter Evans	Val Bland
Program	Neale Emanuel "Ramblings in Indo China"	Robin Cromer "Round the Top"
Introduction	Bruce Hall	Phil Ibbotson
Appreciation	Peter Evans	Ray Newcombe
Sergeant	Neale Emanuel	Neale Emanuel
Fellowship	Bob Harvie Des Henderson-Kelly	Ros Osbourne Des Pain
Raven Recorder	Keith Avent	Ken Goard
Birthdays	Ros Osbourne 28-Aug	Marion Hanna 31st Aug
Anniversaries	Bob and Helen Harvie 25-Aug John and Julia Widdup 27-Aug	
Trash & Treasure	29 Aug Tom Davies-Val Bland	05 Sept Shukry Sahhar-John Gray 12 Sept Noel Hart-Ken Goard 19 Sept Des H-Kelly-Peter Evans

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Tonight:

Neale Emanuel

on

"Ramblings in Indo China"

Neale and Margaret had a delightful ramble for just over three weeks in Taipei, Vietnam and Cambodia in May and June 2005. Each country had its highlights including the mighty Mekong Delta in both Vietnam and Cambodia. Cambodia was the highlight of the trip with its recent vicious history (the Pol Pot regime and the killing fields) and the past grandeur and splendor of Angkor Wat.

Vietnam is still like two different countries with the hustle and bustle of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), its chaotic traffic and the Mekong Delta to the beauty of the French Quarter in Hanoi. The recent history of the horrors of the "American War" and the DMZ (De Militarized Zone) was dramatic but surprisingly the people showed no animosity towards Westerners. The regional city of Hue with its Forbidden City (based on the same design as the one in Beijing) provided the regional highlight.

Like all rambles (and there were not too many westerners of our age carrying backpacks) the excitement and the memories came from the unexpected.

Last Week:

Rotary Adventure in Citizenship, "Our Changing future", 13-20 Aug

Forty-eight delegates from all states/territories except NT, attended the 15th RAIC jointly hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Canberra-Woden & Canberra and the National Capital Authority. Their arrival in Canberra coincided with the "Salute to Veterans" and many delegates were treated to the final evening display of fly-overs and spectacular back-burns by propeller and jet aeroplanes and extraordinary fireworks.



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The program was jointly opened by Clerk of the Senate, Harry Evans, and of the House, Ian Harris, who both gave thoughtful advice to delegates. This was supplemented by Gary Scott with his usual, now legendary, 'parachute jump' which heightened the delegates' expectations for the week ahead. We look forward to the day when Gary converts this opening into a bungee jump! Also helping the program to get under-way was Mark Baker MP, Member for Braddon who spoke at the Monday joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Canberra (see report below).

The Clubs are extremely grateful to Rick Williams, and Geoff Clarke from the Parliamentary Education Office for once again leading the program within Parliament House. Delegates found themselves involved with teleconferences back to their school, question time (twice), soap box speeches, a Senate Committee role-play inquiry into Australia's energy needs, and an experience with an election. A highlight of the outside program included laying a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier at the AWM. At a dinner at the Embassy Motel a number of invited young speakers demonstrated how they had benefited from their involvement with Rotary youth programs. Included was Emma Barton from Boorowa who attended RAIC in 2000, and is now studying at the ANU.

The Friday night final dinner was, for all delegates, an emotional and reluctant ending to a stimulating week. Their certificates confirmed that they had explored during the week the fundamentals of citizenship in Australia. New friendships had been made, many of which could well be lifelong ones. Their largely impromptu entertainment in which all delegates participated demonstrated their enjoyment of a remarkable week. Amongst them was some hidden talent and one of the delegates concluded the evening with an excellent rendition of 'Leaving on a jet plane'. Their flights left the following day!



This year the Canberra Club had the prime responsibility for the program with Michael Kumm as Chair. Woden club members enjoyed working once again with fellow Rotarians in another Club. On our Club's side we are particularly grateful to Bruce Wyatt for his outstanding contribution to the program. He was ably supported by Bruce Hall and Gary Scott. Pamela Best was greatly appreciated for her work on 'menus' throughout the week including her arrangements for the final night. Also involved

were President John, Ros Osbourne, Phil Ibbotson, Neale Emanuel, Noel Hart, Shukry Sahhar, Des Pain & John Gray.

A special thanks to host parents Joanne & Carlo Binutti, Val Bland, Maureen & Piers Booth, Joanne & Bob Ellison, Pixie & John Gray, Louise & Phil Ibbotson, Ros & John Joslin, Joan Keith (Inner Wheel), and Helen & Shukry Sahhar.

Our Club can feel proud that it has yet again demonstrated its commitment to young people and to their future as citizens of the world.

Guest Speaker – Mr Mark Baker, MP

The 47 year old Mark Baker was elected as a Liberal member of the House of Representatives seat of Braddon, Tasmania for the first time in 2004. His electorate, centred on Devonport, is largely rural with an emphasis on vegetable growing – a \$50 million industry.

He has had a diverse career. In his earlier years he gained a trade certificate in carpentry & joinery, working in that field between 1975 and 1983. He has a BEd and DipTeach and was a secondary teacher from 1986 to 1988. Between 1988 and 2004 he was a business & financial consultant both in Australia and overseas. During this latter period he was involved in a serious motor accident which led to 6 months in hospital and he acknowledged the contribution of the road trauma support centre to his recovery.

Not long after his election he found himself involved with trying to make the political system work in his electorate for the vegetable industry which is under serious threat. Growers are reeling from a major loss of their traditional market to overseas competitors. He has embarked on a campaign to get across to consumers the impact on the livelihood of many Australians, of buying edible goods a fraction cheaper. He is now trying to achieve a change to 'origin labels' for foods so as to better protect Australian producers.

His chief message to the delegates was to enjoy what they are doing and make the most of life. He emphasised the importance of "taking life on" to the full and said that he found politics very satisfying. Life has many twists and turns - there can be good and bad times. His final remark was that you can achieve anything if you believe in it!*With thanks to Recorder John Gray*

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