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**Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle Ride of Canberra.
Held annually in September.**



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Meetings: 6.00 for 6.15 pm Wednesdays, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill

YOUR FELLOW MEMBER – Keith Avent

I studied Agricultural Science at Melbourne University in 1945-48, and then became a horticultural scientist in the Victorian Department of Agriculture. In 1957, I was appointed Manager of the Department's Horticultural Research Station at Tatura.

In 1968 I came to work in Canberra in Government-based management roles. In 1971, I joined CSIRO. Initially I had oversight of "networking" activities such as agricultural conferences, publications and committees. Later, I became Executive Secretary to the Institute of Biological Resources, which co-ordinated research in plant sciences and natural biological resources. After 1988 I worked with

two other specialist Government groups. I retired in 1992, and have since served 16 years as a curatorial volunteer at the National Gallery of Australia.



As regards service organisations. I was Inaugural President of the Tatura Apex Club and then President of the Tatura Rotary Club. In Canberra, I joined this Club in 1972, and was President in 1984-85. Among other things I have been a Club Secretary in Rotary 5 times. My other interests have included choral work, and I have been involved with a number of community and professional organisations. I was a hopeless golfer and gave that away 25 years ago.

The back page

WHAT DO RETIRED PEOPLE DO ALL DAY?

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting.

Well, for example, the other day my wife and I went into town and went into a shop. When we came out, there was a policeman writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and said, 'Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?' He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him a Nazi swine. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tyres. He finished it and put it on the windscreen with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Personally, we didn't care. We came into town by bus. We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age.

Attendance last week

Club Guest & Speaker: Ms Jacqui Burke
Visiting Rotarian: Mike Rodd (Nowra), Jacqui Burke (Canberra Sunrise)
Other Guests: Marcus Donnelly
Members present: 23
Makeups: 1
Percentage: 76.6 %

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

Program	THIS WEEK - 12 August	NEXT WEEK – 19 August
	Eli Hopkins and Tom Sloan Development in Vietnam	Kiebillou
Introduction	Ajit Banerjee	David Fox
Appreciation	Carlo Binutti	Lukas Strohmayer
Fellowship	Lukas Strohmayer Bish Mukerjee	Bernadette Cappello
Raven Recorder	Ken Goard	John Widdup
Birthdays	Julia Widdup 13 August	Christine Bell
		Piers Booth 19 August
Anniversaries	Peter & Shirley Evans 14 August	Phil & Louise Ibbotson 20 August

Dates for your diary

Parking – Check Gary's roster for the dates you are rostered
18-28 Aug. – Next working party to Kintore
5-12 Sept. – Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC)
Sun 27 Sept. – Rotary Spring Cycle Ride
16-19 Oct. – Club hosts Shanghai GSE team
23-25 Oct. – District Conference in Cooma
26-28 Feb. – Canberra Show (parking)

TONIGHT

We welcome Eli Hopkins & Tom Sloan who will talk on development in Vietnam

August is Membership Extension Month

Last Week

President Ros asked John Widdup to speak on the current membership extension month for which purpose she had provided the RDU survey questionnaires on Rotarians' attitudes to their club. Those present were asked to fill them in.

Our new model of sergeant Ian Excell excelled himself in corny jokes while asking for bread and in nailing donations.



Our speaker Jacquie Burke was introduced by Neale Emanuel. After leaving politics as a Member for Molonglo she now relishes her present lowly paid position as Director volunteer of Canberra Community Care which is a charity aiming to give charity with dignity in the ACT. It started in the Parkway Church which changed to the Apostolic Church of Australia to honor celebrate and support individuals and society and dedicated to seeing peoples' lives change.

They have needed to move several times and to now pay considerable rent as a shop front of \$33000 pa. They are now at Weston Creek, known as the Retro Rack Op Shop where they were helped by large donations from Capital Chemist, the Canberra Times, the Chronicle, Canberra Weekly, IGA, Superbarn etc.

They have 725 clients and give fresh food not money, they provide a debt managing service and counseling believing that a hand up is better than a hand out. She is very driven and wants to focus on young people feeling hopeless, helpless and useless. She is a member of Christians Against Poverty with a program called Slipstream which is not academic but nevertheless provides tuition and equipment to show someone who cares.

She spoke of the good cooperation between all the charities who swap goods to where they will benefit most. They do have problems however, with rubbish being dumped in their collection boxes which they must sort, at great expense and inconvenience.

AnneMarie gave the vote of thanks.

Induction of new member – Marcus Donnelly

Last week Lyn Svanosio showed a great example in attracting new members by introducing Marcus Donnelly who was inducted by President Ros.



Marcus had an unfortunate beginning, although having Aussie parents he was born in New Zealand but redeemed himself by returning here at the age of two. He has skills in computer training and repair as well as social work in far west NSW and as an astronomy guide at Coonabarabran for nine years. He currently works in an occupational hygiene area and will be enrolling in a Graduate Diploma in Occupational Hygiene.

MARCUS, WELCOME TO THE CLUB.

Club News

GSE Team from Shanghai: President Ross reported that information on the composition of the team has yet to be received. The Belconnen Club will be hosting the team during the week prior to handing them over to us for the weekend. It is interesting that the few Chinese Clubs only have expatriate members.

Eric Taylor: Des Pain reported that Eric has improved sufficiently to have visitors. He is in Ward 14B Room 3 at Canberra Hospital. However it is wise to check with Rosemary before deciding to visit.

Parking Rosters: The roster for parking at Thoroughbred Park till June 2010 has now been distributed by email to all members. Talk to Gary Scott if you have issues to raise.

Cardiac Ambulance, India: A most appreciative letter has been received from Nashik Road Rotary Club in India regarding the use of the ambulance we helped set up, detailing extra duties it performs.

RAVEN REPORTER

Bob Harvie

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Robin Cromer

ATTENTION – PARTNERS' NIGHT 19 AUGUST

Board Bytes - Secretary Keith Avent

Here are some of the issues dealt with at the Board Meeting last Wednesday evening:

New Members: We need more. We are not at present planning a recruitment evening of the type we have had during the last two years, but the Board will encourage members to be more active in seeking to recruit others to the Club – and to the world of Rotary.

Federal Golf Club: We hope to encourage members of the Federal Golf Club to take an interest in, and maybe become involved with, our Rotary Club.

Friends of the Club: President Ros is proceeding with plans to establish a group of Friends of the Rotary Club of Woden, who will receive the Raven regularly and be encouraged to take an active interest in our activities.

Rotary Western Desert Project: Not too surprisingly, the costs of developing the renal care unit at Kintore are heavy, and this means that we will need to be tight-fisted about other project expenditures until more funds become available.

Rotary Spring Cycle Ride: John Widdup reported on preparations for the cycle ride on 27 September. Expect a lot of action shortly!

Dinner apologies: The Board has decided that a member who fails to attend a Club dinner but has not apologised will be required to pay the dinner fee. This has become necessary because of the strict arrangements with the Golf Club about attendance numbers and payments, and the need to avoid the Club meeting unjustified costs.