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**APOLOGIES**

**AFTER Wednesday 4 August until mid-September**

**PLEASE CONTACT ALEC PHILIP WITH APOLOGIES AND VISITORS**

**Attendance last week**

**Guest Speaker:** Neil Inall  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil  
**Visitors:** Nil  
**Members present:** 18  
**Makeups:** Nil  
**Percentage:** 60.71%

**APOLOGIES**

**BY 3 PM TUESDAY**  
**Norma Donaldson**  
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**DINNER ROSTER**

	<b>THIS WEEK – 4 August</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK – 11 August</b>
<b>Program</b>	Julie Colbran - Home for orphan girls & abandoned women.	Graham Waite Technical Aid for the Disabled
<b>Introduction</b>	Jeff Ibbotson	Ajit Banerjee
<b>Appreciation</b>	Ajit Banerjee	John Robson
<b>Fellowship</b>	Robin Cromer	Bob Harvie
	Des Henderson-Kelly	Bruce Wyatt
<b>Raven Recorder</b>	John Robson	Jeff Ibbotson
<b>Birthdays</b>	Mike Rodd 4/8,	Julia Widdup 13/8, George Pratt 13 August
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil	Shirley & Peter Evans 14/8

**PARKING AT THOROUGHbred PARK**

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



# 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

**AUSTRALIAN ROTARY CONFERENCE**

Have you thought about the possibility of attending, in part or in whole, this unique conference in Canberra on 21/22 August at the Hellenic Club in Woden? The conference which is open to all Australian Rotarians, is aimed at strengthening Rotary, and especially Rotary clubs.

Rotary International President (2010-11) Ray Klinginsmith has confirmed his intention to attend, to meet and to address Australian Rotarians.

Rotarians at club level are particularly invited, and are encouraged to bring along new Rotarians, as they can bring new ideas to Rotary. This is an excellent opportunity to broaden your appreciation of Rotary both in the world generally and in Australia.

There are a number of ways in which you can be involved. Firstly you can attend the Saturday night Conference Dinner at a cost of \$45. Secondly you may decide to attend the whole conference at a cost of \$100 (including the Saturday night Conference Dinner). Finally you may decide to be part of a "host" meal at a restaurant on Friday 20th for overseas/ interstate visitors.

To commit to either of the first two of these options you can register through the conference website where you will find other information:

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

If you wish to be involved with the third option please contact President Gary.

**Dates for your diary**

**Racecourse parking – roster at foot of page 4**  
**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’**  
**8 Sept – TBA**  
**22/24 Oct – District Conference, Nowra**

**TONIGHT**

We extend a warm welcome to

**JULIE COLBRAN**

**Abalashrama (Bangalore, India)**  
**A home for orphan girls and abandoned women.**

**August is Membership & Extension Month**

## Things you should know about

**Reminder – Annual Subscriptions:** Subs for the current Rotary year are due – they remain at \$240 for the year and can be paid by cheque (made payable to the *Rotary Club of Woden*), by cash (paid to Lyn Svanosio), or by EFT/Direct Credit to: Rotary Club of Woden, BSB: 062 905, Account No: 1007 3240. **Please include your name with payment.**

**Grant refused for Western Desert Health Project:** President Gary Scott reported that the Club had been advised that its submission for a small Volunteer Grant from the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs had not been successful.

**Opportunity to learn more about Australian Rotary Health:** There will be an *Australian Rotary Health Friends and Supporters Dinner* on Saturday 14 August at University House. The dinner will be hosted by PDG Noel Trevaskis. It will be an opportunity for all attending to learn more about Australian Rotary Health, what are the aims, what has already been achieved and, importantly, to enjoy the fellowship that will undoubtedly prevail at the dinner. You will note that bookings close Monday 8 August so please give this your urgent attention and support the ARH. If you would like to attend Secretary Mike Rodd can email a copy of the registration form to you.

