

ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN



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Notable signs:

Anaesthiologist's business card - "When you care enough to sleep with the very best"
 In a Podiatrist's office - "Time wounds all heels"
 On a plumber's truck - "We repair what your husband fixed"
 On another plumber's truck - "Don't sleep with a drip, call your plumber"

Last week's attendance

Club Guests: Robyn Singleton, Anne-Marie Driver, Maureen Booth, Lucinda Lang, Shirley Grainger-Evens, Pixie Gray, Helen Harvie, Louise Ibbotson, Nell Pain, Pat Schmidt, Julia Widdup, Celeste Rowlands and John Joslin (13 including 2 prospective)

Make-ups: 3

Members present: 16

Countable: 14

Percent: 63.33%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

Norma Donaldson
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DINNER ROSTER

Program	This week - 21 January	Next week - 28 January
	President's barbecue Shukry and Helen's home	Sean Battams St John Ambulance Aust.. CPR / CRABCD
Introduction	Shukry Sahhar	Lukas Strohmayer
Appreciation		Piers Booth
Fellowship		Judy Skelton
		Lyn Svanosio
		Bob Harvie
Raven Recorder	Ros Osbourne	
Birthdays	Rex Hunt 20/1 Val Excell 22/1 Louise Ibbotson & Dylis Hunt 24/1	Anniversaries David & Jenny Fox 31/1



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

New Year message from Alisha Kale

As we step into the New Year, I cannot resist reflecting upon the year 2008 and I am reminded of some of the important lessons learned.

Over the years I find myself developing a deeper sense of commitment to lifelong learning. By this, I don't mean that I am committed to enrolling for various academic courses or reading more books on diverse topics. Instead, I mean I try to learn from my circumstances, from my failures, from my success, and above all from all the people I meet on a daily basis. It would be fair to say that 2008 gave me many opportunities to meet people from different walks of life. Some of them have left me with a profound impact and influence.

Some of them have taught me an important lesson "Don't get caught up with who is right and who is wrong". Just let go and move on with life. Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right... Pray for those who don't...

I would like to wish you a happy new year by drawing your attention to these words from Ralph Waldo Emerson "Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt crept in. Forget them as soon as you can, tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely, with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This new day is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays."

On this note, celebrate the beginning of a new year, and take on the year with a smile.

Here's to the bright New Year, and a fond farewell to the old; here's to the things that are yet to come, and to the memories that we hold.....

Alisha is IPP of the Rotary Club of Nasik Road, India which we assisted to purchase an ambulance.

Dates for your diary

Wed 21 Jan: President's barbecue at Shukry's
Wed 28 Jan: First meeting Federal Golf Club and meeting of the Board
Wed 4 Feb: Dr Duncan Steel, Space Scientist
Wed 11 Feb: Jeff Ibbotson, Therapeutic Goods Administration.
27/28 Feb & 1 March: Canberra Show Parking

Tonight

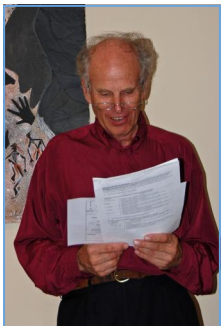
President's barbecue
Shukry and Helen's home
20 McKail Cres. Stirling

January is Rotary Awareness Month

Spit Roast with Ros

The first meeting of the year broke with the tradition of meeting at the President's home for a barbecue, which this year will take place next week. Instead we were entertained at the home of Rotarian Ros Osbourne.

The meeting started with fellowship, with much chatter over drinks, as people also circulated to look at over 20 pictures hanging on the walls of the various rooms in the house. Gradually we were enticed into the garden, set out with tables and chairs, for a meal supplied by Capital Roast, hot meat, baked potatoes and various salads. When full of food, the members and guests moved back into the house, bringing their chairs, to be officially welcomed by Neale Emmanuel, on behalf of our absent President Shukry Sahhar.

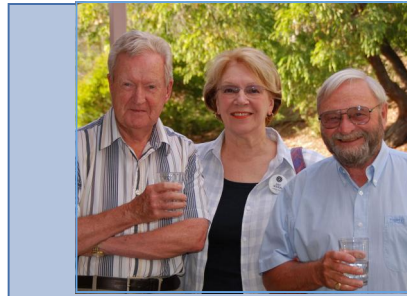


John Widdup

Our first speaker was John Widdup, a member of the party of six Rotarians and friends who formed the first working party to Kintore to work on the Blue House. The house is being adapted

to be used as a dialysis centre at Kintore, for members of the community with end stage renal failure. The inhabitants of the area first came into contact with white Australians in the 1960s with the opening of Woomera. At that time the government

moved several tribes with different languages and customs to Papunya. By the 1980s many Kintore people had moved back to their own country, some 500km west of Alice Springs.



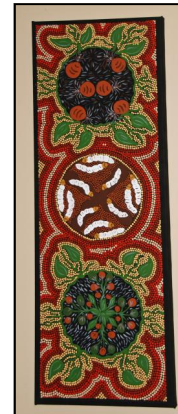
Happy trio of Eric, Judy and Peter

The population of around 450, fluctuates as people move to outstations, go hunting or spend time in Alice Springs. In addition to houses, now owned by the Northern Territory Housing Trust, there are: an arts centre used for paintings sold through the Papunya Tula Artists centre in Alice Springs: a medical centre with a doctor and nurses run by a local committee: a school for 70 children with 5 teachers plus aides and an AFL pitch that is used extensively. In addition the McDonald Shire council organises the airstrip, power station, sewerage

Outdoor spit roast



and water supply. Most of the adult population receive payments from Centrelink, and are required to work for 15 hours each week.



Bush Tucker
Elaine Campbell

The Breeze by Jim Williams
Local Ngunnawal tribe



Our second speaker was our host and owner of many of the pictures on display, others had been loaned. Members are welcome to return to Ros' home to have a further look of the pictures during the next month. Several of the pictures come from the Papunya, Kintore and Kiwirrkura townships, and all sell through Papunya Tula cooperative. Two of the paintings were given to the club by the people of Kintore. Other works come from other areas of Australia, including one

painted by a local Ngunnawal elder, Jim Williams. Ros talked about the symbolism in the paintings and how each artist was restricted to the 'dreaming' he or she had inherited from their forebears.

The vote of thanks was given by Gary Scott, and again Neale Emanuel thanked Ros for making her house available for the evening.

David Fox spoke on behalf of Ian Excell, asking each of us to use our favourite computer search engines, to find out which combination of words would bring information about the clubs project at Kintore to the top of the list. Suggestions included: Blue House Kintore; Woden Rotary dialysis; Blue House dialysis; Blue House Rotary; Kintore Dialysis.

Raven Reporter — Piers Booth
Photographs — Robin Cromer

Bark painting
Jimmy Maduk
Northern Aust.



New arrangements for notification of non-attendance

Norma Donaldson will take over from Ros as the contact person for non-attendance at meetings, starting this week.

Members who are unable to attend a meeting should phone Norma (Ph: 6231 6680) by 3.00 pm (at the very latest) on the Tuesday before the Wednesday meeting.

Please leave a message if the phone is not answered.

Alternatively, send an email to normad@apex.net.au also by 3.00 pm on the Tuesday.

Norma also needs to know of any guests that are coming to the meeting. Remember that the Club pays for unused meals.