

Board Directors

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WHY ENGLISH IS HARD TO LEARN

- * A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer pipe.
- * I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- * How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend.
- * A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- * Upon seeing a tear in the painting I shed a tear.

Last week's attendance

Guest Speakers: David Fox, Ian Excell & Neale Emanuel
Other guests: Nil
Members present: 21
Makeups: 1 (Jim Grainger)
Percentage: 67.7

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
 Ros Osbourne
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(ROS HAS RETURNED, SO PLEASE DO NOT SEND APOLOGIES TO BERNADETTE)

DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK - 5 November	NEXT WEEK - 12 November
Program	Bob & Helen Harvie 'Trakking' Australia	TBA
Introduction	Norma Donaldson	Des Henderson-Kelly
Appreciation	Lynette Svanosio	Jeff Ibotson
Fellowship	Eric Taylor Bish Mukerjee	Des Pain Alec Philip
Raven Recorder	Ros Osbourne	To be advised
Birthdays	S. Evans 4 Nov; P. Schmidt 6 Nov; J. Skelton 7 Nov	Ken Goard 12 Nov
Anniversaries	Nil	



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

We will shortly be welcoming back to Canberra our Outgoing Youth Exchangee, Alastair Hare. He left Canberra for Denmark in January this year.

He is making full use of his year in Denmark to expand his perspectives of the world in which he will make his way in the decades ahead. We are sure he will be a significant leader in society and that his Rotary experiences will have an important influence.

Alastair, sixteen years old, will return to his home in Mawson and will be studying next year at a College in Canberra in Year 11. He can speak and read basic chinese and is particularly interested in drama. He has now added the Danish language to his portfolio.

He is now with his last host family and counsellor and things seem to be going well.

The overseas students currently in Denmark had a Halloween weekend together somewhere last weekend - Alastair dressed up as Alex from Clockwork Orange - and in someone else's John Lennon costume.

He has had a groovy (?) haircut, since these photographs were taken.

We look forward to Alastair telling us of his experiences. Will we recognise him with his new haircut?



Dates for your diary

- Tues 4 Nov** – Parking for Melbourne Cup
- Sat 15 Nov** – Working Bee at Greenhills Centre
- Wed 19 Nov** – Club AGM & Elections
- Wed 26 Nov** – Prospective new members night
- Sun 30 Nov** – Parking for Canberra Cup
- Wed 3 Dec** – Workplace meeting at Fyshwick
- Wed 10 Dec** – Club Xmas Party/ Embassy Finale
- Wed 28 Jan** – First meeting at Federal Gold Club

TONIGHT'S SPEAKER

Bob & Helen Harvie
'Trakking' Australia

Last week -

The opening report from David Fox tells of a visit with Shukry to a local hardware store in Canberra with the purchase of several hundred dollars worth of tools and needs for the working party leaving next week for Kintore. Next was a phone call by Neale to the manager of the Mitre10 store in The Alice a most encouraging encounter. Ready to assist, the manager has visited the town, knew the Blue House and would be travelling there next Tuesday, and further would take Neale along with him. The rest of the team will go later in the week with other transport arrangements.

The processing of the name change has moved from R.I. headquarters back to Canberra for approval by the ACT Registrar-General. Keith Avent suggests that we may use the new name Rotary Club of Woden informally meanwhile.

Next there were three speakers with mini-addresses – **David Fox** on “Four Problems facing the I.T. Industry”, **Ian Excell** on “Reconstructing Companies (while in hospital)” and **Neale Emanuel** on “Obscure ways of making money”.

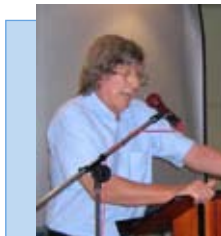
Hewlett-Packard, said David, is one of the world’s largest companies, operates free of debt, keeps a low public profile, and has taken over numerous companies to strengthen its proficient base. He showed some analyses of the use of capital, comparisons between the outlay and benefit achieved – “Dollar spend for return”. There is an increasing demand for access to more information, but at less cost in terms of the equipment needed and usage charges – “Flipping the benefit ratio”. Much money can be spent with minimal gain. The market will expand enormously in the years ahead especially in Brazil, Russia, India and China. A figure suggested is in the order of magnitude of 10 times each year!

