

Know your Fellow Member: Noel Hart

I was born on Christmas Day 1934 at about noon which really upset the festivities for the Bathurst police constable and his family. We settled in Earlwood (Sydney) two years later and I attended Clemton Park Primary School and Canterbury Junior High, studied Accounting and became a member of the Commonwealth Institute of Accountants (later CPA) in 1955. Employment included Dept. of Lands, and various Chartered Accountants. I was recently awarded a diamond pin for 50 years membership that only proves I regularly paid my subs!



I married Robin in January 1960 and now have two children and 8 grandchildren. The same year I completed studies and was ordained in the Anglican Church. I served at Penrith, Derby WA and

Wollongong (as a children's court chaplain). I left the ministry in 1969 and after a year or so managing a Credit Union came to Canberra in July 1970 to work at the National Capital Development Commission. When NCDC closed I headed the branch controlling Business Management and Programming.

From 1988 I was consulting in or auditing Construction Claims. I also became Accountant/Secretary of a third world organization. I have retired slowly, only relinquishing my final engagement last year.

I have never been academically inclined or gifted and prefer out door activity. Before joining Rotary in Canberra I was a member of Apex in Derby and in Rotary for a short period in Wollongong.

Roster:

	This Week 16th Nov	Next Week 23rd Nov
Program	Alison Proctor Volunteering in Samoa	Sharing a meal at Piers Booth' house
Introduction	Ian Excell	N/A
Appreciation	Bruce Wyatt	Bruce Hall
Sergeant	Neale Emanuel	Neale Emanuel
Fellowship	Peter Evans Val Bland	Gary Scott Phil Ibbotson
Raven Recorder	Robin Cromer	Des Pain
Birthdays	Barbara Whitbread 25th Nov	Don Whitbread 1 Dec, Helen Sahhar 3 Dec
Anniversaries	Nil	Nil
Trash & Treasure	27th Nov Gary Scott-John Gray 11th Dec Shukry Sahhar-Ian Excell	4th Dec Tom Davies-Ros Osbourne 18th Dec Noel Hart-Ajit Banerjee

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Tonight:

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

Also Tonight:

Alison Proctor

on

Volunteering in Samoa

Alison completed a B/App Sci in Occupational therapy at University of Sydney in 1998 and is currently undertaking a Masters Degree in Public Policy, specialising in Policy Analysis at ANU. She is currently working for the Australian Govt Department of Family and Community Services. She was an Australian Youth Ambassador for Development under Ausaid in Samoa in 2003 and has worked in the United Kingdom as an Occupational Therapist from 2001 to 2002. She recently addressed RAIC students on the opportunities available through Rotary.

A Thought for the Week:

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I
- I took the one less travelled by; And
that has made all the difference.*

Robert Frost (1875-1963) American Poet.



SERVICE Above Self

Last Week: John Gray spoke on the new Old Parliament House Gardens . He spoke on how they had been restored; also on the ongoing role played by the Friends of the Gardens

These gardens date back to 1925 and were located on either side of the Parliament House. At that time and up to 1988 they were private gardens for the Parliamentarians and their guests. When Parliament moved in 1988 they went into a period of uncertainty. However a decision was made to restore them at a cost of \$7m.



Aerial view of the gardens on either side of Old Parliament House in 1994. Since then the gardens have been fully restored.

This was one of the biggest Landcare projects since Self Government.. It transformed what were previously Private Gardens into Public Gardens.

The Gardens have much Heritage quality and have been associated with Prime Ministers, Royalty and many well-known parliamentarians. Their unusual design reflects principles dating back to the 1920s, They also reflect the importance of the rose, the most-known flower in the world.. These Private Gardens, the province of a very exclusive club were created in 1925 . The gardens were a great source of cut flowers and enormous effort was put into cutting and propagating the roses. In the 1940s and 1950s, they played their part in keeping many Parliamentarians happily married as they would go on Thursdays to collect a box of flowers to take to their wives. As the House became increasingly overcrowded they also provided a retreat for those parliamentarians. Senator John Button used to sunbake and Prime Minister Menzies used to smoke particularly pungent cigars. Recreational

facilities were developed in conjunction with the gardens, ranging from tennis courts, bowling greens and cricket pitches. Squash courts were introduced in the 1960s under the noses of the Joint House Committee. Other unusual activities were also introduced such as fly-fishing and beekeeping. The latter required smoke to clear swarms and sometimes set off the House fire alarms.

Despite the Depression four Rose Gardens were developed - the Hazelwood (named after the Nursery), the Broinowski (named after the Head of the Joint House), The Ladies (named after the wife of Billy Hughes) and the Macarthur (named after the merino family). During this time also because of the limited space available for formal functions, the Gardens were used, notably by the Queen in 1974. They developed well, despite the bare windy and treeless surroundings and the intrusion of building extensions.

In their role as Public Gardens since the 1990s, a role adopted by the NCA, they have developed into a major Tourist attraction, their flowering being in the month

after Floriade. . Guided tours are available. There is now access on all sides and toilet and change facilities are available. Catering facilities are available for hire. The Lobby Restaurant hires them for weddings. The tennis courts are also used, especially by young learners.

John was involved in drawing up the Master plan over 10 years.

In answer to questions, John mentioned that Parliamentarians did have considerable input, especially through the Joint House Committee, which defended the Gardens very effectively. The current Gardens which were well supported by individuals who wished to sponsor a rose, a mix of heritage values from roses of the Old Gardens, to new types of roses. There are up to 80 different types of roses. John also mentioned that there is a waiting list of up to 2000 people who were unable to be involved in the initial planting .

With thanks to Recorder Phil Ibbotson.

Attendance matters: Hon Member: Frank Macklin; Guests: Leila Annerman, Maureen Booth Make-ups: Peter Evans Members present: 23; Attendance 70%.

Trevaskis Times. Rotary needs more members! If we are to survive as an organization we will need to find more members now. Whilst it is pleasing to see clubs embrace the district goal of the net gain of 15 percent new members during this year, it is disappointing that some members don't see the urgency of obtaining new members. Rotary's greatest asset is its members, without members we do not exist.

Abuse/Harassment Complaints - Procedure for District 9710

President John has advised that a procedure for dealing with abuse/harassment complaints had been received from the District Governor. It was circulated to members at the meeting. A copy is now held by the Secretary. The procedure will be posted on the District website as soon as possible.

For the Diary: 30 Nov Sharing A Meal - Sausage Sizzle at Piers Booth's House. Cost of dinner donated to CARE Australia

- 7 Dec Christmas Party at Embassy.
- 21 Dec Christmas Message
- 28 Dec No Meeting
- 4 Jan No Meeting.
- 11 Jan President's Barbecue .
- 18 Jan NYSF - Home hosting 22 Jan

Board members 2005-06

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