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SIGNS ON VEHICLES

Night Soil Truck –
“Yesterday’s Meals on Wheels.”

Another Plumber’s Truck–
“Don’t sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.”

Electrician’s Truck –
“Let us remove your shorts.”

Plumber’s Truck –
“We repair what your husband fixed.”

Attendance last week

Club Guests & Speakers: HE Michael Bryce

Visiting Rotarians: Robyn Beetham (Pres. Woden Daybreak) and Mike Rodd (Nowra)

Other Guests: Anna Banerjee, Jonathan Benyei, Shirley Evans, Jenny Fox, John Joslin, Nell Pain, Helen Sahhar, Pat Schmidt, Helen Rodd and Howard Powell

Members present: 23, **Makeups:** 3

Percentage: 71.87 %

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
Norma Donaldson
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DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK – 23 September	NEXT WEEK – 30 September
Program	Special Meeting	
Introduction	Ian Excell	Audrey Saverine
Appreciation	Ajit Banerjee	Organic Community Gardens
Fellowship	Phil Ibbotson	Bish Mukerjee
	Ray Newcombe	Ray Newcombe
Raven Recorder	Jeff Ibbotson	Alec Philip
Birthdays	Bernadette 20/9, Keith 21/9, Ajit 22/9, John Robson 23/9, Neale 23/9	Shukry Sahhar Christine Bell
Anniversaries	Ray & Carolyn Newcombe 23/9	Anna Banerjee 25/9, Bob Harvie 2/10
		Nil

PARKING AT THOROUGHbred PARK

Friday 2 Oct. Bob Harvie (Leader), Ros Osbourne, Alec Philip, Ray Newcombe, Bish Mukerjee



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.

YOUR FELLOW MEMBER – Gary Scott

After Year 12 I joined the Victorian Gas & Fuel as a trainee Industrial Chemist. Over the next 12 years I became a Research Chemist, completed a BSc, BEd, married Heather (no children), finished my PhD and spent two years at Imperial College London as a Post-Doctoral Fellow.

In 1972 I joined the Melbourne State College/Melbourne University and progressed from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer (Environmental Chemist) until in 1981 I joined (the great) NCDC as their Environmental Officer (under John Gray & Des Pain) to experience the “real world”.

At the demise of NCDC in 1989 I moved to the National Capital Planning Authority



(NCPA) and two years later I joined the private consulting firm of Dames & Moore in Melbourne.

Sadly with the demise of my second marriage (how hopeless are we men at this marriage game!) I came back to Canberra where in 1992 I finally settled at CIT as an Environmental Specialist. This was, like most of my earlier work places, a very happy and active time.

Then the “fairy-tale” end when, in 2005, I met my lovely partner

Pat followed by retirement (well almost) in 2008. Now it is travel, daughters Linda & Kylie (plus Pat’s family), great friends and Rotary (President 1988/89).

STOP PRESS!

Gary and Pat are currently driving route 66 from Los Angeles to Chicago in a Mustang! Sergeant, please take note!

Dates for your diary

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

Sun 27 Sept. – Rotary Spring Cycle Tour

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)

TONIGHT

Welcome to our Special Club Meeting

Last week's speaker

The meeting was opened by Sergeant David with a toast to Australia and to Rotary. President Ros welcomed members, their guests, visiting Rotarians Robyn Beetham from Woden Daybreak and Mike Rodd (and his wife Helen) from Nowra, and our guest speaker for the evening.

Peter Evans introduced His Excellency Mr Michael Bryce AM AE KStJ, an architect, and husband to the Governor General (and a Mac user). In opening Mr Bryce told of his links with Rotary, being part of a Rotarian Family – his father was a past president of the Fortitude Valley Rotary Club in Queensland.

His talk centred on his role as husband of the Governor General which was made possible by the service and support of the people around him and his wife, enabling them to carry out their roles. He described the two residences of the Governor General – Government House, Yarralumla, and Admiralty House in Kirribilli. It was interesting to note that when he visits the barber in Kirribilli, his photo, in a recent issue of the Australian Women's Weekly, is always displayed and that the Rudd's are allowed to share the Bryce's pool – nice neighbours!

