



The Raven

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Woden

Meetings: 6.00 for 6.15 pm Wednesdays, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Dr, Red Hill, ACT.

Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle Ride of Canberra. Held annually in September or October

ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN INC.



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NOTICES SEEN IN OVERSEAS TOURIST DESTINATIONS

Doctor's office, Rome: Specialist in women and other diseases.

Dry cleaners, Bangkok: Drop your trousers here for the best results.

Nairobi restaurant: Customers who find our waitresses rude ought to see the manager

Swiss restaurant: Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

Tokyo Hotel: Guests are requested not to smoke or do other disgusting behaviours in bed

Attendance last week

Guest Speaker: District Governor Bill Seelis

Club Guests: Peter Graham

Visiting Rotarians: DG Bill Seelis, ADG Margaret Atkin

Visitors: Helen Sahhar

Members present: 19

Makeups: 1

Percentage: 61.52%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK – 28 July	NEXT WEEK – 4 August
Program	Neil Inall	Julie Colbran
	Food glorious food	Home for orphan girls & abandoned women.
Introduction	Alec Philip	George Pratt
Appreciation	Piers Booth	Ajit Banerjee
Fellowship	Des Pain	Robin Cromer
	Sue Pelengaris	Des Henderson-Kelly
Raven Recorder	Christine Bell	John Robson
Birthdays	John Widdup 26/7, Maureen Booth 31/7	Mike Rodd 4/8,
Anniversaries	Nil	Nil

PARKING AT THOROUGHRED PARK

Friday 6 August, Robin Cromer (Leader), John Gray, Keith Avent, Neale Emanuel

DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL SEELIS



Bill Seelis joined the Rotary Club of Berry-Gerringong in May 1994. He retired in 2007 from a position of Managing Director of a medium size Engineering Supplies company with overseas affiliations.

His wife Mary is active locally and is Chair of the Garden Festival Committee, Treasurer of the Berry Zonta Club, Treasurer of the Courthouse Conservation Committee and Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Berry Show Society.

Bill has filled many positions in his Rotary Club including President in 1997/98. He has also held a number of District positions, including Chair of GSE, Member of District Training Team and Beyond 2000 and Assistant District Governor for three years.

His hobbies include philately, kayaking and riding his motorbike as well as giving Mary a hand in the garden.

In his year as Governor, he will be asking Clubs to focus on the importance of Rotary more than the importance of "The Rotary Club of" as by joining their efforts Clubs can be far more effective of "Doing Good in the World" than any one single Club can hope to achieve.

The District Theme 2010-11 is *New Decade – New Horizons*. The District Conference will be held at Nowra in October.



Dates for your diary

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11 Aug. – Graham Waite TADACT

18 Aug – Forum

21/22 Aug – Aust. Rotary Conference - Hellenic Club

25 Aug – Phillip Flood, Former Secretary, Dept. of Immigration – Indonesia

1 Sept – John Gray, 'Reflections on the Pacific'

22/24 Oct – District Conference, Nowra

TONIGHT

We extend a warm welcome to

NEIL INALL

"Food glorious food"

July marks the new Rotary year

Things you should know about

A call for help from Jeff Ibbotson: A GSE team from Germany will be here in October. As we hosted a Chinese team last year your Board decided the Club would not host this year's visitors. However we have offered to see if individual members can assist with vocational visits. The team comprises an Energy/Plant Engineer, a Food Chemist, a Business Administration/PR person in health care and an Ophthalmologist (who would like to be a spectator at surgery, in particular retinal surgery). Can any members who are able to help open some doors please contact me – ibbo@netspeed.com.au or 6281 5920 (H).

Board Meeting tonight: This meeting will follow the completion of the club meeting at 8pm and should conclude at 9pm.

