



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CANBERRA-WODEN

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The back page

Two small boys, not yet old enough to be in school, were overheard talking at the zoo one day. "My name is Billy. What's yours?" asked the first boy. "Tommy," replied the second.

"My Daddy's an accountant. What does your Daddy do for a living?" asked Billy. Tommy replied, "My Daddy's a lawyer." "Honest?" asked Billy. "No, just the regular kind", replied Tommy

Last week's attendance

Guest speaker: Robin Cromer
Make-ups: Des Henderson-Kelly (Cbr City); Jim Grainger (Palm Beach), Shukry Sahhar, Neale Emanuel & John Widdup (Kintore)
Members present: 21
Count: 20 **Makeups:** 5
Percentage: 83.33 %

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

Program	This week - 19 November AGM plus "Progress at Kintore" by Shukry & John	Next week - 26 November Recruitment night
Introduction	Carlo Binutti	Jeff Ibbotson
Appreciation	Des Henderson-Kelly	Bish Mukerjee
Fellowship	Eric Taylor	Lukas Strohmayer
Raven Recorder	John Gray	Ajit Banerjee
Birthdays	Bruce Wyatt 18/11	Ken Goard
Anniversaries	Shukry & Helen Sahhar 21/11	Barbara Whitbread 25/11

Rotary Western Desert Project

In the absence of President Shukry, David Fox welcomed those members who had not been lured into the desert to work on the Club's Project for the Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku community at Kintore.

With the aid of a satellite phone David had been in touch with desert workers Shukry, Neale and John, each of whom claimed to be doing most of the work. Whoever has been toiling the most in the 40 degree temperatures, considerable progress has been made in preparing the building for



the plumbing and electrical workers who will be on the next work party. Three local men from the community have been working with the labourers from Canberra on the building that will soon house dialysis equipment for the community.

Mitre 10 in Alice Springs has provided materials for the project at a generous discount. Before the effects of the Emanuel silver tongue could wear off they dispatched two pallet loads of materials for the long drive to Kintore. The manager intends to visit the community shortly to see the project. Thanks Mitre 10.

Dates for your diary

- Wed 19 Nov:** Club AGM and Elections
- Wed 26 Nov:** Prospective new members night
- Sun 30 Nov:** Parking for Canberra Cup
- Wed 3 Dec:** Workplace meeting, Fyshwick
- Wed 10 Dec:** Club Christmas Party
- Wed 17 Dec:** Christmas message, Rex Hunt
- 2009**
- Wed 14 Jan:** President's barbecue

Tonight

- **AGM**
- **Elections**
- **Kintore progress report**

Club speaker on Melanesia

Lynn Svanosio introduced guest speaker for the night, our Raven Joint-Editor Robin Cromer, who with his wife Jill recently sailed the south western Pacific aboard the Oceanic Discoverer.

The term *Melanesia* includes the western Pacific islands of New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Solomons and islands of Papua New Guinea



Modern day outrigger

that lie east of the mainland. Robin first outlined how the forebears of the Melanesian peoples populated Australia and New Guinea when sea levels were lower during the period from 40,000 (+) up to 4,000 years ago. They made short sea crossing and settled New Britain, New Ireland and the Solomons. Beyond the Solomons, distances between islands are greater and these barriers were not crossed until the technology of double-hulled canoes and navigation methods had improved.



Melanesian lady Solomon Islands

Pre-cursors of the Polynesian people spread from the Tai-

wan-Phillipines region, starting some 3,500 years ago. They spread beyond the Solomons about 3,000 to 3,200 years ago in substantial double hulled sailing canoes, eventually reaching as far as New Zealand about 700 years ago.

The Oceanic Discoverer took its modern day explorers from New Caledonia, through Vanuatu and the Solomons to Papua New Guinea. Passengers enjoyed somewhat more in creature comforts than those on ancient Melanesian sailing canoes.



Land diving on Pentecost Island

Members were treated to a DVD that showed Robin and his fellow explorers being welcomed by villagers; learning of the history of the region from the on-board archaeologist; discovering local fauna and flora with the help of the ship's wildlife commentator; and taking tips on bungee jumping from Pentecost islanders.

Jeff Ibbotson thanked Robin for an informative and enjoyable presentation.

Rotary Foundation Month

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world

"The Foundation is traced right back to 1917 when the late Arch Klumpf, then President of RI, pointed out the need for an endowment for Rotary to "measure up to its full opportunities for service during the years to come". He envisaged "...

some great educational service to mankind". The world was in the midst of the first global war and men's minds were deeply concerned with the collapse of the world they had known.

In 1928 Convention formally adopted the Foundation".

The amazing work undertaken by the Foundation today, including Polio Plus, 3H Grants, Matching Grants, Ambassadorial Scholarships, GSE, Rotary World Peace Scholarships and many other programmes have resulted directly from the vision of Arch Klumpf in 1917.

Paragraphs in italics taken from "Rotary Ways" by Arnold Osborne, RC of Canberra Woden (1991).

Club News

Recruitment

Don't forget that next week is set aside for inviting potential new members. Club membership has increased in the past six months, primarily due to recruitment nights. Give John Widdup the names of any potential members that you feel would be an asset to our Club.

Christmas cakes

Christmas cakes and puddings that have been ordered previously will be available for collection this Wednesday night.

Raven Reporter

Jeff Ibbotson

Photographs

Robin Cromer

AGM

Keith reminded members that the Club's AGM including elections for the 2009-10 Board will be held this week, Wednesday 19 November.

Car Parking

Acting Sergeant Ian reminded members that as well as imposing fines he is collecting names for parking at Thoroughbred Park on Sunday 30 November.

Workplace meeting

The Club will visit Lynette Svanosio's workplace on 3 December. Robson Environmental Laboratories is downstairs in the Chubb building, 9 Lyell St Fyshwick. The company deals with Occupational Health and Hygiene. Take care which door you use as one of Fyshwick's houses of ill repute is next door!