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Paddy was working at the fish plant in Cork when he accidentally cut off all 10 of his fingers. He went to the emergency room in Cork's hospital. The doctor looked at Paddy and said, 'Lets be avin' da fingers and I'll see what oi can do'. Paddy said, 'Oi haven't got da fingers.'
 'Whadda ya mean you haven't got da fingers? Lord Tunderin' Jesus, it's 2009! We's got microsurgery and all kinds of incredible techniques. I could have put dem back on and made you like new! Why didn't ya bring da fingers?!'
 And Paddy said, 'How the f... was I 'spose to pick them up !!!'

Last week's attendance

Guests: Jenny Fox, Helen Sahhar, Maureen Booth, Helen Henderson-Kelly, Pat Schmidt, Jonathan Benyei, John Joslin
Members: 14 **Makeups:** ?
Countable: ? **Percent:** ?%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

	This week - 2 September	Next week - (Mon) 7 September
Program	Peta Fitzgibbon Chaya Boys Home, New Delhi	RIAC Lunch at Commonwealth Club Combined meeting with Canberra
Introduction	Christine Bell	Ian Excell
Appreciation	Ian Excell	David Fox
Fellowship	Gary Scott John Gray	Des Henderson-Kelly Bish Mukerjee
Raven Recorder	Ken Goard	Gary Scott
Birthdays		Joanne Binutti 9 Sep
Anniversaries		Frank & Dorothy Macklin 8 Sep

PARKING AT THOROUGHbred PARK

Friday 4 Sept. – John Widdup (Leader), Julia Widdup, Annemarie Driver, Rod Driver



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THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Woden Rotary Club meets at the Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill - 6.00 for 6.15 pm each Wednesday.

This is my life – Bernadette Cappello

I was born in Canberra in 1971 and grew up in Farrer until I finished school and headed off to the UK in 1990 for a gap-year working at a boarding school in the Kent, before moving to Sydney to study pharmacy at the University of Sydney.

I graduated with a Bachelor of Pharmacy in 1995 and worked for as a community pharmacist at Capital Chemist in Mawson until 2007 before taking up the birth-right of every born-and-bred Canberran and becoming a public servant, working with the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee Secretariat in the Department of Health and Ageing.

My gap-year planted the seed of wander-lust and I have been a frequent overseas traveler ever since, with a particular fondness for Europe. On one such visit, I happened across the Italian Formula 1 Grand Prix, and there was born an unexpected love of motor racing, which like all good relationships, has developed over time, and currently sees me as an accredited motorsport official.



Bernadette Cappello

In my spare time, I like to spend time with my family, friends and cat, travel, officiate at car races, scuba dive, cook, knit, read and do any number of other interesting things, making spare time something of a rarity.

I was introduced to Rotary by one of my favourite customers at the chemist, and was inducted into the club in February 2006, the week before Show Parking. (I think that was planned.)

Dates for your diary

Sat 5-12 Sep — Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC)
Sun 27 Sep — Rotary Spring Cycle Ride
16-19 Oct — Club hosts Shanghai GSE team
23-25 Oct — District Conference in Cooma
11 Nov — Club AGM
26-28 Feb — Royal Canberra Show (parking)

Tonight

Peta Fitzgibbon:
 Chaya Boys Home,
 New Delhi, India

September is NEW GENERATIONS month

Last week — Babar's Café & Bar

Tales from Table 16.

Our meeting this week was held at Babar's Café & Bar in Woden.

Every good evening should begin with being sprayed with champagne, and at Table 16, it did. Honestly, you can't take Norma and Pat anywhere!

Table 16 obediently and diligently completed their yellow forms at President Ros's request and this soon derailed into chaos with arguments over the definition of 'Woden or nearby' in search of a good Chinese restaurant. For some, 'Kingston' was considered an incorrect answer. You know who you are!

The Ragers at Table 16



Gary, Bernadette, John



David, Jenny, Norma, Pat



John, Keith, David, Jenny, Norma

Decorum was soon restored with the arrival of our meals. Risotto proved a popular choice at Table 16, and this led to more trouble with one risotto not being paid for, and a flurry of emails on Thursday and Friday between Table 16-ers to identify the culprit. Turns out, it was a simple misunderstanding and all ended well with a visit by your ever diplomatic Raven Recorder to explain the confusion and smooth things over. Babar's however, were completely nonplussed by the discrepancy, but were nonetheless grateful for our explanation. Thank you Babar's.

Conversation at Table 16 was entertaining and engaging. One Raven Editor (who will remain nameless) bullied our Norma into providing her life story in 200 words or less for a future edition of the Raven, and saw fit to point out that Bernadette had exceeded her word limit when it was her turn. Norma is holding out.

It was revealed that rumours of Bernadette's friendship with Formula 1 race driver Mark Webber were greatly exaggerated, and in truth, despite what her Aunt Margaret might tell people, (and some others might believe), Bernadette and Mark Webber are not an item.

All at Table 16 were enthusing about their upcoming parking responsibilities. None more so than David, who is counting the days until his next parking shift. His enthusiasm has nothing to do with cup-cakes. Honestly.

Table 16 had a thoroughly enjoyable evening of fun and fellowship. We thank Babar's for their hospitality and service, and we look forward to hearing accounts of the evening from the other tables.

Did anyone go to the movies?

(The other 2 tables were threatened with eviction from Babar's because of all the fun they were having! Ed.)

The Other Tables



President Ros & John



Shukry, Helen & Jonathon



Des, Ian, & Piers



Maureen, Carlo, & Helen

Attendance at the RAIC lunch at the Commonwealth Club on Mon 7th Sept.

PLEASE NOTE there will **not** be the usual meeting at the Golf Club on Wednesday 9th September. It is hoped that members will attend the lunch at the Commonwealth Club on the Monday (this will count for statistics).

If you intending attending, please let Norma know, either by writing your name on the 7th Sept page of the 'RED BOOK' or by email.

She needs to have **final** numbers by **Thursday 3rd Sept at 7p.m. for those attending the lunch.** It will cost \$25- for the meal or \$5- if attending but only having coffee & biscuit. Please indicate if you are having coffee only, otherwise it will be assumed that you are having the full meal.

Club News from President Ros

The team at Kintore were travelling home after a week's work in temperatures over 30 degrees. We look forward to hearing their report.

District Governor Mike Pedler has send a reminder to all clubs of the opportunity for Rotarians to become leaders in the **Club Visioning Programs** in our District. Leaders Facilitation Training is being held in Canberra on Saturday 13 September and Sunday 14 September with attendance on one day only. Please look on the District website or contact Ros if you would like details.

On the same weekend 13/14 September the Rotary Peace Scholars from Townsville will be visiting Canberra. There are opportunities to assist with their program and to meet them at a dinner on Saturday 13 September. Further details will follow.

The incoming GSE Team from Shanghai is now arriving on Thursday 15 October and we will be the first Club to host them. Our hosts are Bruce and Celeste, Carlo and Joanne, & Jeff and Gerda.

There are opportunities for our members to join them for dinner on Friday 16 October and to take them on visits in Canberra and region on the Saturday and Sunday. We will also be organising a program of professional visits for Friday and Monday. Your ideas and assistance will be welcomed.

Woden Daybreak will be assisting us and will host a dinner on Saturday night in one of their member's homes.

Raven Reporter: Bernadette Cappello
Photographs: Bruce Wyatt & Bernie's Aunt Margaret