Registration for Australian Rotary Conference to close soon: A reminder that this event will be on 21/22 August at the Hellenic Club. RI President Ray Klinginsmith is expected to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to broaden your appreciation of Rotary both in the world generally and in Australia. Persons wishing to attend should register ASAP. Cost is \$145 per person. Already President Gary and Past President Ros are registered. Please contact Gary if you are planning to attend. For further information and registration go to:

<http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/australianrotaryconference/index.htm>

Belconnen Rotary to proceed with landscaping of Purple House 2 : The Rotary Club of Belconnen has confirmed that it has decided to undertake the landscaping of the *Purple House 2* at Kintore. Progress on the project will be regulated by the Club's available funds. They will appoint a small group to co-ordinate the work and Les Baxter will act as project manager. Les is a qualified horticulturalist whose day job is advising 3rd world countries as part of Australia's aid programs. Les and his wife Barbara, also a horticulturalist, will visit Kintore later this year to scope the project.

Two more Working Parties for Western Desert Health Project: A reminder that two more working parties are currently in planning for Kintore, one on installation of cupboards and other jobs about 30 July to 5 August, and plumbing about 4 to 14 August. The experts are lined up, and Shukry Sahhar is looking for helpers. Can you help?

Please contact Shukry at: sahhars@bigpond.com

Good luck Rotarian Lukas Strohmayer



Regretfully we said farewell last week to Rotarian Lukas Strohmayer who will take up the position of Consul General at the Consulate of Austria in Strasbourg, France. Lukas has been an active member of our Club and we have greatly enjoyed his presence with us. We are pleased to hear that he is not lost to Rotary as he is transferring to a club in Strasbourg.

As a reminder of his visit to Kintore as part of the Western Desert Health Project, a presentation of a painting of Hilary Tjapaltjarri of Kintore was made to him by the artist Helen Sahhar.

Farewell Lukas, we will miss you and thank you for your Rotary service.

Last week

President Gary got the formal part of the evening underway with the presentation of a double sapphire Paul Harris Fellowship to Immediate Past President Ros Osbourne.

Ros came to the ACT as a teacher at Hall School. Post graduate studies were pursued and a career in special education followed, including periods



at Koomarri, The Woden School, and at Rivett under a former club member, the late Colin McLear. As teacher-in-charge of Malkara School when it opened in 1970, she was involved with members of this Rotary Club. Her first community service project was to make toys for the students.

She has been very active in the community, not only in Rotary, but also in the Inner Wheel Club of Canberra-Woden. She has been involved with Girl Guides and in her spare time is a volunteer guide at the Australian National Botanic Gardens.

Congratulations Ros – a well deserved recognition of your service to many in the community!

Gary reminded members of the new approach of utilising the Raven for lots of Club information. In particular, members' attention is drawn to the upcoming Australian Rotary Conference, to be held in Canberra on 21-22 August. RI President Ray Klinginsmith will be there! Enrolments close on 31 July. Enrol via the website - <http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/australianrotaryconference/index.htm>

2010/11 District Governor Bill Seelis, whose short CV is on the front cover of this Raven, was last week's guest speaker.

Bill described RI President Ray Klinginsmith's chosen theme of *Building Communities – Bridging Continents* as one that allows non-Rotarians to gain an understanding of what Rotarians do.

He spoke of the need to create an air of change, in order for Rotary to remain relevant and vibrant in today's world and to focus on the core values of service, diversity, leadership, integrity and fellowship. He indicated his availability as District Governor to help clubs do what they want to do, consolidate a place in the community and attract new members.

Bill also highlighted the need to focus on Rotary, and not individual Rotary Clubs, thereby using combined efforts to increase Rotary's strength and ability to affect change.

Members were referred to the District website for details of the District Goals arrived at with the District Leadership Team. The goals encompass Rotary Foundation, Membership, Youth, Club Extension and Leadership. Included are donations to Rotary Foundation and the EndPolio challenge, positive membership growth, involvement in youth projects and reducing the average age of Club membership. For more details go to: <http://www.rotaryd9710.org.au/district/district-goals.html> or page 19 of your District 9710 Directory.

Bill encouraged members to get involved with the various Rotary conferences coming up – the Australian Rotary Conference in Canberra in August, the District 9710 Conference in Nowra in October and the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, 21-25 May 2011.

We look forward to working with DG Bill Seelis throughout 2010/11.

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