Data Centres are an inevitable accompaniment of this expansion. They can be sited anywhere, needing a small but expert staff for management and a power supply. They are energy-hungry and require specialized premises. There is much heat produced and progress to solid-state memory, fewer moving parts, working cooler and having less need of fans or more for large installation, will ensure their survival. The above summarizes the four issues – Power, Cooling, Data Centres, Market Explosion

Ian Excell sees a bright future still for smaller companies, having personal involvement in a number concerned with coordination of programs to unify company (functional) structure. “Business Motivation Modelling” allows directors to shape their company into a functional whole with a “Business Model Simple” as the outcome.

Finally, Neale Emanuel took as through an exercise in exchange rates and the use of inter-relationships (rates and interest) for international investing say, in building which over the course of a year or two can bring a profit of millions for the operators. These processes were clarified by the use of a white-board, figures and arrows.

The members showed their appreciation for these mini-chats but left somewhat bemused by the plethora of jargon words embedded in I.T. and business practice. They were heartened to learn that even at the age of 70 years such experts would still have no problem finding immediate employment.



Prospective New Members Night

The next ‘prospective new members night’ will be on Wednesday 26 November. All Club members are asked to recommend someone who should be invited -- we all know of a few suitable prospects so consider them please.

Names and addresses to John Widdup **ASAP** (invitations will go out before 7 November). And please attend (and bring guests) to show prospects that we are a viable Club.

Shukry Sahhar, President

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Ken Goard

PHOTOGRAPHER

John Gray
Alastair Hare

Club News

Meeting at Fyshwick, 3 December 2008: – The meeting on this date will be at Robson Enviro, in Fyshwick, the work-place of Lyn Svanosio [McNeill], instead of at the Embassy. More details in the next Raven.

Annual General Meeting: The meeting has been postponed by one week to 19 November due to the absence of President Shukry at Kintore.

New Club Meeting Venue: The first meeting at the Federal Golf Club will be on Wednesday 28 January 2009.

Greenhills Rotary Working Bee, Saturday 15 November: AG Barry Howe reports that the next working bee will be on 15 November starting at 9am. Morning tea and lunch will be provided by the Rotary Club of Canberra East. Work will include tree planting and the completion of walking trails and improvements to the BBQ area. Please advise Shukry before Wednesday 12 November if you are coming. This is another good opportunity for fellowship, exercise and community service.

Board Bytes - Secretary Keith Avent

At the Board meeting last week, some of the items discussed were:

Rotary Western Desert Project: Arrangements for the Club’s first work on the ground at Kintore, to be led by Shukry on 8-17 November, were discussed. David Fox handed over plans and instructions for the work on the building upgrade. Neale Emanuel has arranged supplies of materials from Alice Springs. Travel costs of members and associated volunteers working at Kintore on the project will be subsidised to the extent of \$500 from the Club’s funds for the project

Membership Recruitment: John Widdup is arranging a membership recruitment dinner on 26 November. He will be writing to invitees early in November, and is wanting names and addresses of potential members as a matter of urgency.

New meeting venue: Detailed arrangements were discussed for our transfer to Federal Golf Club, commencing 28 January.

George Paulus and Bruce Drake Awards: Nominations for the George Paulus Vocational Service Awards and Bruce Drake Community Service Awards were discussed. Members are invited to put forward names for these awards for individuals, groups or organisations who have shown exceptional dedication. It isn’t a competitive thing; we can make any number of such awards.

Scenic Bicycle Tour 2009: It was agreed to hold another Scenic Bicycle Tour on 27 September 2009. Following some problems with directional signing this year, larger signage is to be ordered.