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# THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

## NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

Rotarians have two opportunities – 8 or 22 January – to attend either of the two dinners organised by the National Youth Science Forum at the ANU when delegates and Rotarians can share the evening. Rotary in Australia is closely involved with this program and has been so from the program's inception.

Each of the two forums in January are twelve day programs for students moving into Year 12 who are thinking about a career in science, engineering and technology. It is fully residential and takes place in January at the ANU. All activities are fully supervised by student staff and resident Rotary counsellors. The program is extremely intensive.

Either of the two dinners are strongly recommended for all Club members. They feature inspiring key-note speakers and conversation with some of our future scientists.

**TO ENSURE YOU DON'T MISS OUT PLEASE CONTACT NORMA DONALDSON NOW TO BOOK A PLACE AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

### TONIGHT'S MEETING

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T READ MAPS

Lyell Street runs off Newcastle Street and Barrier Street. Harvey Norman is in Barrier Street. Robson Environmental is in the lower floor of the Chubb Building. It is a big brown building half way along Lyell Street. The sign outside says *Robson Laboratories*.

Parking may be a problem. If you do have trouble finding a spot just park down either side of the building as Chubb should be finished for the day by the time everyone arrives.



### The back page

This bulletin's name reflects the ancient Scandinavian God Woden or Odin – the supreme God and Alfadur (All-Father). He drew wisdom from the well of the Giant Mimir. He had two ravens called Hugin and Munin (Thought and Memory) who flew forth every day and returned at night to tell him what they had seen, so contributing to his wisdom. The land bought in 1837 by classical scholar Dr James Murray was named 'Woden'. From 1962 onwards Woden Town was built on that land.

### Last week's attendance

**Club guests:** Christine Bell, Greg Raisin and David Wollstoncroft  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Bob Sherwin (Yamba)  
**Other guests:** Lucinda Lang  
**Members present:** 21  
**Makeups:** 5  
**Percentage:** 83.87

### APOLOGIES

**BY 3 PM TUESDAY**  
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### DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK - 3 December	NEXT WEEK – 10 December
<b>Program</b>	Workplace visit Robson Environmental	Shukry Sahhar Club Christmas Party
<b>Introduction</b>	Bish Mukerjee	N/A
<b>Appreciation</b>	Ray Newcombe	N/A
<b>Fellowship</b>	Eric Taylor Peter Evans	Alec Philip Eric Taylor
<b>Raven Recorder</b>	Bernadette Cappello	Norma Donaldson
<b>Birthdays</b>	L Strohmayer 30 Nov; D Whitbread 1 Dec; H Sahhar 3 Dec; Gerda Lambeck 5 Dec	Babs Grainger 12 Dec
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Nil	Nil

### Dates for your diary

- Wed 10 Dec** – Club Xmas Party
  - Wed 17 Dec** – Final meeting at Embassy
  - Wed 24 & 31 Dec** – No meeting either night
  - Wed 7 Jan** – No meeting
  - Wed 14 Jan** – Meet at Ros Osbourne's house (12/130 Shackleton Circuit, Mawson)
  - Wed 21 Jan** – President's barbecue at Shukry's (20 McKail Crescent, Stirling)
  - Wed 28 Jan** – First meeting at Federal Golf Club
- NOTE that NYSF dinners are at the ANU on 8 & 22 January if you wish**

### TONIGHT

**6 for 6.15 – We meet at Robson Environmental 9 Lyell St Fyshwick. (Chubb building)**  
**Hosts: Anne & John Robson**  
**Plenty of sumptuous finger food.**  
**Usual \$20 per head**

**December is Family Month**

## Last week - Our Club on show

The spotlight turned away from the work, adventures and interests of others at last week's meeting. Instead we brought our light out from under the proverbial bushel and introduced to potential new members the work, adventures and interests of Rotary and of our Club in particular.

After President Shukry welcomed visiting Rotarians and our guests, John Widdup reported on another successful parking day at Thoroughbred Park, this time for a music festival.



