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Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle - Held annually in September

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Club Changeover:

The dinner will be at the Federal Golf Club as usual, 6.00 for 6.30 pm and \$22 per person. Partners are invited as this is one of the highlights of our Rotary year. A list of acceptances was circulated last Wednesday night but if you intend to go and bring your partner please contact Ros or Lyn ASAP if you were not at that meeting.

Last week's attendance

Guest speaker: John Gray
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Visitors: John Robson, Marcus Donnelly & Pixie Gray
Members: 19 **Makeups:** 0 **Countable:** 18
Percent: 55.88 %

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

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DINNER ROSTER

This week - 24 June

Program Cub Changeover
Introduction
Appreciation
Fellowship Ian Excell
 Des Henderson-Kelly
Raven Recorder Jeff Ibbotson
Birthdays
Anniversaries

Next week - 1 July

Czech Ambassador
History of Czechoslovakia
 Bish Mukerjee
 Phil Ibbotson
 Robyn Singleton
 Bruce Wyatt
 Jeff Ibbotson
 Rosemary Taylor 4/7



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Woden Rotary Club meets at the Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill - 6.00 for 6.15 pm each Wednesday.

Rotary Western Desert Project

President Shukry reported on the great time had by the Working Party recently returned from Kintore, told stories of flat tyres, near misses with road-wandering pedestrians, and accommodation challenges and promised more stories and photos next week.

Cliff Hicks and Geoff Hunt remain in Kintore working on the electrical system, and the air conditioning contractors started work there this week. A plumber and carpenter are still needed.



Some of the team on site

Shukry reported that our project has set an example for other communities, with Yuendumu also looking at putting in a dialysis centre. Peter Penley, the Government Business Manager in Kintore has said that he'd like to see more cooperation between the Government and service organisations to get this sort of work done.

Raven Reporter: Bernadette Cappello

Photographs: Shukry Sahhar

Lukas Strohmayer

Bernadette Cappello

Robin Cromer

Dates for your diary

Saturday 19 Sept: Greenhills Working bee

Sunday 27 Sept: Rotary Spring Cycle

October 23-25: District Conference, Cooma

Saturday 21 November: Greenhills Work Bee

February 26-28 2010: Royal Canberra Show

Tonight

Club Changeover
Partners night

June is Fellowship Month

Shanghai - Guest Speaker John Gray

Guest Speaker for the evening was our own John Gray, who spoke about 'The New 'Old' Shanghai'.

Pixie, John's wife of 50 years, was born in Shanghai in 1936 and lived there until December 1948 when her family was forced to leave due to the imminent arrival of the communists.

John and Pixie travelled to Shanghai in August 2008, and were warned that it would be unrecognizable. However, despite lots of development and a 5-fold increase in population, they found this was not the case, and that the basic character of the old city has been preserved.



John Gray

There had been little change between 1949 and 1990, and the city was more or less frozen in time, with old buildings and infrastructure remaining. Redevelopment began after 1990. Heritage legislation was introduced in the early 1990's. New development has occurred on land outside the old city of Shanghai, across the Huangpo river, which was once home to paddy fields – now developed with high-rise apartment buildings and offices.

Shanghai is returning to its foundations as an international city. It is a sophisticated city with a high foreign population and is a large trade centre. It is very different to other parts of China and has an important

economic role.

John highlighted some of the beautiful and significant buildings of Old Shanghai including: The Bund – the heart of colonial Shanghai, along the river and now a conservation area; The Peace Hotel, formerly the Cathay Hotel, built in 1929 was the first art deco style skyscraper and was *the* centre for excess in colonial Shanghai; The former Municipal Council Building; and Bridge House Apartments, built in art deco style and quite upmarket (however, they have a dark history as they were occupied by the Japanese during the war and all POW activities were directed from here. Pixie's father was interned and tortured here).

John reported on how churches (Catholic, Russian Orthodox, International and Anglican) were closed following the revolution and were used as grain storage. Following the Cultural Revolution, steeples were removed and stain glass windows were destroyed. These have since been restored.

Pixie described the feeling of going back to the place of her birth and childhood – the familiarity, and the warmth of people who heard they were coming and welcomed them.

Christine thanked John and Pixie for their presentation.

Club news and Western Desert photos



The Purple House at Kintore

Note the new windows and air vents

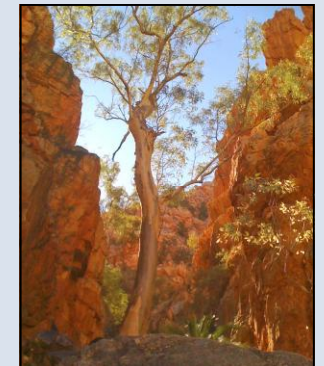
Ros Osbourne and David Fox attended the District Changeover, where our club was presented with 3 awards, including Project of the Year

for the Rotary Western Desert Project. Congratulations us. The club was also mentioned in a number of speeches, and performed very well in the attendance category.



Team members with some locals (left)

Standley Chasm (right)



Ochre pits (left)

Roadside hazards (right)



Sick list: Keith Avent reported that Eric Taylor remains in hospital, after contracting an infection, but is on the improve. Eric has had a couple of operations in the last few days and is not up to seeing visitors at this stage. Please keep Eric and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Judy Skelton is recovering from her recent illness but is still not 100%.