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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.

YOUR FELLOW MEMBER – Lynette Svanosio

I was born and grew up in North Queensland and will always be a Queenslander at heart.

I joined Robson's in 2004 and have enjoyed being part of a growing company in a very specialised field.

At the age of twenty I joined the RAAF in the Supply division, working mainly in the Explosive and Dangerous Goods areas. Fortunately despite my clumsiness I survived and caused no major disasters. I served for 13 years and have many fond memories of my time in the Air Force.



In 2001, at the age of three my son (Jayden) was diagnosed as being a High Functioning Autistic. This led to quite a few years of research on Autism and the various therapies available for this condition. We have been very lucky in that today Jayden lives a happy and normal life with minimal need for assistance.

After leaving the RAAF I worked as an office manager for a software company for a few years. I then moved on to a position as operations manager for an internet gaming company which mainly covered American Horse Racing.

I also enjoy genealogy (when I have the time), and love uncovering the secrets of my ancestors.

I have been in Rotary for just over a year and hope to spend many more years as part of this great organization.

STOP PRESS!

Please note that the **Club Christmas Party** will now be held on **9 December**. This is due to a prior booking for the Federal Golf Club for the our previous date a week later.

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

9 Dec. – Club Xmas Party

23-30 Dec. – No meetings

6 Jan. – First meeting of 2010

26-28 Feb. – Canberra Show (parking)

TONIGHT

We welcome Audrey Saverine, Canberra Organic Growers Society who will speak on "Community Gardens"

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MORE ABOUT SIGNS

In a non-smoking area –
"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

On a fence –
"Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive."

At the front of a funeral home –
"Drive carefully. We'll wait."

Outside a Car Exhaust Shop–
"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

Attendance last week

Club Guests & Speakers: Nil

Visiting Rotarians: Nil

Other Guests: Nil

Members present: 19,

Makeups: 6

Percentage: 61.29 %

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK – 30 September	NEXT WEEK – 7 October
Program	Audrey Saverine Community Gardens	Jeff Griffiths Marymead
Introduction	Bish Mukerjee	Ian Excell
Appreciation	Ray Newcombe	Phil Ibbotson
Fellowship	Alec Philip Shukry Sahhar	Robyn Singleton Bruce Wyatt
Raven Recorder	Christine Bell	Jeff Ibbotson
Birthdays	Anna Banerjee 25/9, Bob Harvie 2/10	Nell Pain 4/10, Celeste Rowlands 8/10
Anniversaries	Nil	Ken & Denise Goard 11/10

PARKING AT THOROUGHRED PARK

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

Rotary (Freezing) Spring Cycle Ride of Canberra

Cycling supremo John Widdup reports that despite the cold and blustery conditions, riders all appeared to enjoy themselves and there were no complaints or adverse incidents. The riders thanked the marshalls, the people running the start/finish area and the Inner Wheel members who did much cooking in the days before the ride for the refreshment stops.

Noel Hart reports that approximately 430 were registered with gross takings of the order of \$8,500. He said that this year there were very high registrations for the five peaks ride and low numbers of family riders almost certainly due to the freezing weather conditions. There were low on-the-day registrations for the same reason. John felt that the marketing by Gungahlin Rotary Club had been effective.

The highlight of the day was Jing Yung Huang's feat in completing the full five peaks ride despite her disability. (She prefers to be called Jing.)

John has passed on his thanks to all who helped to make the day despite the adverse weather. Cyclists are a hardy lot! And a big thankyou to John Widdup!



President Ros keeping the books



Jing after five peaks



Looking forward to their sausage



He cooks the sausages

Last week

The meeting was opened by Sergeant David in the main part of the Federal Golf Club as our normal meeting rooms were being used for other functions.

President Ros drew attention to the email circulated to all members listing the **keynote speakers for the District Conference**.

She confirmed that the arrangements since April for meetings whereby members paid \$22 and the Club guaranteed a minimum of 25 attending appeared to be working OK but members must not forget to apologise. There was no call from members to make changes.



In response to the issue raised by David Fox on **safety and first aid on the cycle ride** there was some discussion and it was agreed to add caution signs on the hills. President Ros said that this matter would be further considered by the Board.

In relation to the **GSE Team from Shanghai from Thursday 15 October to Monday 19 October**, she advised that the Team Leader would be hosted by Jeff Ibbotson & Gerda Lambeck, Eric Liu & Lily Liu by Bruce Wyatt & Celeste Rowlands and Carol Chen & Coco Wang by Carlo & Joanne Binutti.

The team members have very interesting backgrounds. If you have contacts in these areas the program is being finalised but ideas would be welcomed by Ros Osbourne. Carol Chen is an Account Manager at a relocation service that helps expats relocate inbound and exbound and within China. She is also interested in real estate and international schools. Coco Wang is a Project Director at the Sunrise Library Foundation, a charity focusing on building libraries for children in poor and undeveloped areas of China. Her interests include primary schools and community cultural centres. Eric Liu is a CitiGold Relationship Manager in the Consumer Group of Citibank in Shanghai. His interests include banking, the stock market and our mining industry. Professional visits are being arranged for him by other Clubs. Lily Liu is the Head of the Legal Department at the German Centre for Industry and Trade. She is interested in the High Court, a law school and legal firm. She would also like to meet legal industry workers and gain an understanding in NGO law.

Ros also called for volunteers to drive the Team Members around.

Club News

Cycle ride: John Widdup reported on the details of the arrangements for Sunday and later handed out jackets, signs, whistles, water containers and so forth. He emphasised that marshalls are not authorised to direct traffic. Noel Hart reported that so far there were 309 cycle ride entrants with \$6,090 collected. He hoped the final number would reach 400.

Victorian bushfires: Secretary Keith reported on a letter of thanks received from the Rotary Club of Yea for our \$1,000 donation towards a "goods and services providers list".

District Conference: President Ros emphasised the value of attending the District Conference in Cooma on 23 to 25 October even for a day. Information on the keynote speakers has been circulated by email to all members.

Cakes, puddings & shortbreads: Piers Booth reported on the availability of these items for fundraising before Christmas and circulated a list for orders from members.

RAVEN REPORTER

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