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DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS!

An older couple went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'senior's special' was two eggs, bacon, sausage and toast for \$1.99. 'Sounds good,' the wife said, 'but I don't want the eggs.' Then I'll have to charge you \$5.49 because you are ordering a la carte', the waitress replied.

'You mean I'd have to pay for *not* taking the eggs?' the wife asked incredulously. 'Yes!' stated the waitress. 'I'll take the special then,' the woman said.

'How would you like your eggs?' the waitress asked. 'Raw and in the shell!' came the wife's reply. She took the eggs home.

Last week's attendance

Guest Speaker: Ms Holly Tompkins-Tuller
Club Guests: Nil
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Other guests: Ms Lynette McNeill
Makeups: 5
Members present: 23
Percentage: 78.6%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

Program	THIS WEEK - 30 July	NEXT WEEK - Wed 6 August
Introduction	Mr Christopher Peters	TBA
Appreciation	Busoiness in the ACT	TBA
Fellowship	Norma Donaldson	Des Henderson-Kelly
	John Gray	Jeff Ibbotson
	Juliet Badu-Tiwaa	Des Pain
	Bish Mukerjee	Alec Philip
Raven Recorder	Ros Osbourne	Bary Scott
Birthdays	Maureen Booth 31 July	Nil
Anniversaries	Nil	Nil



The Club's name

Tonight members vote on the motions to re-name our Club. The proposal is to name it after the eastern part of the Woden Valley-Weston Creek Town, the development of which began in 1962.

Our Rotary Club was formally founded in the valley on 14 June 1969 and we thus celebrate the 40th anniversary of our association with the Woden Valley at the end of this current Rotary year.

The name 'Woden' was given to the 2,500 acres of land in the valley bought by Dr James Murray in 1837. His younger brother, Terrence Aubrey Murray, owned the adjoining property of 'Yarralumla'. Besides being a medico, Dr Murray was a classical scholar and it is thought he named his property 'Woden' after the Norse God of War.

Our Club's logo and bulletin name reflect Dr Murray's classical thinking about Woden (or Odin) –



NOTICE OF MOTION

1. That the name of this Club be changed

If Motion 1 is carried:

2. That the name of the Club become "Woden Valley Rotary Club Incorporated".

In accordance with the Rules of the Club, the adoption of such motions requires the affirmative vote of at least three-quarters of all members present and voting. Voting is by show of hands. A "member" is defined for this purpose as an Active Member of the Club at the time of the vote.
 Keith Avent, Secretary, 10 July 2008

the supreme God and Alfadur (All-Father). Odin drew wisdom from the well of the Giant Mimir. He had two ravens called Hugin and Munin (Thought and Memory) who flew forth every day and returned at night to tell him what they had seen, so contributing to his wisdom.

Dates for you diary

- 6 August** – Trial dinner meeting at Thai Restaurant, Deakin. Optional partners night.
- Tuesday 19 August** – Joint meeting with Canberra City Rotary Club. Details later.
- 21 September** – Rotary Canberra Scenic Cycle Tour
- 31 August to 6 September** – Rotary Adventure in Citizenship.
- 17 to 19 October** – Parking at Oktoberfest

TONIGHT'S SPEAKER

We extend a warm welcome to **Mr Christopher Peters**, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry, ACT & Region. He will speak on "Business in the ACT".

Last week's meeting

The meeting was opened by Sergeant David Fox who introduced President Shukry.

Shukry emphasised the need to continue to discuss the future name for the Club. A number of views were put forward by members for consideration.

Peter Evans reported that, as a member of the Order of the Knights and Dames of Malta, he had taken part in the Guard of Honour as The Holy Father made his entry into St Mary's Cathedral last week-end. He had also attended the Dedication of the new High Altar and Celebration of High Mass as part of the World Youth Week.

The guest speaker, Holly Tompkins-Tuller was introduced by Gary Scott. She is on a tour of Australia to publicize the Campbell Park facility in the South Island of New Zealand.

Holly has a background in marketing and formerly worked for the N.Z Tourism Board. She has now returned to Campbell Park to carry on where her family have been property managers for many years.

It is a property developed, during the mid 1800's, by Robert Campbell, a relative of the Sydney and Canberra businessmen and graziers. It lies less than a couple of hours from Christchurch, Dunedin and Queenstown and is being developed for Learning Holidays. These come

in two forms as Special Interest, based in one place learning about one subject or General, travelling as a group and learning about a variety of subjects.

Campbell Park provides for visiting groups, local or from overseas for whom suitable lecturers will be invited. Accommodation is various in cottages and dormitories. There are conference facilities.

At the same time the property functions in its grazing capacity.

The scenic wonders of New Zealand were described – from high mountain ranges to swiftly flowing streams down to the braided streams on the plains, from the volcanoes and hot-springs of the north to the snows and glaciers in the south all familiar to members from visits.

Other attractions are the classic buildings in towns reflecting origins in Scotland to older fossil remnants of varied interest. The park has a stately home, 'The Castle', the original old pre-Campbell hut and necessary stables, other farm buildings and sweeping lawns and plantings.

Norma Donaldson gave an appropriate response and presentation of a useful pen.



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Club News

Oktoberfest Parking 17-19 October: Gary Scott reminded members of parking for this, circulating a roster list. This festival was started in Munich in 1810 to celebrate the marriage of Princess Therese. All parking – no money collection

Annual dues: Treasurer Noel Hart is running a competition to reward the last to pay. Those who have not paid need to take the hint!

Dinner at Thai Restaurant 6 August: There will be a trial dinner meeting at this restaurant, which is near the Embassy Motel in Deakin, to test its suitability as a future meeting venue. Optional partners' night.

Club information brochures: President Shukry thanked Des Pain for producing an updated version of the Club's promotional brochure. These are available at the attendance desk and at the Club's web-site soon.

Scenic cycle tour 21 September: Have you distributed your brochures yet? Please see Robin Cromer if you want more.

Remembering Kokoda – John Gray

Members might like to learn of two recent initiatives taken by the Gold Coast community which reflect increasing interest in Australia today about the significance of the PNG Kokoda Campaign in WW II.

The first is being pursued by the Rotary Club of Broadwater-Southport which has been working on a project, valued at \$2.5 million, for the past 7 years. It is located in Cascade Gardens just north of the Gold Coast Convention Centre in Broadbeach.

In the first stage the Club created a short Kokoda walk, interpreting on nine bronze plaques, the different areas of the Kokoda campaign in WW II.

The final stage is a major monument (pictured) comprising a curved wall emphasising the difficult terrain of the Kokoda track. On it is displayed bronze coloured sculptured images alluding to different aspects of the Kokoda campaign. It will be completed & officially unveiled in August.



The second community initiative is a remarkable and successful non-Rotary program on the Gold Coast called the "Kokoda Challenge" which has a strong emphasis on youth development.

This cross country challenge runs annually in the hinterland bushland. Sponsored four-member teams of any age can enter.

This year it attracted over 1,100 entrants to walk 96 kms – the length of the Kokoda Track in PNG. Some 23 school teams from the states, including the ACT, also competed.

This year the challenge raised \$300,000 to finance selected youngsters to walk the PNG

Kokoda Track and learn about Australians who fought, and in many cases died there.

Our 17-year-old grandson has participated in this program over the past 2 years and last year was selected to walk the Kokoda Track in PNG. It was a life-changing experience for him.

For more information on this project go to: www.kokodachallenge.com/

RAVEN REPORTER

Ken Goard

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