



Peace Through Service

Guest Speaker - David Heaton - Centenary of Canberra

Intro: Richard L

Thanks: Brian J

Our guest speaker this week was Dr David Heaton, he is an historian who has worked in various places including the University of British Columbia and ADFA. He was one of the first handful of people employed in 2008 as part of the Centenary of Canberra team. One of his first roles was to go out and speak about the hopes and dreams of the Committee regarding the potential of the celebrations and commemorations. One of the major goals is to change the perception of Canberra from the Cemetery with Lights, many suburbs looking for a city and so and so forth, to it being a vibrant thriving cutting-edge city. He gave an overview of how the site for Canberra was chosen, how the history of Australia influenced the choice and the personalities involved.

The site of Canberra was selected for the location of the nation's capital in 1908 as a compromise between rivals Sydney and Melbourne, Australia's two largest cities. It is unusual among Australian cities, being an entirely planned city outside of any state, similar to the American Federal District of Columbia. Following an international contest for the city's design, a blueprint by the Chicago architects Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin was selected and construction commenced in 1913. The Griffins' plan featured geometric motifs such as circles, hexagons and triangles, and was centred around axes aligned with significant topographical landmarks in the Australian Capital Territory.

The city's design was influenced by the garden city movement and incorporates significant areas of natural vegetation that have earned Canberra the title of the "bush capital". The growth and development of Canberra were hindered by the World Wars and the Great Depression, which exacerbated a series of planning disputes and the ineffectiveness of a sequence of bodies that were to oversee the development of the city. The national capital emerged as a thriving city after World War II, as Prime Minister Robert Menzies championed its development and the National Capital Development Commission was formed with executive powers. Although the Australian Capital Territory is now self-governing, the federal government retains some influence through the National Capital Authority.

The district's change from a rural area in New South Wales to the national capital started during debates over Federation in the late 19th century. Following a long dispute over whether Sydney or Melbourne should be the national capital, a compromise was reached: the new capital would be built in New South Wales, so long as it was at least 100 miles (160 km) from Sydney with Melbourne to be the temporary seat of government (but not referred to as the "capital") while the new capital was built. Newspaper proprietor John Gale circulated a pamphlet titled 'Dalgety or Canberra: Which?' advocating Canberra to every member of the Commonwealth's seven state and federal parliaments. By many accounts, it was decisive in the selection of Canberra as the site in 1908, as was a result of survey work done by the government surveyor Charles Scrivener. The NSW government ceded the Federal Capital Territory (as it was then known) to the federal government. In an international design competition conducted by the Department of Home Affairs, on 24 May 1911 the design by Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin was chosen for the city and in 1913 Griffin was appointed Federal Capital Director of Design and Construction and construction began.

On 12 March 1913 the city was officially given its name by Lady Denman, the wife of Governor-General Lord Denman, at a ceremony at Kurrajong Hill which has since become Capital Hill and the site of the present Parliament House. Canberra Day is a public holiday observed in the ACT on the second Monday in March to celebrate the founding of Canberra.



David & Alyson H-J



David



Brian J & David

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3 Minuter

In the 3 Minuter this week Wolfgang shared with us an adventure he had with a mate not long after he arrived in Australian in 1965.

He arrived at Khancoban and worked on the Snowy Scheme for 6 months which was the minimum time needed so he did not have to repay his fare. After leaving the Snowy he went and worked for the Tease Brothers when he decided he would join a mate for a trip around Australia. They left Khancoban and headed to Albury, then onto Mildura. In Mildura they took a grape picking job. Wolfgang said with was hard work and you were paid \$7.00 for 12 hours works. They decided not to stay. From Mildura they went to Woomera as there was work going at the rocket range. This didn't last long either, Wolfgang and his mate were called aside and told to slow down or the rest of the crew would go out on strike. They decided they didn't enjoy sitting around watching time go by. So they left Woomera and made their way across the Nullarbor Plain, making a few stops on the way. When they got to Western Australia they applied for a job at the mines but when Wolfgang saw the accommodation he decided not to take the job.

They then travelled north to Carnarvon, at that time the Gascoyne River was flooded so he took another job for a short time while waiting for the waters to drop. When they got moving again they followed the coast to Port Headland then across to Mackay and saw the Eungella Dam, which looked like it was being built by someone who could not read plans. After 8 months on the road they decided to head back to Khancoban.

