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**Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle - Held annually in September**

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**Useful dieting excuses**

A woman to her doctor: I have metal fillings in my teeth. My refrigerator magnets keep pulling me into the kitchen so I can't lose weight.

Two friends: Potato chips aren't rubbery and blubbery like fat. They are crispy and crunchy like lettuce so they are a diet food.

Doctor to overweight patient: The handle of your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine!

**Last week's attendance**

**Guest speaker: Don Aitken**

**Club guests: 30 RAIC delegates**

**Visitors: Pat Schmidt, Celeste Rowlands**

**Members present: 10, Make-ups: 7**

**Countable: 31, Percentage: 54.8%**

**APOLOGIES**

**BY 3 PM TUESDAY**

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**DINNER ROSTER**

**This week - 16 September**

**HE Michael Bryce**

Canberra: how it has changed

**Next week - 23 September**

**TBA**

<b>Introduction</b>	Peter Evans	Ian Excell
<b>Appreciation</b>	Ken Goard	Ajit Banerjee
<b>Fellowship</b>	Christine Bell	Phil Ibbotson
	Bruce Wyatt	Ray Newcombe
<b>Raven Recorder</b>	Bernadette Cappello	Jeff Ibbotson
<b>Birthdays</b>	Joanne Binutti 9/9	Bernadette 20/9, Keith 21/9, Ajit 22/9, Neale 23/9, John Robson 23/9, Anna Banerjee 25/9
<b>Anniversaries</b>		Ray & Carolyn Newman 23/9



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**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**

**Your fellow member - Peter Evans**

At the tender age of 17, I joined the Army by entering Duntroon. Thirty seven years later I reached statutory senility and became a civilian. During my service I had acquired two degrees in communications - electronics engineering, three staff college courses, two overseas postings, a whole lot of delightful comrades and an enduring love of the Australian soldier.

I was not out of uniform long as I accepted with pleasure the role of Representative Colonel Commandant, Royal Australian Corps of Signals, which I held from July 1993 until July 2001. My other Army related activity is with the Duntroon Society. On leaving the Army, I

worked in industry for about six months, found it did not suit me and became a part-time academic in the Electrical Engineering School at ADFA, having previously been a Visiting Fellow and a management consultant.

Other activities include the best part of 30 years with St John Ambulance until retiring as ACT Chairman in early 2009; active participation in my Parish and membership of an ancient Catholic lay religious order, SMOM.



**Peter Evans**

My wife, Shirley, Past District Chairman of Inner Wheel has the distinction of having been married to two Woden Club Presidents, the late Harry Granger and myself.

**Dates for your diary**

- 5-12 Sep:** Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC)
- Sun 27 Sep:** Rotary Spring Cycle
- 16-19 Oct:** Club host Shanghai GSE team
- 23-25 Oct:** District Conference in Cooma
- 11 Nov:** Club AGM
- 16 Dec:** Club Xmas Party
- 23-30 Dec:** No meetings
- Feb 26-28:** Parking at Royal Canberra Show

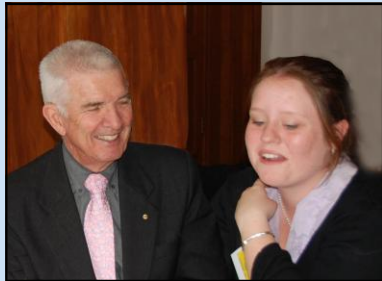
**Tonight**

**HE Michael Bryce**  
**Canberra:**  
**Then and now**

**September is New Generations month**

## Don Aitken - Chair of NCA

Professor Aitken spoke on the subject "What is it to be Australian?" and in particular about Canberra our national capital in comparison with Ottawa, the Canadian national capital. He noted that both countries were federations derived from separate British colonies. He pointed out that for historical reasons the Queen was taken more seriously in Canada than in Australia and that Ottawa was located on the border of the Provinces of English speaking Ontario and French speaking Quebec – hence the multi-lingual nature of Canada.



Don Aitken with RAIC delegate Gemma Phillips from Queensland

He then summarised the historical back ground to the location of Canberra in NSW and the expectation that the national capital would, from the start, be very different to the other state capitals. He spoke of Walter Burley Griffin and the design competition which

had been for a city of 25,000 people. Canberra had not experienced steady growth, as is the case with most cities, due to the impact of World War I, the great depression and World War II. Nevertheless today Canberra has 350,000 people and it is two sorts of city - national and territorial, which makes it difficult to manage.

Finally he referred to the ambivalence of Australians to their national capital, as is the case, he claimed, in Ottawa and Washington DC. Notwithstanding this he observed that "if we didn't have a national capital we wouldn't have a nation". He emphasised to RAIC delegates that they should understand this ambivalence recognising at the same time that a federation was preferable to a dictatorship.

A RAIC delegate thanked Professor Aitken for his message.

## Message from Rex Hunt: G'day folks.

It was good to read of your adventures at Babar's last week, although it seems obvious you are missing my steady influence.

Dylis and I are settling in to retirement on the NSW Central Coast, one hour north of Sydney. Weather 19-25 C. Be glad when winter is over. Have had to learn a lot of house-hold tricks: plumbing, landscape gardening, carpenter, removalist.

Should have stuck to preaching! Warm regards to you all, Rex Hunt



Some of the Hunt gang at Rex's final service at St James in June

## Joint meeting with Canberra Club

This was a joint meeting, at the Commonwealth Club, of the Rotary Clubs of Woden and Canberra on the occasion of the 20th Rotary Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC). In addition to members of Canberra Rotary Club, there were 10 members of Woden Club plus 30 RAIC delegates. The meeting was chaired by Canberra Rotary President Barbara Griffiths.

President Barbara welcomed all present including Woden Rotary President Ros Osbourne, District

9710 Secretary Graeme Kinraid, Guest Speaker NCA Chair Professor Don Aitken AO, and the RAIC delegates.



Gillian McFeat (Canberra) with Kayleigh

Graeme Kinraid drew attention to the District Conference on 23-25 October at the Multi Function Centre, Cooma with the theme "Love Peace and Understanding". A brochure was distributed which indicated that the keynote Speakers include: Peter FitzSimons- author, publisher ex-Wallaby, and multi-media personality, and John Schumann- Singer, Songwriter and Motivational Speaker. You can book on the web at:

<http://www.rotaryd9710.org.au/2009-district-conference.html>

or phone Joanne Healy: ph 0420 832 143.

## Club news

**Eric Taylor:** Eric has been transferred from Jindalee to Canberra Hospital. Due to the present problems in Canberra with a gastric infection, Eric is not allowed outside visitors. Please do not go to see him until further advice is received from Rosemary.

**Spring Cycle:** Is on Sunday 27 September so make sure that you have checked your duties for the day.

**Parking:** Julia and John Widup together with Annemarie and Rod Driver successfully managed the car parking at Thoroughbred Park on Friday 4 September when there was an eight-race 'Canberra Action' (TAB) meeting.

The next parking duty at Thoroughbred park is on the 18th September. Leader is Gary Scott with Pat Schmidt, Ken Goard and Norma Donaldson.

**This week:** Please note that any questions should not be about the GG but are to be related to speaker Michael Bryce's professional background.

**Raven Reporter** - John Gray  
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