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Honorary Membership

Congratulations to Past President Rex Hunt for his recognition as an Honorary Member of the Club, in appreciation of his work in the community.

Honorary Members are those elected by our Club as persons who have exemplified the ideals of Rotary in their public lives.

President Shukry thanked Rex for the years of service he has provided to Rotary and wished him well for his coming move to Empire Bay, NSW.



Rex thanked the Club and spoke about his time as a Rotarian and an Apexian, having first joined in 1972. He looks forward to maintaining his links by coming along from time to time.

They have included: Sir William Hudson; Sir Mark Oliphant; former member Dick Peisley; Clarrie Hermes; Sir John Overall; former members Dick van Arkel; and Bob Scott; and Jon Stanhope.

In addition to Rex Hunt, our current Honorary Members are former member Frank Macklin and founder of the Woden Valley Youth Choir, Don Whitbread.

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JULIA & JOHN WIDDUP REPORT ON THE CYCLO-TOURISTS

Hello from Stirling, We have done the tourist things such as see the castle and today went to see the Falkirk wheel at Falkirk. It is a wheel that takes boats on the union canal to another canal via a revolving wheel. It was a millennium project and very impressive. We are off to Linlithgow tomorrow before we go on to Edinburgh on the 1st.

The weather the last few days has been nice with warm afternoons although the mornings are misty with poor visibility. We intend to cycle along the union canal tomorrow and hopefully have nice weather. We celebrated John's birthday with a cake and treated ourselves with some bike gear that we cannot get in Oz.

We have been following a cycle route that takes us through the lanes and farmland but via forts and castles. We had a couple of days that were very windy but one day mostly a tail wind. Hope all is well there. See Cadel Evans did well in the Tour de France.

Last week's attendance

Guest Speaker: Christopher Peters
Club Guests: Christopher Peters & Rex Hunt
Other guests: Lyn McNeill, Lukas Strohmayer
Honorary Members: Don Whitbread
Makeups: Jim Grainger, Judy Skelton
Members present: 19
Percentage: 64.29

APOLOGIES

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DINNER ROSTER

Program	THIS WEEK - 6 August	NEXT WEEK – Wed 13 August
Introduction	Mr Bob Buckley	TBA
Appreciation	Centre of Excellence in Autism	TBA
Fellowship	Des Henderson-Kelly	Carlo Binutti
	Jeff Ibbotson	Des Henderson-Kelly
	Des Pain	Eric Taylor
	Alec Philip	Juliet Badu-Tiwaa
Raven Recorder	Gary Scott	John Gray
Birthdays	Nil	Julia Widdup 13 August
Anniversaries	Nil	Peter & Shirley Evans 14 August

Location of this week's meeting

Deakin Thai Restaurant, Duff Place, next to the Bridge Club. Usual time, 6.00 for 6.15 and will cost \$20. It is a BYO venue and will serve a western meal. **Please contact Ros Osbourne if you are unable to attend** – her contact information is on the rear of this Raven. This is a trial of this possible future meeting place. Our move arises out of the closure of the Embassy Motel about the end of October prior to demolition.

Dates for your diary

13 August – Board meeting (postponed from 6 August)
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 **Bob Buckley**, Convenor of Autism Aspergers Advocacy Australia and Committee Member of Autism Asperger ACT

August is Membership Extension Month

Last week's speaker

Guest Speaker Chris Peters, C.E.O. of the Canberra Chamber of Commerce gave a challenging address, enlightening members regarding the many areas in which the Canberra Chamber of Commerce is making a difference in our region. Chris himself has a background in business management, and really enjoys living in Canberra with his family.

His work at the Chamber of Commerce is broad ranging and covers many areas including industrial relations, workplace relations, occupational health and safety, insurance, affordable housing and unfair dismissals. In policy areas he is involved with both Federal and local government and at present this includes consultations regarding climate change and emissions. He submitted 15 proposals for the ACT budget covering both business and community areas. The Capital Region Community Foundation has been established enabling businesses to support the broad community.

The Chamber recognises the challenges of catering for a new generation



who have different expectations for their working lives, and is providing leadership with new ideas in education and training. Canberra initiatives include school based apprenticeships, more intensive training for chefs and hairdressing apprentices, and programs for kids at risk in the construction and automotive industries. The skills shortage and an ageing workforce are other areas being addressed.