Photo Gallery



Wolfgang



Hass & Pres Richard



Peter D & Katrin



Geoff B & Joe V



Robb & Elaine S



David, Pres Richard & Lainie



Lea



Lainie Lawson & Dave H



John K & David B



Jim H, John V & Wolfgang

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Mark J-N

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.

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**WE MEET WEDNESDAYS 6.00PM FOR 6.30PM
AT DODDS HOTEL, COMMISSIONER ST. COOMA**

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

What are you doing 1 - 4 June 2014? How about going to the 2014 Rotary International Conference being held in Sydney. Plans for 11 - 13 October 2013? Merimbula is calling you to attend the District Conference details are available on Clubrunner.

Monica Alcock will be attending the next 3 meetings arriving around 6pm to enable all members to complete a NSW Working with Young People Declarations. Please ensure you have a photo ID to enable the forms to be fully completed. These forms need to be completed even if you have filled them out for other organisations.

The 5 cent challenge is still happening so don't forget to bring your 5 cents to the meeting. You are contributing to something good. The current balance is increasing.

Peter D reported on a partly successful trip to PNG. Dave H was outstanding in his efforts, Brad Constance was on board with his electrical skills and Tom Shirvington provided IT experience.

Peter reminded us of his No 1 rule in relation to water projects "never trust anyone else's opinion or assessment". When they arrived they found the creek they were meant to use for a water supply was dry and so were all the other creeks around the area. So to ensure a water supply they brought a tank and found the biggest building in town, which was their local church, so they installed the tank and Dave put guttering up, as there was none.

Brad and Tom worked on the computer project with only partial success. The computer room was really hot as there was no insulation and a number of computers fried. Bugs had got in and built mud nests on the cooling fans so more fried. The boys pulled the computer apart and rebuilt some with the usable parts. There was a problem with the electricity supply which was running between 114 and 180 volts when you need 240 volts to run computers so brown outs occurred.

They were pleased to do the work they could plus there was some unplanned work which included moving the outlet for the huge water tank they installed about 5 years ago to make it easier and quicker for the villagers to get their water.

This Weeks Attendance: 31 out of 40 = 77.5%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: David Headon & Lea (Club), Lainie Lawson (Richard L)

Apologies: Neil B, Lou M, Les S, Matt T.

Leave: Chris A, Peter A, Graham F, Steve S

We Also Missed: Elaine M

Make-ups: None

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ROSTERS	June	July
Attendance	Patrick K Claire N	Rob Des
Property	Geoff B Wolfgang	Brian Elaine S
Fellowship	Margaret E Claire N	Margaret E Claire N
Markets	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Marco - Res John K - V Joe V Mark C Elaine S Tom B	David H - Co-ord Alyson H-J - PA Peter A - Res Wolfgang - Van Elaine M Dave L Mark C Hass

SOME SIMPLE RULES ABOUT ROSTERS

GENERAL

Members rostered on and not able to attend are to make arrangements with another member to take their place.

MARKETS

Those nominated to tow the caravan or chuck wagon are to be at the Rotary shed no later than 7am. Ensure you get the key to the shed from David Holgate PRIOR TO THE EVENT so the equipment can be set up early. If you are unable to tow the van or chuck wagon PLEASE ASK SOMEONE WHO CAN, or advise David Holgate before the event. Others nominated should be at the park by 8.30am.

Upcoming Programs	Three Minuter	Thought of the Week
Guest Speaker: Donna Sadler - Report on her trip to U.S.A	5 June - Des T	5 June - Dugald M
Intro: Karin H	12 June - John C	12 June - Margaret E
Thanks: Mark J-N	19 June - Jasmine Bujalski	19 June - Claire N

Upcoming Guest Speakers - 12 June - John O'Kelley - Modern Financial Planning - Intro: John K
- 19 June - Lea Nickel - Her Year in Australia - Intro: David B

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	YEARS OF SERVICE
Joe V - 3 June	Graham & Helen French - 2 June	John K - 1 June
Kevin D - 6 June	Les & Jan Sutcliffe - 27 June	Elaine S - 1 June
Brian J - 8 June		Graham F - 16 June
Chris A - 12 June		Neil B - 27 June
Marco R - 14 June		Mark J-N - 27 June
Steve S - 18 June		Chris A - 28 June

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