One of the important roles of the GG is keeping the 34th RAAF Squadron in employment. The Squadron is at her disposal and is an essential element in allowing her

to be available for the large number of commitments she has around Australia & overseas.

Mr Bryce recounted stories, at times humorous, of the traveling the Governor General and he have done in their first year of office. A visit to France in November 2008 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the WWI armistice was made. This included attending ceremonies at a number of memorials with other world leaders, including French President Nicolas Sarkozy who was moved to hear Ms Bryce's talk of her two uncles who had served in France. Another visit was to Afghanistan, meeting Australian troops, and, twice in recent months, to East Timor. In addition they went on a 10-countries-in-18-days visit to Africa. He spoke of meeting national leaders and dignitaries, and the problems facing African nations with HIV/AIDS, AIDS orphans, and women dying in childbirth.

There were anecdotes of their visit to Balmoral, including his road trip (seatbelt fastened) with HRH Queen Elizabeth II and taking Queen Sofia of Spain kangaroo spotting at Government House. He mentioned also the courtesy and humility of many of the dignitaries he has met.

They have also made a number of visits to the bushfire affected regions of Victoria, and have observed the challenges of recovery and rebuilding, with many people reluctant to return to their burnt-out homes and land.

Mr Bryce spoke warmly of the staff at Government House, who ably assist both he and Ms Bryce in carrying out their roles.

Past President Shukry thanked His Excellency on behalf of club members, for a presentation thoroughly enjoyed by all.

HE Mr Michael Bryce AM AE KStJ

Michael Bryce is an architect and designer acknowledged in Australia and overseas for his distinguished work in graphic, urban and environmental design. He was born in Brisbane. In 1968, he commenced his own architecture practice there, developing a special interest in graphic design. His practice has won many awards.

From 1979 to 1983, he was Federal President of the Industrial Design Institute of Australia. He was also a member of the Design Board and the Design Council. He was the principal design adviser to the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, designing the Olympic bid. His sport-related design work also included graphics for the Brisbane 1982 Commonwealth Games and Expos '85 and '88. He has designed many sports logos.

He has been a board member of the Queensland (Symphony) Orchestra and Trustee of the Queensland Art Gallery, and a Ministerial Adviser on the Child Accident Prevention Foundation. He has been patron of a number of community organisations and other arts related bodies. He served as President of St John Ambulance [Qld] First Aid Services Division and was made a Knight of Justice in the Order of St John of Jerusalem (KStJ).

In 2006, he was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to the design profession and the community.

RAVEN REPORTER

Bernadette Cappello

PHOTOGRAPHERS

John Gray



Club News

Eric Taylor: We are pleased to hear that Eric has now returned home. He would probably welcome e-mails from members.

Woden's Unsung Heroes: A hand-out was distributed last week by the Woden Daybreak Club calling for nominations for unsung heroes of the Woden community as part of the Woden Valley Community Festival. If you wish to nominate an individual, business or school by 30 September please contact the Club on: Lynette@labrown.com.au or phone her on 62815194. For information on the festival, visit: www.wcs.org.au/festival

Rotary Peace Fellow Dinner: President Ros spoke of her recent attendance at this function, where she met nine Rotary Peace Fellows from around the world who are studying a Masters of Peace and Conflict Resolution at the University of Queensland. Rotary offers 100 world peace fellowships.

RAIC: Gary Scott reported on the recent success of the 20th annual Rotary Adventure in Citizenship. This year 30 Year 11 students from around Australia spent a week in Canberra, learning about our national Parliament. They met politicians, attended question time, participated in various electoral role plays, and visited Canberra landmarks including CSIRO, the National Capital Exhibition, Duntroon, the Australian War Memorial, the Australian Institute of Sport, and the US Embassy (on September 11 no less!). The week was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all delegates – the highlight of their lives for some.

Rotary Spring Cycle Tour: John Widdup gave another inspirational talk about this upcoming event on 27 September, reminding members of their rostered duties. We have run out of brochures, which is a good sign, surely?

GSE Shanghai Team: Team arrives on the 15 October. The Woden Daybreak club will be assisting in entertaining the team, but if anyone else can help, please let Ros know.