



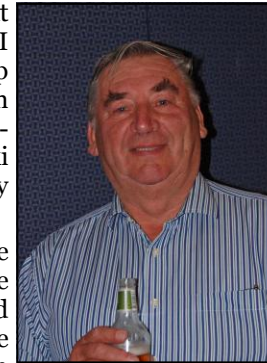
THE RAVEN

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 - Carlo Binutti

I was born in the NE corner of Italy about 90k from Austria and 30K from Slovenia. I came to Australia as a 15 year old in 1955 and settled in Cooma where my father was working as a foreman with the Snowy Scheme. After a difficult time trying to assimilate, I was given an apprenticeship with my Father and given responsibility for supervising the construction of ski lodges around the snowy region.



While rebuilding the Kosiusko Alpine Club lodge which had been burned down, I met my wife Joanne and we married in Jindabyne in 1964. We moved to Canberra in 1970 where we started obtaining contracts from the Department of Works and later the NCDC.

I did 12 years of part time study and gained several certificates in building from the Technical College before being invited to attend the CCAE (now Uni. of Canberra) to undertake a Degree

in Building Technology. Our firm became well-known for the quality of our work and respect for the Environment and Heritage. We had the pleasure to be awarded some most prestigious building excellence awards for our work.

Those works included working at Old Parliament House, creating the National Portrait Gallery, the Lodge, Government House, refurbishing many of the Commonwealth and Territory buildings and lately being engaged as a project manager for the National Schools stimulus program.

We have three children, Lisa a school teacher, Lloyd a manager for a multinational company and Arron who is taking over the running of the building company. We have three grand children. My hobbies were snow and water skiing, but now include car rallies and motor sport and the world game of soccer. In joining Rotary, I have found friendship, it gives me pleasure to participate in our programs and activities, and being fined on a regular base from our Sergeant.

Dates for your diary

- Parking:** See Roster at foot of page 4
- 28 April:** Neil Inall "Food glorious food"
- 12 May:** WDHP Promotional Dinner
- 14 May:** NYSF applications close
- 21/22 Aug:** Rotary Conf. Hellenic Club

Tonight

Adrian Pilton
The Sydney Opera House

April is Magazine Month

ROTARY CLUB



OF WODEN INC.

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- President: Ros Osbourne
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- Youth: Gary Scott

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Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle - Held annually in September

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Last week's attendance

- Guest Speaker:** Jeff Ibbotson
- Visitors:** Gerda Lambeck
- Visiting Rotarians:** Nil
- Members present:** 23 **Make-ups:** 2
- Countable:** 19 **Percentage:** 72.414 %

LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

- * Memory was something that you lost with age
- * An application was for employment
- * A program was a TV show
- * A cursor used profanity
 - * A keyboard was a piano
 - * A web was a spider's home
 - * A virus was the flu
 - * A CD was a bank account
- * A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- * A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- * And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy ...you just hoped nobody found out



APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

Norma Donaldson

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DINNER ROSTER

This week - 21 April

Adrian Pilton

The Sydney Opera House

Next week - 28 April

Neil Inall

Food glorious food

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| Introduction | Bish Mukerjee | Annemarie Driver |
| Appreciation | Des Henderson-Kelly | Mike Rodd |
| Fellowship | Alec Philip | Carlo Binutti |
| | Sue Pelengaris | Mike Rodd |
| Raven Recorder | Bob Harvie | Piers Booth |
| Birthdays | | |
| Anniversaries | | |

Parking at Thoroughbred Park

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

Guest speaker: Jeff Ibbotson

An Anglo Saxon or Jute in the land of the original Britons (Wales). Piers Booth introduced Jeff Ibbotson and Gerda Lambeck. Jeff is well known as an active fellow member of the Woden Club. His partner, Gerda, works as a physiotherapist for ACT Health.

