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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

Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle Ride of Canberra.

Held annually in September.

20th RAIC – A New Generations Program

It is very appropriate that, in this *New Generations Month*, our club, the Canberra Rotary Club and the Parliamentary Education Office are yet again this week jointly running the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship. Thirty year 11 students are attending, nominated by Rotary clubs from across Australia. Included this year are 2 exchange students. Some 10 members of our Club are involved.

RI President John Kenny said recently that Rotary youth programs have unparalleled potential “to influence young minds and souls toward peace, goodwill and harmony. That potential is the greatest in youth because the experiences of our early years never leave us; they shape who we later become.” In the case of RAIC, how true!

Exciting sessions role play the activities which normally take place in Parliament House and include visiting question time, role playing doorstep interviews and

a Senate Committee of Inquiry. A number of members of parliament will speak with the delegates as part of the program. Social activities include a barbecue at Black Mountain Peninsula, a trip to the Australian Institute of Sport, a bush dance and a formal dinner. The delegates return home on Saturday 12 September.

We are all grateful to those of our membership hosting delegates this year – Ian and Val Excell, John and Anne Robson, Bruce Wyatt and Celeste Rowland, Gary Scott and Pat Schmidt, and John and Julia Widdup.

Members have opportunities to be involved with the program this week by attending the following functions: **Monday** 12 noon, *RAIC Luncheon*; **Tuesday** 5.15 to 7.45pm *Rotary Youth Programs Dinner* at Asia Cafe in Civic (contact is Bruce Wyatt if you want to come); and **Wednesday** 2 pm *Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*, at the Australian War Memorial.

Woden Valley Youth Choir – 40th anniversary

Many Rotarians have been involved with the Woden Valley Youth Choir over the past 40 years as parents or grandparents, committee members or supporters. The Choir has had a very close relationship with Woden Rotary, being formed in the same year, 1969, and being involved in many joint fundraising concerts etc. WVYC is inviting all alumni and their families and friends to join in the celebrations on the weekend of 18-20 September 2009. The major event will be the 40th Re-union Concert on Saturday 19 September at 7.30 pm in Llewellyn Hall. An Alumni Choir will take part.

Details at <<http://www.wvyc.org.au>> Tickets from Ticketek 62196752. Please spread the word to as many past members as possible.

Attendance last week

Club Guests & Speakers: Peta Fitzgibbon & Kate Hegarty

Other Guests: Julia Widdup

Members present: 23 **Makeups:** 2

Percentage: 80.65 %

Previous week: Members: 14; Guests: 7; Makeups: 8; Percentage: 70.96%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK - Mon. 7 September	NEXT WEEK – 16 September
Program	Professor Don Aitken RAIC	HE Mr Michael Bryce Canberra – Before & now
Introduction	Ian Excell	Des Henderson-Kelly
Appreciation	David Fox	Ken Goard
Fellowship	Des Henderson-Kelly Bish Mukerjee	Des Pain Alec Philip
Raven Recorder	John Gray	Bernadette Cappello
Birthdays	Joanne Binutti 9 September	Bernadette Cappello 20 September
Anniversaries	Frank & Dorothy Macklin 8 September	Nil

PARKING AT THOROUGHbred PARK

Friday 18 Sept. – Gary Scott (Leader), Pat Schmidt, Ken Goard and Norma Donaldson.

Dates for your diary

Parking – See roster at foot of page 4 for next parking day.

5-12 Sept. – Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC)

Sun 27 Sept. – Rotary Spring Cycle Ride

15-19 Oct. – Club hosts Shanghai GSE team

23-25 Oct. – District Conference in Cooma

11 Nov. – Club AGM

16 Dec. – Club Xmas Party

23–30 Dec. – No meetings

26-28 Feb. – Canberra Show (parking)

TODAY

12 NOON MONDAY
COMMONWEALTH CLUB
RAIC LUNCHEON
SPEAKER:
Professor Don Aitken
Acting Chair, National
Capital Authority

September is New Generations Month

Last week's speakers

Christine Bell introduced the two speakers – Peta Fitzgibbon with a 30 years interest in this field and now in the Chaya Hostel for Boys in New Delhi, India (founded in 2008) and Kate Hegarty, studying Social Sciences and about to visit the school for a couple of months looking at family relationships. There are seventeen boys living at the school now.

As part of this there is the Tara Hostel a name chosen by the boys, a Hindi word meaning “Star” carrying a significance built into the objectives of their care. Boys from 5 years to Year 12 are accepted, assisted to attend the local Government schools but returning to the hostel after mid-day when the school closes. They take part in a structured set of tutorial courses aiming for a holistic education, many to catch up, others to broaden their training and experience. This is not training for a trade. It is education for a place in the Indian community having come to the hostel from broken homes, abuse, orphaned and discarded, away from child labour, poverty and hunger. For background, India's population is in the order of 1.5 billion with an estimated 10% in child-labour working 21 hours/week.

The hostel relies on charitable donations and largely volunteers, these 18 or so teachers coming locally or from overseas sources. There is a registered body Chaya Foundation Australia to accept donations here and handle enquiries. Government schooling is not entirely free so these boys have to be subsidized there and cared for in the hostel. The Government system just can't cope.

The Hostel has a web site www.taraindia.org for information more pictures and some movies produced by the boys.

After an appreciation by Ian Excell, President Ros closed the meeting.



Board Bytes

Rotary Western Desert Project: Following a short discussion on various aspects of this project last Wednesday, the Board will have a special meeting on 7 October to look in detail at funding, budget control, aspects concerning the involvement of local people in the project, and several other matters. We now have from John Widdup a thorough listing of work still to be done, providing a firm basis for forward planning.

Membership: President Ros is heading up action to promote new membership, encourage contacts with the Golf Club and inform our friends and contacts about progress on the Kintore project.

Awards: Awards are to be made to two people who have helped the Club in the management of its affairs – more info later!

Christmas-New Year period: Planning is already under way for the Christmas - New Year period.

Club News

P.A. System: To acquaint members with its operation, there will be workshops at 5.30 on some Rotary Nights. The first will be Wednesday 16 September. Several have volunteered but others may come and look on, to have formal instruction at a later date.

Eric Taylor: Eric has now moved to Jindalee Aged Care Residence at 277 Goyder Street Narrabundah. We wish you well Eric. He may be visited there.

RAVEN REPORTER

Ken Goard

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Bruce Wyatt

John Widdup

Don't forget – NO MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY!!!

Rotary Western Desert Health Project - John Widdup

Assisted by some excellent pictures, John talked through the labours of the group who had just visited Kintore for two weeks.



The party comprised John and Julia Widdup with Anne-Marie Driver and husband Rod from our club. They were joined there by Rotarians Eugene Maloney, Greg Bannon, Tony Christie and Mick Luckie from South Wagga and Pop Power from Koorlingal Club.

A steel shed was erected adjacent to the purple house, closed off on two sides as shelter for people waiting, families etc.

There was further cleaning and replacement of tiles, removal of tired floor coverings, further work on walls and doors, and outside a new water tank was set on a concrete base. A Wagga Rotarian, a professional painter worked throughout the time. And a new H.W.S. was installed inside.



Of particular comment, an indigenous man and wife were shown holding their Certificates of Competency, for him to have learnt to manage his own dialysis and her to be fully instructed in problems which may arise. They will return shortly to their settlement with the machine to be joined later by other trained patients and carers. What impressive progress!