



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CANBERRA-WODEN

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CANBERRA-WODEN INC.

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The back page

The Senility prayer

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway,
 the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and
 the eyesight to tell the difference

A reporter was interviewing a woman on her 104th birthday:

'And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?' the reporter asked. 'No peer pressure' was her response!

Last week's attendance

Guest speaker: John Widdup

Guests: Julia Widdup

Make-ups: Jim Grainger, Bernadette Cappello,
 Des Henderson-Kelly

Members present: 24, **Countable:** 23

Percentage: 86.66%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

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DINNER ROSTER

This week - 17 September

Program Bill Buckley - Royal Flying Dr Service
 Flying Doctors

Introduction Des Pain
 Appreciation Lynette McNeill
 Fellowship Norma Donaldson
 Jeff Ibbotson

Raven Recorder
 Birthdays B Cappello 20/9 K Avent 21/9
 Anniversaries

Next week - 24 September

TBA
 Judy Skelton
 Lukas Strohmayer
 Bish Mukerjee
 Judy Skelton
 Bernadette Cappello
 Ajit Banerjee 22/9, N Emanuel 23/9, Anna Banerjee 25/9
 Ray & Caroline Newcombe 23/9

Club name

Last week, Secretary Keith Avent informed members that the Board had agreed unanimously that our club name should be changed to: **“ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN”**

President Shukry put the motion to members and the vote in favour of changing the name was unanimous.

This change of name now requires approval from Rotary Inter-



President Shukry and Keith Avent plotting to change the club's name

national and completion of some other formalities. The Board has authorised the necessary follow-up action to obtain RI approval and acceptance under the ACT Associations Incorporations Act.

The name of this club is now expected to become: **“ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN”**

Stop press

Sarah Brown, Manager of WDNWPT at Kintore, has received a letter dated 8 Sept. 2008 from the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indige-

nous Affairs. The letter provides written approval for the conversion of an unused building (The Blue House) into a Renal Health Care Centre.

All administrative hurdles now appear to have been overcome and the Western Desert Project can start in earnest. Great work David Fox and others.

The Department's letter was clairvoyant in referring to “Woden Rotary” prior to the Club vote on a change of name!

September is New Generations month

Tonight

Bill Buckley
Bill is from the Royal Flying Doctor Service and will talk to us about “Flying Doctors”

Greenhills Centre

We have a reminder from Harold Small (Hon. Executive Officer, Greenhills Centre and PP Canberra East) that the next working bee is Saturday 20 September starting at 9 am. The aim is to complete the walking trails and further enhance the landscape and outdoor facilities.



Morning tea and lunch will be provided by Canberra East. Harold would like clubs to advise him by Sunday 14 September of their participation and approximate numbers.

The two Working Bees so far this year have been supported by four clubs: Canberra, Canberra East, Can-

berra Weston Creek & Ginninderra, with over 20 Rotarians at each working bee. Walking trails have been developed, over 100 trees planted, paving laid and weeds and dead wood removed.

This is a continuation of the bushfire recovery of the Greenhills site, complementing the contributions made by Rotary to the John Louttit Rotary Hall built in 2006 and extensive plantings undertaken in 2006 & 2007. A second working bee is planned this spring on 15 November so make sure the date goes in your diary.

Please let Bernadette know if you are planning to attend the working bee.

District Conference Friday 31st October – Sunday 2nd November 2008

The District Governor Phil Mewett, circulated a reminder to members emphasizing the benefits to Rotarians from attending, enjoying the atmosphere of a tent meeting place and setting out phone contact numbers for booking accommodation (1300 662 808) with the support of the Nowra Tourist Association. We were given ornate money boxes for conference pocket money.

Battle for Britain - Club members are invited to attend the Battle for Britain celebration this week, the Club having made a donation.

District Friendship Exchange - We have received an invitation for Rotarians and partners to participate in a visit to the UK (Wales) next year. If you are interested, please follow up directly with Committee Chairman Gerry McNamara (04 07 78 0 619). No date set as yet.

Important dates for your diary

Saturday 20 September: Working bee, Greenhills Centre

Sunday 21 September: Rotary Scenic Cycle Tour of Canberra

Fri. 31 October – Sun. 2 November: District Conference, Sussex Inlet

Wed. 12 November: Club AGM (adoption of 2007-08 reports, elections for 2009-10)

Saturday 15 November: Working bee, Greenhills Centre

10 December: A good old Christmas party to celebrate our long association with the Embassy Motel

John Widdup: Cycling in the UK

Ray Newcombe introduced John's talk "**Wet Weather and Flat Tyres**" along the iconic LEJOG route, a distance of 876 miles from the extremes of Britain, the south-west Lands End to the north-east John O'Groats. Four including Julia covered 3,600 km with diversions following minor roads. Hill-free routes were sought, with some railway assistance on the return trip, taking time to enjoy the scenery, visit friends and relatives.

Their route was illustrated for us with excellent maps and a collection of wonderful pictures getting to the nubbin of these trav-



PP John talks about "Flat tyres and damp camping"

els, wet weather. Light rain most days meant wearing rain gear most of the time. Drying-out was hindered by the high humidity. The foursome discovered midges with their silent biting and irritating itching after a day or two. Country lanes hedged with Hawthorn contributed to punctures, thorny twigs being scattered on the road by pruning. Camping-grounds were the usual overnight accommodation with occasional B & B's.

So: Think bike!!

Appreciation by **Des Pain** presenting an all-weather pen.

New venue

Following John Widdup's return from overseas, he (as responsible director) will now be involved in selecting a new venue for our meetings from the beginning of 2009.

Raven Reporter

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