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The back page:

(While I always agree that hunting is an ethical God-given right, I have to agree with the author about this. Ed.)

Fox hunting should be banned!

Please help ban fox hunting throughout the world.
THIS MADNESS MUST STOP!!!

Signed, Peter Cottontail



APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

Norma Donaldson
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Last week's attendance

Guest Speaker: David Flannery
 Guests: Bernadette Flannery, Helen Rodd
 Members present: 27
 Countable members: 24
 Attendance 83.3%
 Makeups: 1

DINNER ROSTER

	This week - 3 March	Next week - 10 March
Program	David Flannery Greenfields development? Outgo or Infill	Jessica McConnell Exchange Student to Switzerland
Introduction	Ajit Banerjee	Christine Bell
Appreciation	John Robson	Carlo Binutti
Fellowship	Christine Bell David Fox	Des Henderson-Kelly John Gray
Raven Recorder	Christine Bell	Jeff Ibbotson
Birthdays	Jeff Ibbotson 4 March Janet Mukerjee 5 March	Ian Excell 9 March

PARKING Sunday 7 March (BLACK OPAL)

John Widdup, Piers Booth, Peter Evans, Ray Newcombe, Bernadette Cappello, Des Pain, Shukry Sahhar, Christine Bell, John Robson, Bob Harvie, Bish Mukerjee, Jeff Ibbotson, Ian Excell, Lyn Svanosio, Des Henderson-Kelly, Robyn Singleton, Lukas Strohmayer



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Meetings 6.00 for 6.15 pm Wednesdays, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill
 Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle Ride of Canberra

Your Fellow Member - Mike Rodd

Mike completed his Engineering studies in 1968, and commenced a career of some 37 years with consulting company GHD. After two years in Darwin with GHD, he spent about 3 years in Tumut with the NSW Water Resources Commission. It was not all work in Tumut as he joined Rotaract, met his wife Helen, and welcomed their first child, Anna. In late 1972 he rejoined GHD and moved to the Gold Coast where he worked mainly on sewerage schemes. Their son, Andrew, was born here.



Helen and Mike Rodd

In 1975 they transferred to Melbourne and then Traralgon in eastern Victoria for the design and construction of a submarine pipeline into Bass Strait from Loy Yang Power Station. Mike must have had too much time on his hands as he joined the Traralgon Rotary Club and took on the job as the Bulletin Editor. Their third child, Lucy, was born here in 1979.

They transferred to Townsville, still with GHD, and stayed for about 13 years. Helen rejoined the work force with CSIRO. Mike joined Rotary again in Townsville with the Mundingburra Rotary Club where he was involved with the youth exchange program. They moved to Brisbane in the mid 1990's, still with GHD and CSIRO.

In 2002, Mike was invited to take up a role with GHD in Santiago, Chile (initially without any Spanish), to establish an Engineering business. At that stage, their three children had inherited the travelling bug. Anna was in London starting her family there, Andrew was in Korea, and Lucy was in Boston, USA. After almost 4 years in Santiago they returned to Australia where Mike took up a position in Nowra and also joined the Nowra Rotary Club. Mike is now working with GHD on water supply projects for Canberra and has just joined his fourth Rotary Club, Woden. We welcome Mike and Helen

Dates for your diary

Parking – See roster at foot of page 4
 10 March - Jessica McConnell, Exchange student
 17 March - Michael Linke, RSPCA ACT
 Matching People to Dogs
 24 March - Lachlan Backhall. Effective computer management of your home
 Early April –Great Moscow Circus event
 12 May – WDHP Promotional Dinner

Tonight

**Arto Avakian
 "The Muslim
 Month of
 Ramadan"**

March is Polio Eradication/Literacy Month

Last week: David Flannery “Greenfields development? Outgo or Infill”

David Fox introduced our guest speaker, **David Flannery**, who spoke on ‘**Greenfields Development – Outgo or Infill**’. David is an architect who began his career with the NSW Government Architect and is now in private practice in Canberra where he specialises in school projects. He also teaches architecture at the University of Canberra.

David explained how he had been drawn into the public debate about urban development by the recent announcement of a proposed development at Googong and his observations of development in Gungahlin. The later in particular represented a striking departure from the Griffins’ concept for Canberra of a garden city that combined the advantages of urban and rural living spaces while including dense development.

As we face climate change, carbon emissions and peak oil David believes we need to move to more sustainable urban planning that includes better building energy efficiency, water capture and sustainable transport. Recent housing development in Gungahlin



David Flannery

were at the opposite end of the planning spectrum with large houses on blocks half the size of traditional Canberra blocks, with no room for solar alignment or water tanks, located far from employment centres. While this is promoted as affordable housing, increased transport and other costs fall on residents of these areas.

Population density maps drawn from ABS data illustrated dramatically how Canberra is the opposite of other Australian cities which have dense population levels close to the city centre. David asked where will the children plan in Canberra’s dense outer suburban developments with little public or private open space, citing work by Dr Paul Tranter on the need for children’s needs for physical, social, cognitive and emotional development.

The Territory Plan envisaged 50% of Canberra’s development would be within 7.5 km of the city centre, and 50% outside 7.5 km. It is reported that only 10% of development has taken place within the 7.5 km zone.

David called for more dense development closer to the city. It need not be high rise. Three and six story developments could easily include open space. Mixed use developments could include retail space for cafes chemists and the like.

After questions, **Robyn Singleton** expressed our appreciation for David’s thought provoking presentation.

Club News

Sergeant Ian opened the meeting, welcomed **President Ros Osbourne** and proposed the toast to Rotary Foundation.

Ros welcomed us all and pointed out the cake she had brought along for **Rotary’s 105th birthday**.

Jeff Ibbotson reported on the workshop he and President Ros attended on **Rotary Foundation**. The **Polio Plus** project had been making great strides, but still has much to do in the Indian subcontinent. Participants discussed how **GSE** could be improved. A group of **Peace Fellows** who are studying at the University of Queensland will visit Canberra in September and will speak at a dinner members may wish to attend. We were reminded that Rotary Foundation is Rotary’s charity.

Shukry Sahhar introduced **Mike and Helen Rodd**. Mike has decided to transfer from the Rotary Club of Nowra to our club. Mike is a civil engineer who has worked on water and



sewage projects in diverse locations, from Tumut to Darwin to Chile to Nowra, and now Canberra. Members welcomed Mike to the Club.

President Ros showed us **Des Pain’s** design for the flyer to promote the **Kintore Dinner on 12 May**. The flyer and the most recent Kintore newsletter will accompany the **Ken Goard** designed invitation that will be sent

out shortly. She explained how the invitation will enable people to make a tax deductible donation with their payment for the dinner.

The Club has secured a large number of tickets to a performance on Thursday 8 April of the **Great Moscow Circus** through the efforts of honorary member **Don Whitbread**. This will be a major fundraiser for the Western Desert Health Project, so start lining up your friends, family and work colleagues for the night.

Raven Reporter: **Jeff Ibbotson**
Photos: **Bruce Wyatt**



Helen and Mike Rodd are welcomed into Woden Rotary by President Ros and Shukry