**Speech by Chief Justice of Australia:** The Rotary Club of Canberra is hosting the Chief Justice of Australia, Chief Justice Robert French, at their meeting on Monday 23 August at 12:00 for 12:30pm at the Commonwealth Club. President Gerard Brennan is delighted to extend an invitation to any members of our club who may wish to join us to hear Chief Justice French's address. Dress code for the meeting is Jacket and Tie. Cost is \$28 for lunch or \$8 for Coffee and biscuits. If you wish to attend please contact Secretary Phil Byrne on **Mob:** 0410 429 014 or **Email:** philipbyrne@bigpond.com

## Giro d'Italia, Binutti-Style

Club member Carlo Binutti entertained members and guests with a brief, but informative, travelogue from his recent trip to Italy.



After arriving in Rome two months ago, Carlo and wife Joanne joined a “Voyages of Antiquity” cruise at the port of Civitavecchia. The cruise was sponsored by Oxford University and took our intrepid travellers via Pompeii and Paestum to the island of Sicily, with its fascinating history and architecture. From Sicily, they cruised round the heel of Italy, north to Dubrovnik in Croatia and on to Split, before finishing in Venice.

From Venice, the Binuttis hired a car and toured in the north of the country, across to the Italian Riviera and Cinque Terre and on to Tuscany and Chianti country. A truly memorable trip.

## Last week

President Gary Scott welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

Guest speaker Neil Inall is a graduate of Hawkesbury Agricultural College. He pursued his career with a particular interest in communication in agriculture. Many members of the Club will remember Neil from his time as the front-man on ABC TV's *Countrywide*. He also has Rotary connections



– his oldest son was a Rotary exchange student to New Zealand and Neil, himself, was a member of a Group Study Exchange to Pennsylvania, US.

*Food, Glorious Food* – who isn't familiar with Lionel Bart's memorable song from the musical *Oliver!* Food, the most important thing in our lives. The thesis of Neil's talk was that, whilst Australia is fortunate to have a quality and safe food supply – Australian farms supplying approximately 93% of our domestic demand for food – we cannot afford to be complacent. We take for granted the high standard, affordability and ready availability of our food but we cannot assume this will remain the case.

Malnourishment and hunger do occur in Australia. According to *Foodbank Australia*, 2 million Australians go hungry every year, and half of these are children. This organisation is the largest hunger relief body in Australia and, in the last calendar year, distributed food donated by farmers, supermarkets, restaurants, etc to over 2,000 welfare agencies, enough for 60,000 meals. With so many Australians going hungry, it is all the more extraordinary that Sydney households alone throw away one billion dollars' worth of food each year – fresh food, leftovers, uneaten takeaway food, etc. In his book, *Waste: uncovering the global food scandal*, Tristram Stuart provides facts and figures on this problem of food waste.

Neil spoke of the paradox that, whilst many in the world go hungry, many westerners over-eat and drink too much, not only increasing our body weight, but also increasing our national health bill. According to one Sydney academic, since the 1960s our food intake has increased by 20%. He is an advocate of weighing all Australians on 30 June each year and wiping any tax refund for those whose weight has increased during the preceding 12 months! For those interested in reading about how to change our eating habits, he referred to Michael Pollan's book, *Food Rules: an eater's manual*.

Neil spoke about agriculture as the first plank in ensuring that we have food that is safe and of high quality. Australians are very good at producing quality and safe agricultural products, in part because of the work of the 15 farm research and development corporations that were established back in the 1980s. Our quarantine system, one of the toughest in the world, also contributes to our food safety and our very good reputation around the world for safe and quality products.

The initiatives underway in Australia to help protect the basics of our food supply, include the *Seed Savers' Network*, established by a couple on the north coast of NSW to help preserve our most valuable seeds. The work of Stephanie Alexander who, with funding from the Victorian and Australian Governments, has helped establish 139 school gardens to encourage young people to learn the fundamentals of growing, harvesting, cooking and eating good quality food. Neil also spoke of the upsurge in people growing their own food, community gardens and farmers' markets.

However, in his closing remarks, He reiterated his concern that Australians are complacent about the challenges to food security and the lack of appreciation of the inter-connectedness between the environment, agriculture, food and health. He believes that there is a need for a **National Food Strategy** that recognises these linkages and incorporates policies relating to the natural resources underpinning food production such as land, water, energy, and the human resources required for the production of quality and safe food.

Piers Booth thanked Neil for his very interesting talk, with the exhortation that we should all grow our own vegetables, as Piers does!

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