

ROTARY CLUB



OF WODEN INC.

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Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle - Held annually in September

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Promotional Dinner

Plans for the dinner at the Federal Golf Club on 12 May are well advanced, and invitations are currently being distributed. It is hoped that 150-180 people will attend, for an interesting and enjoyable evening. Our Guest speaker will be former Governor General, Major General P M Jeffery, AC, AO (Mil), CVO, MC (Retd). Interesting items for the auction are welcome.

Last week's attendance

Club Guests: Speaker—Jessica McConnell
Visiting Rotarians: Ruth Wilson (Salamandar Bay, NSW)
Visitors: Ross McConnell, Thibaud Delgat
Members present: 23 **Make-ups:** 5
Countable: 28 **Percentage:** 100 %

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

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DINNER ROSTER

	This week - 17 March	Next week - 24 March
Program	Michael Linke	Lachlan Backhall, PhD Student ANU.
	RSPCA ACT Matching people to dogs	Computer management of your home
Introduction	Des Henderson-Kelly	Jeff Ibbotson
Appreciation	David Fox	Phil Ibbotson
Fellowship	Phil Ibbotson	Robyn Singleton
	Annemarie Driver	Bob Harvie
Raven Recorder	Bob Harvie	Gary Scott
Birthdays	Pixie Gray 19/3	Des H-K 23/3, Annemarie D 24/3, Des Pain 25/3
Anniversaries		Ajit & Anna Banerjee 23/3

Parking at Thoroughbred Park

Friday 19 March: Gary Scott (Leader), Ros Osbourne, Phil Ibbotson, Des Pain, Norma Donaldson



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THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Meetings 6.00 for 6.15 pm each Wednesday, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill

Your fellow member - Alec Philip

I am descended from one of a number of Scottish families who pioneered the Western district in Victoria arriving in 1847. My childhood was spent in Yea, NE Victoria and in 1962 I graduated from the Victorian College of Pharmacy.

In 1963 I married Gayle, my long time wife and business partner. In 1964-68 I served as a pharmacist in the Medical Branch of the RAAF. After graduating from Officer Training School (Point Cook), I had postings to RAAF Hospitals at Laver-ton and then Butterworth in Malaysia. To live, travel and work in an emerging multicultural democracy was an enriching experience.

In 1970 we moved to Canberra and I returned to community pharmacy. Over the next 30 years, Gayle & I owned and operated pharmacies in

Fisher, Hughes and Mawson. Our children Andrew (Hons Econ.) and Susan (B. Comm.) are our greatest legacy and it has been a privilege to live and raise them in this unique and wonderful city. Andrew and Susan are both married each with 2 daughters and live in Canberra.

My first retirement in 2001-2005 was not so successful. I worked as a locum in Victorian towns while based in Yea and joined the Rotary Club of Yea. Returning to Canberra in 2005, I joined Woden Rotary Club, settled in Pearce, and gradually wound down locum work to finish in 2008.

Retirement interests include a group at St Paul's Manuka, Shareholders' Association, cycling, Canberra Symphony Orchestra, NGA exhibitions, reading and perhaps one more trip to Europe.



Alec Philip

Dates for your diary

Parking: See Roster at foot of page 4
24 March: Lachlan Backhall. Effective Computer Management of your home
8 April: Great Moscow Circus event
21 April: Adrian Pilton, Sydney Opera House
28 April: Neil Inall "Food glorious food"
12 May: WDHP Promotional Dinner

Tonight

Michael Linke - RSPCA Matching people to dogs

March is Polio Eradication/Literacy Month

Rotary clubs scoop Citizen of the Year award!

On Friday 12th March, District Governor Michael Pedler sent the following message to Canberra Rotarians: Some incredibly exciting news! The Canberra Presidents are already aware, but I wanted to share the news with you all as soon as I could.

This morning, on behalf of the Rotary Clubs of Canberra, I accepted the certificate and medal on the naming of the Rotary Clubs of Canberra as the Canberra Citizen of the Year 2010.