Jeff and Gerda are both keen cyclists. In 2009, they participated in a Rotary Friendship Exchange from District 9710 to Wales and took the opportunity to cycle through parts of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

After flying to London Jeff and Gerda took the scenic route to Carmarthen, the county town of Carmarthenshire in west Wales. They travelled by train to Reading and then cycled to Bristol, following the Kennet and Avon canal and disused rail tracks. The journey featured narrow boats, artists, tea shops, pubs and locks ... and more locks, culminating in the Caen Hill locks (all 29 of them) near Devizes. Luckily for Jeff and Gerda, they were not travelling on the canal itself and so did not have to operate the locks, they just needed pedal power to move up and down the hills.

A highlight of the journey to Bristol was a visit to the city of Bath in Somerset, featuring the remains from its time as a Roman spa resort juxtaposed with the beautiful Georgian

architecture from its time as a spa resort in the 18th and early 19th C.

From Bristol our intrepid travelers caught the train to Swansea in south Wales, before cycling to the delightfully named Mumbles and on to Carmarthen, where they met their fellow members of the Rotary Friendship Exchange. They were hosted by a

Rotarian at Narbeth, west of Carmarthen and had plenty of opportunities to experience the history and scenery of south-west Wales, visiting Carmarthen, with its history dating back to Roman times, Tenby, a fish-

ing village and now seaside resort in Pembrokeshire (and home of the Tenby Lifeboat) and St David's, the smallest city in the United Kingdom, resting place of the patron saint of Wales and home of the beautiful St David's Cathedral.

Through the Rotary Friendship Exchange Jeff and Gerda were able to meet many Welsh Rotarians and experience Rotary meetings Welsh-style, with dinners hosted by a number of local clubs. They also had the chance to meet the mayor of Carmarthen and attend a meeting of the Local Assembly of Carmarthenshire. A highlight was a very wet and muddy visit to the Royal Welsh Show, where a good time was had by all. I must ask Jeff what drew him to the shearing exhibition.

Annemarie Driver thanked Jeff and Gerda for the talk.



Jeff and Gerda

Club news

Western Desert Project: There is currently a great deal of activity at Kintore. John Widdup reported that the working party from the RC of Canberra City has arrived in Kintore and is working on fencing and blocking up some doors. The group had planned to do some carpentry work also, however wet weather has hindered transportation of the necessary materials. Two groups from Woden will follow, led by John Widdup and Shukri Sahhar, respectively.

Work continues on preparations for the Promotional Dinner and fundraiser for the Western Desert Project. Sue Pelegaris sought assistance from anyone with a sewing machine, who could help with hemming the Aboriginal art print table runners that will be used on the night. President Ros reported that a number of people who are unable to attend the dinner have made donations.

Rotary International President-elect: RI President (2010-11) Ray Klingensmith has confirmed his intention to attend and address a conference open to all Australian Rotarians that will be held on 21/22 August 2010 at the Hellenic Club in Canberra. The conference is aimed at strengthening Rotary, especially Rotary clubs. Further details can be found on page 16 of the April 2010 issue of the Rotary Down Under magazine (www.rotarydownunder.com.au/). Enquiries about the conference should be referred to Rob Wylie, robwy43@bigpond.net.au

Guess who's 85?: Keith Avent congratulated Shukry Sahhar on qualifying as an 85er. The rule of 85 means that the aggregate of the member's age plus the number of years as a Rotarian equals or exceeds 85. Upon written notice and board approval, a qualifying member may opt to remain an active Rotarian but can elect to be excused from the usual attendance rules. An absence by an 85er will not count against the club's attendance percentage reported to the District. Well done Shukry, you have obviously been a Rotarian for many, many years!

Board Bytes

- President-Elect Gary Scott is planning discussions and meetings from now till June in preparation for his upcoming year. His is working to have everyone usefully involved.
- Possible candidates for hosting under the Ambassadorial Scholar scheme and Youth Exchange have been identified, and are to be investigated in more detail.
- The agreement with Gungahlin Rotary for their continued involvement in the Rotary Spring Cycle has been finalised, and John Widdup expects detailed planning for the 10 October event to commence forthwith.

Berry Celtic Festival is on Saturday 22 May at Berry Showground. Presented by the Rotary Club of Berry-Gerringong and the Community of Berry. Proceeds to the South Coast Cancer Care Centre.

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