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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 – Bob Harvie

I was born in Canberra in the 1930's to the first local University trained Dentist who practised in Kingston from 1925.

We lived in Giles St Kingston till 1937 when we moved to the Spanish mission house in Furneaux St Manuka. My brother and I attended Telopea Park Infants, Canberra Grammar and Canberra High.

After leaving school I worked for a year in the Customs Department, before enrolling in Optometry at the Sydney Technical College, while working for a living.

Before graduating I started to work with Gibb & Beeman Optometrists who had a network of venues and trucks. After a spell in Wagga and a hilarious episode of obtaining a truck licence, I

started touring all around NSW for a couple of years driving one of Gibb & Beeman's trucks as an Optometrist.

In 1954, I set up a practice in Manuka briefly and then Civic on the first floor of Florina Building before changing to an arcade ground floor for some years and finally to larger premises in City Walk before retiring in 1994.



I was lucky and married Helen in 1963. We had three children Anthea, Guy and Dalton, and now two grandies. My interests are sport, music, traveling and the back shed.

During my life I have seen Canberra grow and prosper and have been happy to be part of it.

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THE SENILITY PRAYER

Grant me the senility to forget the people
I never liked anyway,
The good fortune to run into the ones I do, and
The eyesight to tell the difference.

Attendance last week

Club Guests & Speakers: Brett Bailey
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Other Guests: Susan Pelengaris
Members present:
Makeups:
Percentage: 80.0%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK – 2 December	NEXT WEEK – 9 December
Program	Ben Farrell UN High Commission for Refugees	Club Christmas Party Italian Choir Ros Osbourne
Introduction	Shukry Sahhar	
Appreciation	Robyn Singleton	
Fellowship	Christine Bell David Fox	Gary Scott John Gray
Raven Recorder	Christine Bell	Gary Scott
Birthdays	Lukas Strohmayr 30/11, Don Whitbread 1/12, Gerda Lambeck 5/12, Helen Sahhar 3/12,	
Anniversaries	Nil	Nil

PARKING AT THOROUGHbred PARK
Tues 8 Dec.. – Gary Scott, Pat Schmidt, Neale Emanuel, Bruce Wyatt.

Dates for your diary

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

9 Dec. – Club Xmas Party – Please pay \$30 per person to Norma tonight.

16 Dec. Christmas Message – Rev Dr Ockert Meyer from Yarralumla Uniting Church
The meeting will be at Curtin Uniting Church opposite Curtin Shops

23 & 30 Dec. – No meetings

6 Jan. – First meeting of 2010

26-28 Feb. – Canberra Show (parking)

TONIGHT

We welcome
MR BEN FARRELL

from the UN High
Commission for Refugees

Last week

The meeting was opened by Sergeant David Fox, who invited members and guests to join in a toast to the Rotary Club of Lisbon, Portugal, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year.

President Ros Osbourne welcomed members and guests, Brett Bailey and Susan Penglaris. She thanked Carlo Binutti, Norma Donaldson and Piers Booth for organising a wonderful excursion last week to the Canberra Brickworks, with pizza dinner afterwards.

In the al fresco ambience of the terrace, David Fox introduced the evening's guest speaker, artist Brett Bailey, who engaged members in an exploration of the usefulness of art, tracing two inter-twined threads: the ideas he has come across in his life and his own experience and life story.



Brett was born in Melbourne and educated in Germany and England. He held a commission in the British Army for 3 years (following in the family tradition), after which he entered Art School – not a typical path for an aspiring artist. It was during the course of his studies that Brett began to explore the question “What is art?” He completed Art School, unable to find satisfactory answers and without a

clear sense of artistic direction.

After a time involved with alternative technologies, Brett returned to live permanently in Australia in 1983, where he married, had a family, set up a studio at home and continued to seek answers to the question “What is art?” He explained that it was during this period that he was introduced to the idea of art as an evolutionary adaptation. He went on to elaborate on the following four ways that art may be seen as an adaptation. Art:

- * tends to refine and retune minds to those areas where humans tend to excel;
- * raises the status of the gifted artist;
- * improves coordination and cooperation within communities; and
- * fosters creativity, on both an individual and a social level.

Following his return to Australia in 1983, Brett had painted his first Australian landscapes. He was dissatisfied with his early attempts, feeling that they did not properly capture the Australian landscape. He had become interested in Asian art and, through observing what and why Asian artists do what they do, deliberately positioned himself to make a new Australian art. His technique is very close to Asian aesthetic practice and his works have been shown alongside those of Chinese artists in both Australia and in China.

Brett relates to the words of the 14th century Chinese artist Wang Meng – “For once in my life I want to attempt the impossible, or at least the unwise.” Through his own experiences and the ideas to which he has been introduced, he sees that artists have permission to play with things, dream, imagine, and by doing so make so many more things possible for human beings.

John Widdup thanked Brett for a fascinating talk.

Brett's art works can be viewed online at www.brettbailey.com.au and also at M16 Art Space, 16 Mildura Street, Fyshwick.

Club News

ROMAC: President Ros reminded members that anyone who is able to host an 8 month old infant (and accompanying adult), coming to Canberra from Timor Leste to receive medical treatment through ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children), should contact District ROMAC Chair, PP Sandra Mahlberg (per District Handbook). Further details – last week's Raven.

RAVEN REPORTER

CHRISTINE BELL

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BRETT BAILEY

Vale Eric Taylor



Last week Keith Avent led members and guests in a tribute to the life of Eric Taylor, whose funeral was held on Thursday 19 November.

Eric was a long-standing member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Woden. He was also a Paul Harris Fellow and was recently presented with an honorary membership of the Woden Club in recognition of his significant contribution to the club.

Eric was fondly remembered as innovative, a perfectionist, pleasant, courteous and helpful – a friend to many and one of the true gentlemen of this world. He was an exemplar of the objects of Rotary.

A special chair will be donated to the Canberra Hospital Oncology Ward in Eric's memory.

Board Bytes – Secretary Keith Avent

Much of the Board Meeting last week was taken up with discussion on means of raising funds to meet the high costs of the work at Kintore, particularly in light of the recent quote of over \$80,000 for the plumbing work. We would have appreciated qualified volunteer help for this, but have been unsuccessful in obtaining it. We also had bad news about the Government grant sought by the Kintore group, which would have helped; unfortunately this was not approved. Basically, we expect to have sufficient funds during 2009-10 for the working parties going to Kintore, but a lot of effort will be needed to marshal funds for contract work. On the happy side, the matching grant of some \$US 20,000 from RI, with Korean help, should arrive any day now.

Gary Scott will attend the Canberra College graduation ceremony on 16 December to present the Stuart Garnsey and Arthur Holder awards of \$150 each on behalf of the Club. These two awards, for purchase of books, commemorate two former members of this Club who had special links with young people.

Calvary Hospital is seeking gifts of toys. If you have any that you would like to donate, please deliver them to the Hospital.