To introduce Rotary to our guests, President Shukry explained the history, role and mode of operation of Rotary across the world.

Secretary Keith Avent related the history of Rotary Woden, including the connection to the rural holding that once spread across the now sub-urban Woden Valley; the link to Norse mythology; and the way we have continued that link by naming our esteemed journal after Woden's winged messengers.



Norma Donaldson spoke about our involvement in the local community with our community awards and support for students of Canberra College.



The international projects in which we have been involved, such as the Children of the Golden Triangle project and the cardiac ambulance recently launched in Nasik in-

dia were then explained by Piers Booth.

Immediate Past President David Fox spoke of our involvement in the Rotary Western Desert



Project at Kintore and how we are working with the local community there to build its kidney dialysis capacity.

Peter Evans outlined the financial commitment one makes to Rotary.

President-elect Ros Osbourne told of Rotary's work with youth through the scholarships, study exchange programs and the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship.



become part of the Rotary community.

We hope our guests were inspired by the presentation to



## Club Christmas party - 6 for 6.30pm



President Shukry (aka Santa Claus) invites Rotarians and their partners and friends to join him next week for the last Club Christmas party in the Embassy motel. There will be a two course/two choice meal plus entertainment. The cost is \$35 per head.

**PLEASE PAY THIS WEEK TO AVOID THE CRUSH ON THE NIGHT!**

RAVEN REPORTER

Jeff Ibbotson

PHOTOGRAPHER

Des Pain

## Club News

**Trackside Music Festival car parking, 22 November:** John Widdup reported that it was a cold, wet and hailing Saturday (just like mid winter) but seven Club members turned out and successfully parked cars for the 7,000 attendees at Thoroughbred Park. Thanks to Ken Goard, John Widdup, Noel Hart, Norma Donaldson, Phil Ibbotson, Ros Osbourne and Shukry Sahhar we now have some more money in our project account.

**Final meeting at Embassy Motel:** Members are reminded that we will be leaving the old Embassy to the demolishers at the end of December and commencing at our new dinner venue, the Federal Golf Club on 28 January.

**Canberra Cup parking:** Ian Excell reports that this was a very successful day which rivalled the Melbourne Cup day for the number of cars parked. Ian extends his "big" thanks to Norma Donaldson, Neale Emanuel, John Gray, Bob Harvie, Des Henderson-Kelly, Jeff Ibbotson, Phil Ibbotson, Ray Newcombe, Ros Osbourne, Des Pain, Shukry Sahhar, Lyn Svanosio and Bruce Wyatt.

## Board Bytes - Secretary Keith Avent

At the Board meeting on 19 November, some of the items discussed were:

**Scenic Bicycle Tour 2009:** We need to publicise our annual Scenic Bicycle Tour more actively and effectively. That requires one or more members willing to run with this aspect of its organisation.

**Rotary Western Desert Project:** John Widdup has started the preparation of a work plan for the external works at Kintore, and was asked to develop this more fully, as a basis for "on the ground" management of the Blue House reconstruction.

**Architects for Blue House:** David Fox plans to ask the District Governor for the Newcastle area to present special certificates of appreciation to Suters and other companies who assisted them in preparing plans and specifications for the Kintore project.

**Rotary Foundation:** The Board agreed to a further donation of \$US1000 to Rotary Foundation in support of its worldwide work.

**Club 40th birthday:** This celebration will be held on Saturday 30 May next year. President Shukry plans for it to be a great show, in line with the Club's perspective that Rotary is about fun and fellowship, as well as an avenue for service.

**Club memorabilia:** Norma Donaldson and her helpers have found some interesting memorabilia in the process of going through the stuff in our storeroom at the Embassy - such as the book recording the progress of the Key of Friendship between Rotarians in earlier years, an invention by Murray Crowe for deciding whom to fine when he was Sergeant, and a collection of banners received from other Clubs over the years that will now be in the hands of Des Henderson-Kelly. (Talk to Des if you have an interest in them.)