

*Know your Fellow Member - John Widdup:*



In 1943 John was born in Scotland to a Scottish mother and a father from Yorkshire who brought him to Australia in 1950. He misspent his youth in Raymond Terrace and Armidale.

John was an apprentice fitter and turner at the Newcastle steelworks while gaining a Mechanical Engineering Certificate and subsequently studied full time at Newcastle University to obtain a Civil Engineering degree.

John has worked for over 35 years as a civil engineer throughout Australia and internationally. Initially he worked with construction contractors, then with the main roads authority in Western Australia. In 1972 he was awarded an International Road Fellowship and studied for a masters degree at Perdue University in the USA. Subsequently he worked with a research organisation, public works authorities, the Commonwealth road funding authority and engineering consultants. During that time he gained skills and experience in the technical, financial and economic aspects of roads, airfields, pavements and related items and materials. Currently he is semi-retired, but still does engineering consulting.

He has worked as an engineer in Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Botswana, Christmas Island, Eritrea, Ghana, India, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Vanuatu, Western Samoa, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

John has been married to Julia for 39 years and they have two daughters and four grandchildren who live in Canberra. Having partaken in many recreational activities, he is now a keen cyclist undertaking medium and long distance rides and tours. This year John is president of your Rotary Club and president of Pedal Power ACT Inc.

*Rosters:*

	<b><i>This week 6th July</i></b>	<b><i>Next week 13th July</i></b>
Program	CLUB ASSEMBLY	
Introduction	Gary Scott	Helen Sahhar
Appreciation	Val Bland	The Recovery Centre Experience
Fellowship	Murray Crowe	Ian Excell
	Neale Emanuel	Alan Ford
Raven Recorder	Ken Goard	John Gray
Birthdays		Phil Ibbotson
Anniversaries		
Trash & Treasure	10-Jul-05 Neale Emmanuel	Ken Goard
	17-Jul-05 Bruce Wyatt	Peter Evans
	24-Jul-05 Carlo Binnuti	Bruce Hall
	31-Jul-05 David Fox	Ian Excell
	07-Aug-05 Piers Booth	Arjit Banerjee

# The Raven

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*Tonight:*

**Club Assembly**

*Last Week:*



Changeover Dinner Celebrations

*A Thought for the Week:* The aim of an argument or discussion should not be victory, but progress. Joseph Joubert (1754-1824) French Philosopher



**SERVICE Above Self**

We arrived at the Embassy at 6.30pm to a range of pre-dinner eats and drinks to start a memorable Changeover Dinner Celebration occasion. Lots of chatting before sitting down to a delightful meal, with white and red wines presented at each table by courtesy of President Peter.

The meeting was opened with Rotary Grace and the singing of the National Anthem. After some opening remarks, President Peter invited PP Rex Hunt to move a Toast to Rotary International, to which the DG Representative Len Goodman AO responded. He encouraged us to 'Celebrate Rotary' and wear our badge, as the basic unit of RI is the Club itself. He brought greetings from the DG and spoke of the goal of our new DG to increase membership within the District by 15%. He concluded his response by encouraging us to enjoy our experiences in Rotary.

Ian Excell then stepped up to the podium as Sergeant of Arms, to extract as many fines as he could! Soon after, however, President Peter, announced that he wished to present a Paul Harris Fellowship Award to a member who has always been willing to help and that member was Ian Excell. DG Representative, Len Goodman presented the Award but had some little difficulty in installing his collar of office!



President Peter presented his Report for the year, and indicated that his and the Directors' Reports will be published soon. Peter reported on the satisfactory progress made with our association with the Narrabundah Community Centre and its Aboriginal membership, the work on the gardens of the Health Centre and the pleasant BBQ occasion arranged last Saturday.

Pres. Peter spoke of the declining membership of the Club and earlier proposals to merge with Canberra East. However because of the differences in our Club personalities, this has not been pursued. Unfortunately we had a loss of 6 members and a gain of 2 leaving a net loss of 4 members for the year. Peter acknowledged that costs of membership are increasing, noting that at present it will cost at least \$1250 per year

to remain a member. Of the various projects undertaken during the year, Pres. Peter made particular reference to the Club's efforts with The Bike Ride, Trash and Treasure, Driver Reviver and Show Parking. He wished to thank all members who have contributed to the success of the Club during the year, and in particular: Noel Hart as Bulletin Editor, Robin Cromer for setting up and running the Web site, Phil Ibbotson for his role as Attendance Officer, Piers Booth as Program Chairman and his work in Thailand, Pamela Best for her skills in arranging 'parties', Jacki Cauchi and Ajit Banerjee as Treasurers, Keith Avent for maintaining and providing advice on Club Records, Alan Ford for help in 'setting-up', Ian Excell as Sgt and maintaining the photo record, Des Henderson Kelly for helping with Murray Crowe's transport throughout the year and Carlo Binutti for his generous helping hand.

President Peter praised the work of District Governor, Bob Greeney and wished the incoming DG well for his new year. Finally, before handing over his badge of office, President Peter presented flowers to his wife, Shirley, to Incoming President John's wife, Julia Widdup and a gift to Joyce Goodman.



President Peter then handed over to Incoming President John Widdup, who introduced his new Board of Directors as follows:

Noel Hart	Treasurer
John Gray	Secretary
Pamela Best	Club Service Director
Gary Scott	Vocational Director
Piers Booth	International Director
Ray Newcombe	President Elect

Attendance was 83.3%.

**Members were reminded that apologies for future meetings should be directed to Attendance Chairman, BRUCE WYATT.**