Chris left us to ponder the major issues which are on the horizon for Canberra: interest rates, petrol prices, the international economy, public sector downsizing, climate change and the skills shortage. He warned that the skills shortage will double over the next three years and in particular we need engineers, accountants, trades and health professionals.

Ways of addressing this include the silver lining project for mature aged people and sourcing professionals and tradesmen from countries which have a surplus.

This was an informative and thought-provoking address.

Club News

Ian Excell: Val reports that Ian came home on 1 August but has to visit John James for physiotherapy. He has been taken for a drive to view the "real world". Congratulations Ian on these important steps out of your difficult health situation.

Phil Ibbotson: Phil is in John James after his knee operation and is still in a lot of pain. The next step is physiotherapy and then hopefully home.

Change of name of the club: Members voted formally at last week's meeting on two motions, accepting the first motion to change the name of the Club, but rejecting the name proposed in the second motion – "Woden Valley Rotary Club". Following further discussion regarding the name, the matter will be reconsidered by the Board.

Operation Uplift: The Inner Wheel Club of Canberra Woden is supporting the Rotary Project, *Operation Uplift*, described in the July issue of *Rotary Down Under*. Pre-owned and new bras are being collected for a second life in Fiji, Vanuatu and Tonga and are really appreciated by the women in those countries. If any of your friends would like to assist, bras can be brought to the meeting and will be sent on to the Inner Wheel coordinator, Shirley Granger-Evans.

PHF celebrates 102nd birthday!

Congratulations to Edna Brandon, Rotarian Judy Skelton's mother, who celebrated her 102nd birthday on 31 July. Edna was made a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Salisbury, Brisbane in 1988. It is believed she was the first non-Rotarian to become a Paul Harris Fellow in Queensland!

RAVEN REPORTER

Ros Osbourne

PHOTOGRAPHERS

John Gray
Alastair Hare's friend

Message from Youth Exchangee Alastair Hare

I'm typing this to you on a fine Saturday morning, the Danish sun is nice and warm and the landscape is beautiful.

Since the Rotary Eurotour – the photo is of myself (in yellow) and a few other exchangees at the Louvre in Paris – I have been living in a little town called Flemløse, about 6 km from the big town in the area (Glamsbjerg) where my school is. It's a 3km bike ride to the nearest bus stop! But it's still nice, or as the Danish say, 'hyggeligt'. The house I'm staying in is a typical old Danish farm house, one with a giant shed/garage and storing places. It's no longer a farm though, just a nice little house.

Life is different here from my last host family. We cook our dinner on the grill (barbecue) more than I've ever seen any Australian families do and no matter what, we always eat as a family. Also, we warm our water by the wood fire! We're doing some renovating on the house, so I've been busy helping around with that as well.

The last month or so has mainly been seeing as much of my friends as possible (we're on summer holidays). There has been some teary farewells to the northern hemisphere exchange students, many of whom I'd become really good friends with. At least it means I have a reason to visit other countries though.

A week or so ago, I got a visit from an old friend from Australia. My little brother's friend and his mum were really close friends of the family and they came up to

visit me! I got to give them a little tour of my town and Odense (the big city that I have claimed as my new home) which was brilliant. I also finally got to go to Legoland with them, which is really astounding. Lego statues with a couple hundred thousand lego pieces...incredible.

I must say, getting a visit from an English-speaker who has no idea of Danish is kind of funny. Now that my Danish is improving steadily, it's funny to hear someone come along and pronounce everything horribly wrong - like I did when I first came.

I also went for a quick trip to Copenhagen last weekend to visit some of the other exchange-students. I spent two days there and blew half of my rotary pocket money on travel. And then of course, the other half on shopping for Danish fashion.

There was a huge concert in Odense yesterday, called Grøn Koncert (Green Concert), and was a big charity event for disabled people with huge Danish names performing. It turns out Aqua (Yes, the Barbie Girl people) were there and were one of the biggest crowd drawers. It was a great concert, 20,000 people, most of them drunk and all of them dancing.

I still get the Raven regularly and it's a nice little tidbit to read. You guys seem pretty busy as well.

Vi ses! Alastair.

