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THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Special Christmas Issue

Helen and I

wish all members of our Rotary Family and your loved ones

a Happy Christmas

and

a fulfilling New Year.

President Shukry

December is Rotary Family Month



15th December, 2008

Rotarians
Rotary Club of Woden

Dear Rotarians,

I had hoped to personally deliver this message to your Club but unfortunately business commitments have left me elsewhere tonight.

It is with sadness that I acknowledge tonight as the last meeting not only for this year but for the last time at the Embassy Motel. I would like to thank you immensely, on behalf of all of our staff, for your support over the many years that you have chosen the Embassy Motel as a place for your meetings. It is frustrating that we cannot commit any further to providing our facilities to your Club but, although we could be still around for some time yet it, would have been unfair to your Club with such an uncertain future.

It has always been a pleasure for us to deliver a service to your Club and I am sure you will join me in showing your appreciation to Mary and Irene (in particular) and to Ricky and his brigade in the kitchen. Both Irene and Ricky have been of service to you for most of the time that your Club has been meeting at the Embassy Motel.

Finally, I feel that the Embassy Motel has benefited in many different ways from our exposure to your Club and I personally, as a person with similar business commitments, admire the dedication that Rotarians show towards the community and its needs. And so I ask that you accept the enclosed cheque as a small gesture of our appreciation and for which I am quite sure that you will find a suitable community project that it can go towards.

We wish your Club all the best with your future endeavours and hope that your move to another venue will be smooth and successful in the long term. Keep up the good work!

Michael & Rowena Parkes and all the Staff

Christmas and New Year Message

With the conclusion of the calendar year 2008, our Rotary Club is entering a new era.

We move into 2009 with a new name – the Rotary Club of Woden – as a demonstration of the new directions in which we want to head in the future and the new challenges we will be tackling. Our 5 year commitment to the Rotary Western Desert Project is an example of the type of major initiative we want to take – in this case in Australia's indigenous community. We are experiencing strong support from our widening Rotary Family in Australia for this project. Illustrated is one of the three certificates, designed by Past President Eric Taylor, that will be presented shortly to *Marline Newcastle Consulting Engineers, Northrop Consulting Engineers and Suters Architects*. All three have demonstrated their support for Rotary and what it can achieve, with a generous donation of their services.

We move to a new meeting venue in January – our first change of venue for many years. In farewelling us, the management of the about-to-be-demolished Embassy Motel has demonstrated its clear support for what Rotary is doing in the world. To emphasise their willingness to be part of our Rotary family they have donated \$1,500 as a farewell contribution to our project account. A copy of their farewell letter is overleaf.

Whether you are a Rotarian or a member of our widening Rotary family I wish you all many fulfilling years of involvement with Rotary and what it stands for in the world.

President Shukry

The next meeting of the Rotary Club of Woden will be on Wednesday 14 January 2009 at the residence of President-Elect Ros Osbourne.

The next Raven will be emailed to you on Sunday 11 January 2009. It will contain a full report of the Club's last meeting on 17 December 2008.



Western Desert Nganampa Walytja
Palyantjaku Tjutaku
and the
Rotary Club of Woden Inc

are working together on ways of improving
health and wellbeing for people of the
Western Desert, especially for control
and treatment of kidney disease

We are deeply grateful to

Suters Architects

for generous support in carrying out this
project, with special reference to
the provision of

Architectural Services

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David B. Fox'.

David B Fox
Project Leader
Rotary Club of Woden Inc

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marlene Spencer'.

Marlene Nampitjinpa Spencer
Chairperson
WDNWPT

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