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Secretary: [keith.avent@bigpond.com](mailto:keith.avent@bigpond.com)**Previous Issues of the Raven:**<http://www.rotarnet.com.au/woden>**Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle - Held annually in September****The back page****Last week's attendance****Club Guests:** Speaker - Lachlan Backhall**Visiting Rotarians:** Nil**Members present:** 22 **Make-ups:****Countable:** Percentage: 67.86 %**"THIS COMPUTER IS EQUIPPED WITH AN AIRBAG IN CASE YOU FALL ASLEEP!"****APOLOGIES****BY 3 PM TUESDAY**

Norma Donaldson

6231 6680 [normad@apex.net.au](mailto:normad@apex.net.au)**DINNER ROSTER****This week - 31 March****Des Pain****A Silk Route Safari****Next week - 7 April****Dr Damian McMahon****Kintore and Aboriginal Art****Program**

**Introduction** Jeff Ibbotson  
**Appreciation** Sue Pelengaris  
**Fellowship** Bruce Wyatt  
 Ian Excell  
**Raven Recorder** Jeff Ibbotson  
**Birthdays** Carlo Binutti 28/3, Denise Goard 29/3  
**Anniversaries**

Ray Newcombe  
 Annemarie Driver  
 John Robson  
 Des Pain  
 Bob Harvie

**Parking at Thoroughbred Park****Friday 9 April:** Neale Emanuel (Leader), Annemarie Driver, Rod Driver, Ray Newcombe, Bish Mukerjee

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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 - Wolfgang Lukas Strohmayer**

I was born in 1962 in Graz, Styria (Steiermark) and since 2002 married to Natalie. We have two children, Katharina (5) and Lukas (born in Canberra, 3 years).

I completed my studies as MA with a major in Philosophy at the Uni. of Vienna and finished my post-graduate studies at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. I joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and became Attaché at the Austrian Embassy in Zagreb, Croatia in 1995. This was during the final stage of the Civil War, namely the military reintegration of Serb occupied Territories and the bombardment of Zagreb.

In 1996 I was appointed Head of the Economic Dept. at the Embassy in Bonn, Germany and went on to Budapest, Hungary in 1999. My next appointment in Vienna was Head of Section for the EU-Common Mar-

ket. After this very demanding time I was able to choose our next destination and rewarded ourselves with Canberra as Deputy Head of Mission, including NZ & 11 States of the South Pacific Region.

I was involved with my father in soccer management (Board of Directors of the Austrian Premier League Soccer Team Grazer AK. from 1994-2005).

The last 5 years have been dedicated to family life and to a lot of travelling. We were particularly impressed by the beauty of the South Coast, a well kept secret of Australia, where we have spent most of our weekends and many happy holidays.

We will miss all that very soon as I will be posted to Strassburg/France as Consul General for another term of 4 years. It would be a great pleasure for us if our Woden Rotary friends would come to visit us in Strasbourg.



Lukas

**Dates for your diary**

**Parking:** See Roster at foot of page 4  
**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**

**Des Pain**  
**A Silk Route Safari**

**March is Polio Eradication/Literacy Month**

## Guest speaker: Lachlan Backhall - ANU

The Guest Speaker, Lachlan Backhall, was introduced by John Robson.

Lachlan's talk was entitled "The Smart Controlled Communicating, Self Healing Grid".

The electricity grid that serves the Eastern States of Australia is at present fairly simple as there are a limited number of sources of supply to be integrated. Capacity is at present able to supply demand, but is reaching its limits, unless more sources of supply are created. These are needed both to cope with increasing demand, due to the use of air conditioners and other home appliances, and the ever increasing population. Without increased generating capacity both brown outs and black outs will be come more frequent.

Some of this increased capacity, stimulated by the fears of Global Warming will come from green power. Another source

could be Nuclear Power, at present not favoured in this country. Wind and Solar power could supply up to 10% of our needs.



Lachlan Backhall

Use of multiple sources of electricity creates problems in linkage. Some 50 thousand wind turbines are the equivalent of one coal fired turbine.

A Smart Grid and Smart Meters at point of use would result in major changes in design, deployment, management and use of electricity.

It offers potential for incorporating hybrid vehicles, to be associated with both supply and micro generating facilities in homes.

It also represents a fundamentally new approach to electricity production, transmission, distribution and consumption.

The speaker was thanked by Phil Ibbotson.

Raven Reporter - Piers Booth  
Photographs - Robin Cromer



## Club news

**Citizen of the Year:** Copies of the photos of members of the Woden Club taken last week to celebrate the 'Citizen of the Year Award' to all Rotarians in Canberra were on display. Members can request copies of the file from Robin Cromer.

**Moscow Circus:** The 400 tickets for the Moscow Circus event are now either sold (395) or committed (5). A big splurge is to be organised when our donation to the Southcare Helicopter is handed over.

**Presidents Elect:** District Assembly and PETs will be on 17 & 18 April. Presidents Elect, board members for next year and other interested members should attend.

**Footy Tipping:** A 'National Footy Tipping Competition' is being organised by the Rotary Club of Essendon North. No volunteers were forthcoming to organise this for Woden.

### Rotary Western Desert Project:

- The Rotary Club of Canberra City is finishing off a number of projects associated with the building.
- The materials for the plumbing are being transported by Neale Emanuel, for work to commence in the near future.
- A second visit by the plumbing team is planned, probably in June.
- More money is needed.
- Ten percent of the tickets for the dinner on 12 May to raise funds for the Rotary Western Desert Project have now been sold.
- Rotarian Fred Hay, a director of Rotary Health, has offered a substantial donation, possibly part of a matching grant with a USA club.

'Rotary World' the magazine for all club and district officers is now available on line as Rotary Leader.

### Dates to remember:

30 May - Inner Wheel Club of Canberra Woden 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration and wake for the Club.

15 May - Snowy Mountain Southcare Helicopter Service Gala Ball.

8 May - Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise "Italian Opera Gala".