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Secretary: 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****Guest Speaker:** Adrian Pilton (RC Sydney)**Visitors:** John Joslin**Members present:** 22 **Make-ups:** 2**Countable:** 19 **Percentage:** 65.517 %**APOLOGIES****BY 3 PM TUESDAY**

Norma Donaldson

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Stupid computer
 keeps saying
 "you got mail"

**DINNER ROSTER****This week - 28 April****Jenny Swanson****Snowy Hydro Southcare****Next week - 5 May****Club Forum****Program**

Introduction	Annemarie Driver	Alec Philip
Appreciation	Mike Rodd	Ajit Banerjee
Fellowship	Carlo Binutti	Des Pain
	Mike Rodd	Sue Pelengaris
Raven Recorder	Piers Booth	Jeff Ibbotson
Birthdays		Ray Newcombe 5/5, Lyn Svanosio 6/5, John Gray 7/5
Anniversaries		Ian & Val Excell 3/5

Parking at Thoroughbred Park**Friday 14 May:** Robin Cromer (Leader), John Gray, Keith Avent & Alec Philip

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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**The Walungurru (Kintore) region**

Des Pain found reference to Kintore in a Raven from February 2007, when David Fox was getting the Rotary Western Desert Project off the ground. The following extract gives some recent history of the people from Kintore.

As recently as 1957 a group of Aboriginal people, who never had had any contact with the "modern world" were discovered near Lake Mackay, on the border between Western Australia and the Northern Territory. Later expeditions in 1963 into the desert found more people still living a traditional life, unchanged for thousands of years. These were all Pintubi (or Bindibu) people, the last Aborigines to live this life. They were taken to Papunya community, given clothes and had to adapt to a way of life totally



alien to them. As all traditional Aboriginal people are intimately tied to the land of their ancestors and "dreaming places", sites of ceremonial significance, they longed to get back.

In 1981 the Pintubi moved back and the small community of Kintore or

Walungurru was founded, 530 km west of Alice Springs, at the base of Pulikatjara, two culturally important hills. The community now has a population of about 450, although about 60 people have decided to live in small "outstations" or "Homeland Centres", their real clan areas. The main community is administered by its Council. There is a school, a women's centre, a clinic, a store, an art centre and an airstrip provides regular flights to Alice Springs.

Dates for your diary

Parking: See Roster at foot of page 4
12 May: WDHP Promotional Dinner
 Major General Michael Jeffery AC, AO(Mil), CVO, MC (Retd).
14 May: NYSF applications close
21/22 Aug: Rotary Conf. Hellenic Club

Tonight

Jenny Swanson
Snowy Hydro Southcare

Note: we meet in the
Restaurant area

April is Magazine Month

Guest speaker: Adrian Pilton

Adrian joined our Club in 1988 and had the honour of introducing one, John Lawrence to the Club. Adrian is an architect who worked in Canberra at that time. He subsequently moved to Sydney to form a partnership with Richard Johnson, doing work in China, NZ and Australia.

In 1998 they won the contract to revamp the Sydney Opera House that he said is the most recognized building in the World. The original competition for its design attracted 233 entries. Jan Utzon the winner, had won a few scholarships and had travelled extensively getting ideas from Mayan temples and their bases, the curves of mosques, floating clouds and Japanese buildings over water. He had not submitted a proper plan but the then Premier, Joe Cahill, wanted it built in his time without any real idea of costs. The Government had the builders proceed with concrete foundations in spite of not knowing how the sails would be built. In fact they had to be redesigned from a parabolic shape without the help of modern computer technology. The building was a disaster with complaints about limited seating, poor acoustics and accommodation for the orchestra, no disabled access and very limited female toilets.



Adrian Pilton

The orchestra pit was badly placed, meaning the players must play very loudly causing deafness which, when Premier Carr heard it, immediately provided funds for renovation.

It is Australia's number one tourist attraction but leaves no lasting impression with visitors. Adrian and Richard devised a long term plan which included Utzon, but he showed no enthusiasm to return until Richard spent 3 days cajoling him. Utzon's son became involved and eventually Utzon joined the team.

With the need for events (x2000) to continue and some 300,000 guided tours they developed the Strategic Building plan, the Venue Improvement Plan and the Utzon design principles for posterity. Harbour views were given by external walkways, shops and attractions including a major central walkway between the theatres and beyond.

Their first project was the ladies' toilets, then provisions were made for lifts and escalators as well as opening up the walls, the Concert Hall, theatre seats and parking. Unfortunately the opera acoustics cannot be improved except with major changes to increase theatre volume that would cost around \$700 million.

Des Henderson-Kelly presented the pen and told of his early career in examining the engineering of the building structure.



John introduces Adrian

Club news

District Assembly and PETS

President Ros went to the District Assembly and apart from the interesting events, she came back with a worthwhile booklet, 'An Introduction to Programs of Rotarians (Down Under).' While there, DG Mike Pedler challenged all 9710 Clubs to match the Moruya Club's effort in getting all its members to be donor Centurions.

President Elect Gary also attended District Assembly and PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) and returned total enthused by the number and nature of projects that Rotary takes on and the results that it achieves. He recommended that new members especially, should attend to explore the panoply of Rotary. The Club Leadership Plan will soon be revealed by Gary and his Board for the next Rotary year.

Rotary Western Desert Project

Shukry had a report from Neale Emanuel at Kintore. Neale did make it but had trouble with a wandering trailer with broken U bolts that had to be fixed in true red dirt fashion. Work is progressing, with fencing to be moved to allow the plumbing to be redirected. The kitchen furniture is being made in Canberra.

Pres Ros reported that the Kintore project has so far cost the Club \$55,000 with a further \$44,000 to be spent, all of this coming from grants, donations and the hard work we have done in parking cars. We are hoping for more assistance from other Clubs to complete the project.

The next major fundraiser will be the promotional dinner on 12th May for which bookings are due by 1st May. We would like to sell 150 seats of which 50 have definitely been sold so far.

Rotary International President Elect - Ray Klingensmith

Ray an attorney, served as general counsel, professor of business administration, and dean of administration for Truman State University



for more than 20 years. The president of the Chariton Valley Association for Handicapped Citizens since its inception in 1982, Ray received the 1988 Parent/Caretaker Award from the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities. Ray is an alumnus of The Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships program, which took him to South Africa in 1961. He has served as RI director,

RI Board Executive Committee chair, Foundation trustee and vice chair, Future Vision Committee member, Council on Legislation chair, and 2008 Los Angeles Convention Committee chair. A Major Donor, he is a recipient of the Foundation's Distinguished Service Award. Ray and his wife, Judie, live in Kirksville, USA.

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