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Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle - Held annually in September

The back page**Last week's attendance**

Club Guests: Speaker—Dr Damian McMahon

Visiting Rotarians: Nil

Members present: 19 **Make-ups:** Nil

Countable: 16 **Percentage:** 57.143 %



"There are better ways to log off."

APOLOGIES**BY 3 PM TUESDAY**

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DINNER ROSTER**This week - 14 April**

Program **Jeff Ibbotson** - An Anglo Saxon or
 Jute in the land of the original Britons (Wales)
Introduction Piers Booth
Appreciation Annemarie Driver
Fellowship Mike Rodd
 John Robson
Raven Recorder Christine Bell
Birthdays
Anniversaries Ros & John Joslin 16/4, Bish & Janet Mukerjee

Next week - 21 April

Adrian Pilton
 The Sydney Opera House
 Bish Mukerjee
 Des Henderson-Kelly
 Alec Philip
 Sue Pelengaris
 Bob Harvie

Parking at Thoroughbred Park

Monday 26 April: Bruce Wyatt (Leader), Phil Ibbotson, Ajit Banerjee, Carlo Binutti



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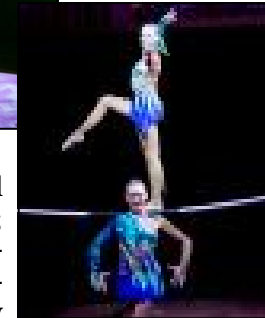
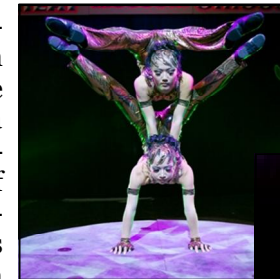
THE RAVEN

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

GREAT MOSCOW CIRCUS - Thursday 8 April

After spending a night out at the circus, it's easy to understand why the Club's 400 tickets were so quickly snaffled. Performers from around the world put on a suitably stunning array of stunts, including acrobats leaping from the Russian Swing into a curtain; an aerial motorbike/acrobatic combo; magical illusions with the old favourite disappearing female assistant; miniature ponies obediently going through their routine; contortionists bending their bodies in unimaginable ways while literally hanging on by the skin of their teeth; and five motorbike riders hurtling around inside the globe of death.



It was all held together by some clowning and a Ringmaster whose drunken trapezining had the audience awash with good spirit (some were well dampened indeed by his swinging bottle).

President Ros made her circus debut in the main ring to present the fruits of our ticket sales to officials from local charities. Ros presented \$4000 to the Snowy Hydro SouthCare helicopter, \$2000 to Marymead and \$2000 to Sailability ACT. If you missed out on our tickets, the show will be in town (at the airport actually) until 28 April. Check out their website at:

<http://www.moscowcircus.com.au>

Dates for your diary

Parking: See Roster at foot of page 4
17/18 April: PETS & District Assembly, Eden
21 April: Adrian Pilton, Sydney Opera House
28 April: Neil Inall "Food glorious food"
12 May: WDHP Promotional Dinner
14 May: NYSF applications close

Tonight

Jeff Ibbotson
 An Anglo Saxon or Jute in
 the land of the original
 Britons (Wales)

April is Magazine Month

Guest speaker: Dr Damian McMahon

Ray Newcombe introduced our guest speaker, Dr Damian McMahon. By day Damian is a trauma surgeon who has played an integral role in the development of trauma services at Canberra Hospital and of surgical clinical skills at the ANU Medical School, and in the verification of trauma units for the College of Surgeons. He is also the medical director of the Snowy Hydro SouthCare medical and rescue helicopter services. After hours, he follows the AFL and heads bush at every opportunity.



Damian McMahon

the communities he realised the importance of art in the communities, giving people a sense of purpose as well as creating income for them.

His interest in the art of the communities was spurred on by Brian Kennedy, then Director of the Australian National Gallery. This led to the Canberra Medical Society raising funds by auctioning Aboriginal art to help fund indigenous health projects to ease the burden on community life of dia-

betes and renal failure. He sees art, along with sport and tourism, as ways of helping the communities become more sustainable.

After questions, Jeff Ibbotson thanked Damian for his interesting talk which provided us with some valuable insights into life on remote Aboriginal communities such as Kintore.

In the course of exploring the outback areas of the country with Woden GP Dr Bob Allen, Damian visited and gradually got to know remote Aboriginal communities such as Kintore. What started out as a bit of a 'boy's own adventure' along remote and unmapped outback tracks took Damian on a spiritual journey as well as a rugged physical one. As he met more of

Raven Reporter - Jeff Ibbotson
Photograph - Robin Cromer



Club news

Polio and cows: Sergeant Gary Scott reeled out the welcomes: to us, by us and to President Ros who mentioned the 7.30 Report's coverage of polio eradication and recounted the precautions her paediatrician father took to ensure his family did not contract the disease that was once quite common in Australia. She also informed us that last week's brief talk on the Ugandan cow project elicited a 'hind quarter' donation, i.e. sufficient to buy a proportion of a cow equivalent to its hindquarter.

Kintore fund-raising auction: Jeff Ibbotson reported that members are offering auction items for the Kintore dinner steadily, including a Club 10th anniversary medallion, a book on the Flying Doctor Service, and a finely turned and inlaid platter in Huon pine. Just a few more items are needed to round out the evening's selection – please contact Jeff.

Sailability ACT: This charity is one of the beneficiaries of the circus night, and it helps people of all abilities, but especially those with disabilities, to experience 'Freedom on the Water'. Each Sunday afternoon between September and April its sailors set out from the Club on the shores of Lake Tuggeranong to learn to sail and broaden their horizons.

If you have half a mind, that's all you need to go sailing! With the help of groups like Rotary, Sailability now has the facilities and resources to get you on the water, without getting your feet wet. They welcome individual and family groups alike. They especially welcome volunteers who need know nothing about sailing, but are crucial to getting sailors on the water and to keeping the club itself afloat. For more info ring 6281 0987.

Charity Golf Day: Canberra Burley Griffin Rotary Club are having a Charity Golf day on FRIDAY 7 MAY 2010. RMC Duntroon Golf Course, Canberra ACT. Contact: Tony Waring 0418 631 649 or E: tandjwaring@bigpond.com

A message from John Gray: Currently we are in the Pacific Ocean near Micronesia. We dock at Saipan tomorrow and Guam on Sunday. Yesterday we circled Iwa Jima the site of one of the most significant battles of the Pacific War. Some 23,000 Japanese and 7,000 Americans we killed in that battle. The futility of war! Best wishes to all in the club. I will be back at Rotary on 21 April.

Rotary Foundation: Some Rotarians don't realise that The Rotary Foundation does great work other than PolioPlus. Some examples are given below of recent payments made by the South Pacific Office on behalf of The Rotary Foundation (see more on page 7 of the DGs March Newsletter):

- A Feeding programme for severely malnourished children - Philippines.
- Eye glasses for 850 children - Indonesia
- Nurse training for Leprosy detection plus medication - Indonesia
- Renal dialysis for elderly Aboriginals - Australia
- Clean water to 100 communities - FIJI (\$895 each)
- Solar powered lighting for housing, community centres and school—Timor Leste