This is an incredible honour and it is great to receive the acknowledgement and recognition.

I was given the opportunity to make a presentation and at the request of the Club Presidents present, am attaching the basic text of what I said. Feel free to use it as you like, just acknowledge it as coming from me.

BOARD BYTES

Kintore: At its meeting last Wednesday evening, the Board again looked at progress on the Western Desert Health Project at Kintore, and the availability of funds. By the end of April, two more working visits should have been completed (one of these by Canberra City Rotary). Plumbing and related work, with George Calcar in charge, and installation of cupboards and fittings are currently the main

There was loads of media present and items should appear in the Canberra Times tomorrow, with photo. In addition, WIN and ABC did an interview with me for the news service.



DG Michael with Club Presidents following the award ceremony (Canberra times photo)

Mark Wallace from Rotary Down Under magazine came down to take some special photos. One of which we hope will grace a future front cover of the RDU magazine.

My hearty congratulations to all the Clubs and Rotarians in Canberra in particular, but to all Rotarians in the District too. This is strong recognition of the work we all do and dedication we all have for Rotary and our local communities.

Yours in Rotary Fellowship
Michael W Pedler

concerns. Neale Emanuel has taken responsibility for delivering materials (much cheaper in Canberra!) to the site. To meet short term requirements for funds, the Board has decided to transfer further Club funds to the project - \$5000 from the general operating account and \$15000 from the uncommitted funds in the project account. The latter places further strains on the availability of funds for other service projects, but income from our parking activities, the returns from the

Guest speaker - Jessica McConnell

Christine Bell introduced guest speaker Jessica McConnell, our Rotary Exchange Student who spent 2009 hosted by Rotary in Basel, Switzerland. During her stay Jessica was hosted by three Rotarian families.

While she had studied German at high school in Canberra, Jessica's language skills were very basic when she arrived in Basel. A short intensive language course, living with families that spoke only German in the home, and immersion in school classes conducted in German had her thinking in German and conversing quite well relatively quickly.

Our outgoing, fun loving young exchange student spoke frankly about the challenges of adjusting to the very competitive, very studious atmosphere at the 'gymnasium' she attended. In Europe the gymnasium is much more of an intellectual work out than a physical one, being the highest level academic school stream that prepares young people for university.

There were some opportunities for Jessica to let down her hair and

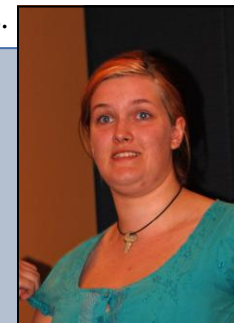
have fun. One such occasion was the Euro Tour through the Czech Republic and Italy with a bus load of other Rotary Exchange Students who clearly had much fun and little sleep during the tour. Another was a visit to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland, which Jessica, a keen Venturer Scout in Canberra, thoroughly enjoyed.

While her Rotary hosts in Basel were quite restrictive, Jessica rose to the challenges and broadened her horizons. Her dance and drama studies

gave her a new perspective on life and her visit to the UN in Geneva has inspired her to work towards a return to Europe to study when she completes college in Canberra.

After questions, Carlo Benutti thanked Jessica for her high energy presentation.

Raven Reporter: Jeff Ibbotson
Photos: Robin Cromer



Jessica

Board Bytes continued...

Promotional Dinner, and hopefully support from other Rotary Clubs will help. We are still looking out for opportunities to attract further Governmental funding support.

Marlene and Sarah, our primary contacts in the project, will be visiting Canberra shortly, and we are planning discussions with them.

Speaker Program: The Board expressed its satisfaction with the speaker program that Phil Ibbotson has run so successfully and efficiently, and we have written to thank him for his work. It is one of the core activities for our dinner meetings, and a source of a wide range of insights into the world we live in.

Additional items missed out this week due to lack of space (Ed).