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**The back page**

Some bumper stickers of note

**KEEP HONKING**  
I'm reloading

**4 out of 3 people**  
Have trouble with fractions

**WORK HARDER**  
Millions on welfare depend on you!

**Last week's attendance**

**Guest speaker:** Shukry Sahhar & John Widdup

**Visiting Rotarians:** Jeannette Jolly (Weston Creek), Mike Rodd (Nowra)

**Make-ups:** Jim Grainger, Neale Emanuel

**Members present:** 23 **Count:** 21

**Makeups:** 2

**Percentage:** 74.21 %

**APOLOGIES**

**BY 3 PM TUESDAY**

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**DINNER ROSTER**

**This week - 26 November**

**Next week - 3 December**

**Program** Recruitment night

**Introduction** Jeff Ibbotson  
**Appreciation** Bish Mukerjee  
**Fellowship** Lukas Strohmayer  
 Ajit Banerjee  
**Raven Recorder** Ken Goard  
**Birthdays** Barbara Whitbread 25/11

**Workplace visit—Robson Environmental**  
 9 Lyell St Fyshwick (Chubb Building)

Bish Mukerjee  
 Ray Newcombe  
 Eric Taylor  
 Peter Evans  
 Bernadette Cappello  
 Lukas Strohmayer 31/11, Don Whitbread 1/12  
 Helen Sahhar 3/12, Gerda Lambeck 5/12



# THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

**Club name**

Keith Avent reported that our club is now legally the "Rotary Club of Woden". Actions will now be taken to execute the name change progressively. The club name on this issue of the Raven now reflects this change.

**New Board**

The AGM was held last week when

motions to adopt the annual report and audited financial statements were passed.

Members voted unanimously to elect Ros Osbourne as President, Keith Avent as Secretary, Lyn Svanosio as Treasurer, and Bernadette Cappello, John Widdup, Des Pain and Jeff Ibbotson as Board members (plus, subject to confirmation, Gary Scott). Those elected were supported by strong acclamation. Shukry Sahhar will be Immediate Past President.

President for 2009-10  
Ros Osbourne



**Rotary Scenic Cycle Tour of Canberra**

Do you love to organise things? Then please volunteer as an assistant to help organise next year's Rotary Ride. You'll be working alongside John Widdup the event organiser. If you are organised, reliable and love the satisfaction of getting something off the ground, then contact John at the next meeting or on [jwiddup@netspeed.com.au](mailto:jwiddup@netspeed.com.au) or 6161 1943. How much time you commit is up to you. If you want to participate rather than be a mere observer, contact John!

**Dates for your diary**

- Sun 30 Nov:** Parking for Canberra Cup
- Wed 3 Dec:** Workplace meeting, Fyshwick
- Wed 10 Dec:** Club Christmas Party. Cost about \$35 pp - bring your partners. Numbers to Ros.
- Wed 17 Dec:** Christmas message, Rex Hunt
- 2009**
- Wed 14 Jan:** President's barbecue
- Wed 21 Jan:** Meeting at Ros Osbourne's home

**Tonight**

**Prospective new members night**

## Rotary Western Desert Project - Progress Report

Last week Acting Sergeant David Fox opened the meeting and introduced President Shukry who had recently returned from Kintore, NT where a working party comprising him, Helen, John, Julia, Neale and Lucinda had commenced work on the Blue House.

Shukry, supported by John Widdup, gave a detailed account of their visit. It was exciting to hear and see that they had made good progress during their week there, which they regarded as a great success.

They travelled to Alice Springs by airline and then to Kintore and return by 4 wheel drive, passing through Papunya and Mt Liebig. Much of the road was gravel. On the return trip they diverted via Haasts Bluff Road and Namatjira Drive and saw Glen Helen Resort and Ormiston Gorge. On both occasions they were in Alice Springs, the Todd River was in flood – a rare event. While in Alice Springs they visited WDNWPT's purple house where some patients were involved in self-dialysis.

While living at Kintore the working party was accommodated in reasonable quality mobile buildings transferred there from the Bax-

ter Detention Centre. The town has a water supply, sealed roads and its own power station. The population of some 2-300 varies from time to time however there are about 2,000 people living in the broader Kintore area. Many of the residents sleep outside on the hot nights which prevailed during the working party's visit. John Widdup said that the town was "full of dogs, some of which were wild."

The main purpose of their visit was to carry out preliminary work on the refurbishment of the 10-year-old "Blue House". Inside, the main task was to remove certain concrete block walls in accordance with the architect's plans to meet the building's future health functions. Graffiti on both the inside and outside walls was cleaned off and painted over and rocks removed from the roof. Helen and Julia became expert operators of a water-jet blaster. Ceilings were repaired and smashed windows removed.

Before leaving, the building was made secure by boarding up the windows and closing off the entrances and exits with mesh gates. It is expected that the elders in the town will ensure, as far as possible, that the building will not be interfered with, given it is being refurbished for community benefit.

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The team, after a hard day



Helen and Julia clean up!



The working party maintained contact with the indigenous community during their visit. Tribal elders visited the building to inspect the work in progress and to learn about how it was being modified to meet the needs of our client – WDNWPT. They were assisted throughout by a number of aboriginals on a work-for-the-dole contract who enjoyed working with them.

In conclusion President Shukry reported that in the light of their visit some proposed alterations to the drawings would be discussed with the architects (Suters in Newcastle).

Des Henderson-Kelly proposed a vote of thanks to Shukry and John and to the whole six members of the team.

Shukry pointed out that various Rotary teams will now be visiting Kintore, not only from our club but also from other Australian Rotary clubs that have volunteered to be involved. Contact Shukry if you want to be included in future Rotary Western Desert Project working parties.



The Blue House has become the Purple House

## Club News

### Cardiac ambulance

President Shukry reported that the cardiac ambulance for Nasik Road, India has now been purchased and launched. It was financed with a matching grant arranged by Bish Mukerjee on behalf of our club and the Rotary Club of Nasik Road, Maharashtra State in India. Nasik is 380 kms east of Bombay. Shukry congratulated Bish on his initiative and Bish in response said that the ambulance would never have been achieved without the support of all members of our club. The name of our club is on the ambulance.

### Raven Reporter

John Gray

### Photographs

Kintore team

### Parking, Sunday 30 November

Ian Excell advised that he will be in touch with all those who have volunteered to be part of the parking team for the Canberra Cup so that times of arrival and departure can be arranged.

### Club paraphernalia

Norma Donaldson reported that she had purchased a steel cupboard for the storage of club paraphernalia at the Federal Golf Club (our new meeting place). There has been a clean-up of the Rotary room at the Embassy Motel pending the Club's vacation of the premises.

### NYSF

National Youth Science Forum dinners will be held at John Curtin School of Medical Research, ANU on 8 and 22 January 2009 (Thursdays). Attendance will be restricted to 100 Rotarians and those who indicate they intend to attend will be charged the dinner fee regardless of attendance. Home hosting will be on 11 and 25 January. Final date for intention to host is 19 December 2008.