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

**The back page****More diet excuses**

Woman to waiter: I am going to order a steamed skinless chicken breast, but I want you to bring me a lasagne and garlic bread by mistake!

Man to wife: I was going to wake up early and go jogging, but my toes voted against me 10 to 1.

**Last week's attendance**

**Guest speaker:** Gary Scott

**Club Guests:** Pat Schmidt

**Members present:** 20

**Make-ups:** 9 **Countable:** 31

**Percentage:** 94.548%

**APOLOGIES****BY 3 PM TUESDAY**

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**DINNER ROSTER**

Program	This week - 28 October	Next week - 4 November
	<b>GSE Team from Shanghai</b>	<b>Workplace Visit</b>
	<b>Combined with Woden Daybreak</b>	Carlo Binutti
Introduction	Annemarie Driver	Alec Philip
Appreciation	Marcus Donnelly	Ajit Banerjee
Fellowship	Carlo Binutti	Des Pain
	Marcus Donnelly	Phil Ibbotson
Raven Recorder	Piers Booth	Gary Scott
Birthdays	Shukry Sahhar 28/10	Shirley Evans 4/11, Pat Schmidt 6/11, John Lawrence 6/11
Anniversaries	Piers & Maureen Booth 26/10	

**Parking at Thoroughbred Park**

**Melbourne Cup, 3 November.** Leader is Gary Scott with 10 others.



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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 - Christine Bell****Canberra and Return – Poacher turned Gamekeeper**

I was born in the old Canberra hospital in 1962 and moved with my parents to Cooma soon after where my father, a civil engineer, worked on the Snowy Mountains Scheme. After finishing my science degree at Sydney University I returned to Canberra and completed a graduate diploma in library and information science at the then Canberra College of Advanced Education.



Christine at her induction in February

My biochemistry and pharmacology studies were put to use at the National Library in Canberra where I worked mainly with new medical in-

formation databases. And from there, opportunities opened up in the pharmaceutical industry, firstly in Sydney and then the United Kingdom. My seven years in the UK allowed me to travel extensively in Europe, as well as to North America and Africa.

In late 1998, as the eldest of three daughters, it was time to return to Australia and I was offered a position at the Therapeutic Goods Administration, Australia's regulator of medicines and medical devices, where I met and married my best friend and soul-mate Jonathan, and where I continue to work today.

**Dates for your diary**

**Parking:** See Roster at foot of page 4  
**5 Nov:** RYLA 2010 nominations close  
**11 Nov:** Club AGM  
**28-29 Nov:** District 9710 Rotary Focus  
**9 Dec:** Club Xmas Party  
**16 Dec:** Xmas Message - Rev Dr O Meyer  
**23-30 Dec:** No meetings  
**6 Jan 2010:** First meeting of 2010  
**Feb 26-28:** Parking at Royal Canberra Show

**Tonight**

**GSE Team  
 Shanghai  
 We also welcome  
 Woden Daybreak**

**October is Vocational Service month**

## Guest Speaker - Gary Scott



The interesting talk tonight was by Gary Scott on how he and his partner Pat travelled Route 66 in the USA. He said he was trapped into doing it while thinking about a different topic but that it worked out very well, even though he had to read two books to understand this road's importance.

The road was started in 1926, sealed in 1938 and declined in 1953. It has several names in different states such as Route 66, Mother Road, Main Street America, and Will Rogers Highway. It is more highly regarded in some than in others and has been bypassed by massive straight highways whereas it undulates and twists in two lanes, is in sad repair with little traffic and is lined with deserted motels and abandoned mom and pop businesses.

It joined many old tracks going west from Chicago, Oklahoma to Los Angeles made by pioneers hoping to

cultivate the vast plains full of bison which were well adapted to that country, not like the cattle that followed which caused the massive dust bowls.

The second book Gary read by T. Egan (The Worst Hard Times), described the life of the farmers such as living in holes, starvation and the dust. Gary mentioned many evocative names such as Oatman, Peach Springs, Wigwam Hotel, Painted Desert, Al Rancho, Grand Canyon, Santa Fey and its galleries, Peanut Butter Pie, Blue Swallow Hotel, Roadkill



The man, the car & the keys!

Café, Barbed Wire Museum, Boomerang Cafe, Outback Café, small towns with big churches and the Abe Lincoln Palace.

He and Pat travelled in a small group in four hired Mustangs in 18 days. He showed

many slides but not of the tall black and beautiful girl of his friend Russell.

Bernadette thanked Gary but questioned his choice of transport.

### Memories of earlier days



**Raven Reporter:** Bob Harvie  
**Photographs:** Robin Cromer

## Club news

**GSE Team:** President Ros reported on the feverish activity of the Club Members in hosting, driving and entertaining the delegates from Shanghai and their mutual pleasure. This may be a precursor to future visits as we are now a sister area to district 3560 of Korea who may in fact pay us a visit.

**Storeroom:** The golf club has requested that all the equipment, apart from our cupboard in the storeroom, be removed so the Club is taking action to clean up our act.

**Christmas cakes:** Piers asked that the remaining Xmas cakes and puddings be collected. He has been approached by the Waverley Club proposing to sell Xmas Cards.

**Mountain high:** Norma is organising a fun weekend at her Ski Club's Guthega lodge on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November and is calling for applicants at \$90 per weekend or \$45 for the Saturday night. Contact Norma.

**Sick list:** Des Henderson-Kelly has broken a bone in his foot, making it awkward for him to climb his home stairs let alone get to Rotary for a

while and he is the Sunshine Member at that!

**Kintore:** Shukry reported the good news that the volunteer plumbers will be going to Kintore to install the system and there is a possibility of further volunteers as a fallback for them.

The Board met on 10 October to discuss the funding situation and the work still to be done and paid for at Kintore. It was decided that the returns from the Scenic Cycle, parking and library tagging project would be allocated to the project. The Rotary Foundation matching grant papers are being finalised, and this is expected to add some \$A22,000 to funds available. A grant has been sought from the Commonwealth's FaHCSIA to assist with travel costs. All up, these sources together with the project funds at present set aside for Kintore should yield some \$59,700 to June 2010.

A regular "News Bulletin" on the Rotary Western Desert Project has been initiated to keep our supporters up to date. John Gray has prepared and distributed the first issue.

### District 9710 Rotary Focus

This program has been developed by DGE Bill Seelis and District Trainer John O'Neill. The aim is provide many organisations the opportunity to present the finer details of everyday programs that are dear to all of us, as well as some of the important administrative aspects of Rotary.

The first time event for District 9710 is scheduled for November 28 & 29 at Moruya High School. This is a wonderful opportunity to improve your knowledge and awareness of the many programs supported by Rotary. There is no charge to attend and further information can be found at:

<http://district9710training.com/district-9710-rotary-focus>