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Dear World: The United States of America, your quality supplier of ideals of liberty and democracy, would like to apologize for its 2001-2008 service outage. The technical fault that led to this eight-year service interruption has been located, and the parts responsible for it were replaced November 4.

Early tests of the newly-installed equipment indicate that it is functioning correctly, and we expect it to be fully functional by mid-January. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the outage, and we look forward to resuming full service, and hopefully even to improving it in years to come.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, The USA

Last week's attendance

Guest speaker: John Robson
Robson Environmental Staff: Annie Robson, Lyn Svanosio, Debbie and Tammie
Guests: Helen Sahhar, Celeste Rowlands
Make-ups: Nil
Members present: 24 **Countable:** 21
Percentage: 74.19 % **(November: 76.61%)**

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

Ros Osbourne
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DINNER ROSTER

Program	This week - 10 December	Next week - 17 December
	Christmas Party	Christmas message Reverend Rex Hunt
Introduction	Lynette Svanosio	Ray Newcombe
Appreciation	Jeff Ibbotson	Des Pain
Fellowship	Des Henderson-Kelly Lukas Strohmayer	Alec Phillip Eric Taylor
Raven Recorder	Ken Goard	Norma Donaldson
Birthdays	Babs Grainger 12/12	Jill Cromer 20/12
Anniversaries		Jill & Robin Cromer, Jim & Babs Grainger 17/12



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

National Youth Science Forum

Remember that you have two opportunities to attend dinners organised by the ANU for the NYSF. These are Thursday evenings of 8 or 22 January where Rotarians can meet bright young science students. Home hosting for delegates will be on 11 and 25 January and the final date for intention to host is 19 December 2008. Contact Norma Donaldson to book or for further information.

The Club's NYSF Student, Zaiga Thomann from Narrabundah College will be joining us at our Christmas function on 10 December. She will be attending Session B (starting 20 January) so will be at the second NYSF Rotary Dinner on Thursday 22 January. Zaiga has raised some \$1300 towards the cost of her attendance at NYSF.

Rotary Scenic Cycle Tour of Canberra



This club event is held each Spring and has become an important community activity and fund raiser. We are very good at organising and running the event but in order to attract more riders, secure more sponsors and improve income from the ride, we need to improve the public profile of the event.

Volunteers with skills in public relations and/or advertising please contact John Widdup.

Dates for your diary

- 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
- Wed 28 Jan:** First meeting at Federal Golf Club.

Tonight

Club Christmas party
Bring your partners

Workplace visit - Robson Laboratories

The meeting was held at Robson Laboratories Pty. Ltd. and hosted by John and Annie Robson. President Shukry welcomed members and thanked our host John Robson, for inviting the club to visit Robson Laboratories.



John Robson

assessment of the type of monitoring required. The hierarchy of methods used to eliminate hazards is: eliminate, substitute, isolate, administration and lastly, personal protective equipment.

In a workplace, different people are sensitive to different hazards to varying degrees. An important fact to keep in mind.

John spoke about 'Indoor Air Quality and the Workplace'. Robson Laboratories began in 1990 when John and Annie started out, and has grown to a current staff level of 23.

The business initially began with asbestos monitoring and removal and has since branched out into the field of indoor air quality. Following the Canberra bush fires in 2003, they expanded into contaminated site work. They are also involved in asbestos awareness courses run at the CIT

for people involved in the building and construction industry. Green building requirements involve "benchmark testing" and various methods of sampling and analysis are used to examine factors such as thermal comfort, relative humidity, ventilation and airflow. Equipment used is varied and can include airflow meters, filters, sorbent tubes, data loggers and scanning electron microscopes (at ANU and CSIRO Entomology).

John provided many examples of assessments the company had undertaken and solutions for problems ranging from identifying fungi and the health risks associated with a particular fungus, dirty curtains, and electromagnetic forces and radiation.

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Intense discussion



John spoke about occupational hygiene – the physical and other hazardous exposures that exist in workplaces. Assessment of occupational hygiene involves a "walk through" survey, sensorial recognition, evaluation (using sensing equipment) and



John Robson with club members

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Ray Newcombe thanked John for his interesting presentation, and for his hospitality in hosting our club for the evening.

A special thanks must also go to Lyn Svanosio, and her work colleagues Debbie and Tammy for helping to make us all welcome, and keeping us all fed and watered.

Cardiac Ambulance

During the recent terrorist attacks in Mumbai, the Rotary Club of Nasik Road considered the possibility of sending the cardiac ambulance to



Dr Ray with Ambulance

Mumbai.

However, as Nasik is 200 km away, and the local hospitals were able to use their local ambulance service

the assistance was not needed. Through the Jairam Hospital (a partner in service) the RC of Nasik Road notified others of their availability and willingness to assist.

Anil Kale (RC Nasik Road) responded to an email from our Club in these words: "Your email really reinforces my belief in Rotary. It reminds me that our organisation is really unique in that we show concern and care for the communities way beyond our local and national borders. With such sensitivity and care across nationalities, I think it is only a matter of time before we transform our world to a much more peaceful place."

Interior of the Ambulance



Rotary Western Desert Project

The Board has agreed that David Fox will continue as the overall co-ordinator of the project. The Club

is seeking to establish a building project management team, probably of two Club members. Volunteers for this task should initially talk to David.

Raven Reporter
Bernadette Cappello
Photographs
Robin Cromer

The Club aims to present Western Desert Project certificates of appreciation to Architectural firm Suters and other companies that worked with them on plans for Kintore. David will arrange this through the DG in the Newcastle area.