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A man was reading the paper when an ad caught his eye: \$500 Porsche! New! The man thought that it was very unusual to sell a Porsche for \$500, and he thought it might be a joke, but thought it was worth a shot. So he went to the lady's house and sure enough, she had an almost brand new Porsche.

"Wow!" the man said. "Can I take it for a test drive?" Unexpectedly, the man found that the car ran perfectly and took it back to the lady's house. "Why are you selling me this great Porsche for only \$500?"

"My husband just ran off with his secretary, and he told me I could have the house and the furniture as long as I sold his Porsche and sent him the money!"

Last week's attendance

Guest speaker: Matthew Driver
Visitors: Marcus Donnelly
Visiting Rotarians: 0
Members present: 22 **Make-ups:** 0
Countable: 20 **Percentage:** 73.33%

APOLOGIES**BY 3 PM TUESDAY**

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DINNER ROSTER

Program	This week - 15 July	Next week - 22 July
	Bob Buckley Analytics at the AIS	DG Michael Pedler
Introduction	Ian Excell	Alec Philip
Appreciation	Des Henderson-Kelly	Piers Booth
Fellowship	Alec Philip	Robin Cromer
	Neale Emanuel	Noel Hart
Raven Recorder	Bob Harvie	Piers Booth
Birthdays	R Singleton 12/7 P Evans 14/7 Natalie Strohmayer 17/7	N Donaldson & Dorothy Macklin 22/7
Anniversaries	Eric & Rosemary Taylor 18/7	



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Meetings 6.00 for 6.15 pm each Wednesday, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill

The Rotary Foundation

New Club Director for the Rotary Foundation, Jeff Ibbotson, told us why the Foundation is such an important part of Rotary.

This part of Rotary, "to promote understanding, goodwill and peace" provides the finance for many of Rotary's overseas programs. Clubs provide the funds, some by regular donation, others by the "purchase" of Paul Harris Fellowships. In Australia, clubs tend to donate the money (US \$1,000)

and present a Fellowship to a member of the Club or community in recognition of service.

The scheme was originally established to permit members to donate funds to the Foundation and thus 'purchase' a Fellowship. In many overseas countries members "buy" individual Fellowships in this way. The amounts raised by a District may be reflected in the support then given to projects. Kintore will be a beneficiary in the coming year.

ROMAC

Piers Booth gave us an introductory description of the principles under which this healing program works.

ROMAC stands for "Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children Ltd." and is a humanitarian program managed by the 29 Rotary Districts of Australia and New Zealand.



Piers Booth

Under the program, children are brought to Australia and New Zealand because of the complex nature of many cases. Children often come from remote areas where treatment is not available.

Piers arranged for Somchai to be treated in Australia through ROMAC.

Dates for your diary

Aug 20: Western Desert working party
Sep 5-12: Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC)
Sun Sep 27: Rotary Spring Cycle
Sat Oct 17: Parking at Thoroughbred Park
Oct 23-25: District Conference in Cooma
Feb 26-28: Parking at Royal Canberra Show

Tonight

Bob Buckley
Analytics at the Australian Institute of Sport

July marks the new Rotary Year

Matthew Driver on Sustainability

Neale Emanuel introduced our speaker Matthew Driver, son of recent new member Anne-Marie Driver. His topic was: "Sustainability-One person can make a difference". He runs a consultancy in I.T for small businesses but his hobby is Climate Change. He spoke of the practical issues of assessing and changing one's home, gas and electricity usage, and presented graphs to show how he has reduced his carbon foot-print.

Energy Audit: Have your house inspected, note your electricity and gas meter readings weekly, use a Sensimeter that gives instantaneous electricity consumption (try switching something on/off).

Changes that you can make include:

Keeping Heat In - through adding ceiling and wall cavity insulation also under-floor using mesh stapled to the bearers to hold the batts. Fill the gaps under the skirting boards and around doors and windows. Close off ventilation fans in the ceiling with auto shutters. Use effective curtains and pelmets around windows to close off air-drift past the glass. Some plastic films help, add double glazing (with air or inert gases in the gap).

Keeping heat out - for summer consider outside blinds or awnings.

Congratulations to our indigenous health scholar Marion Baker who passed her recent exams with two credits and a distinction.



Matthew Driver

Electricity & Heat production: Stand-by settings on appliances, especially older TVs allow a lot of power wastage as do over-bright screens. High temperature settings on dishwashers etc. are wasteful.

Could the house be a little cooler? – add a jumper.

Run a cold-water fish tank!

Computers – use power boards to isolate units occasionally needed, turn all off at night.

Water Harvesting: Matthew has reduced mains needs to 10% of previous water usage.

Solar P.E. Arrays are costly but the feed-in tariff can offset this to a degree (these are very sensitive to minor shading from trees etc. illustrated graphically). A Solar HWS with modified gas water-heating complete the project. An unusual heat exchanger was made from beer and other cans collected by the family, stuck together with sealant forming a circulating, piped system to Matts' study.

In conclusion, Matthew presents us with a carbon-neutral home

Returning to the title, Jeff Ibbotson congratulated Matthew on an illuminating address showing "watt" one person can do to make a difference.

Raven Reporter - Ken Goard
Photographs - Robin Cromer

Club news

The Embassy

Following Gary's opening toast to R.I., President Ros introduced the meeting with a brief lament on the passing of the Embassy Motel, our home for many years and now just heaps of rubble.

Parking

Gary Scott has reached agreement following negotiations on parking with the racing club. Thoroughbred Park has agreed to have us do parking for 23 race meetings for the next year. This exercise will employ from 5 to 10 members, small and large occasions, week-day and week-end with favourable rates. A roster list will be circulated.



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I.P.P. Shukry presented Robin Cromer and John Gray with tokens of appreciation for giving us the weekly Ravens during the past year.

Group Study Exchange

The club plans to participate in the GSE visits this year. The Board is seeking nominations for a team leader and team members. Look around among your families and friends for those young professionals who could spare time and benefit from 6 weeks away in China or Arizona meeting those in similar activities. The timetable for GSE activities is as follows:

- Team leader applications: 10 July
- Team member applications: 31 July
- Team from Arizona arrives 20 September
- Team from China arrives 12 October
- Outbound team goes to China on 26 October
- Outbound team goes to Arizona in April 2010



Subs

The Board has set membership fees for 2009/2010 Rotary Year at \$240. Fees are now due so please pay the Treasurer as soon as possible. Subs can be paid by direct debit to the club's CBA account (still RC of Canberra Woden):-

BSB: 062 905

Account No: 1007 3240

Rotary Western Desert Project

Des and Nell Pain and Robin and Jill Cromer recently attended a showing of the film "Samson and Delila" that was shot around Alice Springs. The film focuses on two young aboriginal people who encounter many of the problems found in small indigenous townships.

In many ways it is a confronting film but it tackles the important issues head on and highlights the difficulties faced by communities and individuals in townships like Kintore.