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**Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle Ride of Canberra.
 Held annually in September.**

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.



Attendance last week

Club Guest & Speaker: DG Michael Pedler
Visiting Rotarian: Julia Pedler
 Other Guests: Maureen Booth, John Joslin & Anne Robson
Members present: 18
Makeups: 0
Percentage: 56.6 %

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
Norma Donaldson
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DINNER ROSTER

Program	THIS WEEK - 29 July	NEXT WEEK – 5 August
	Dr Jim Peacock	Ms Jaqui Burke
	GM Crops and Foods	Canberra Community
Introduction	Anne Marue Driver	Lukas Strohmayer
Appreciation	Ajit Banerjee	Anne Marie Driver
Fellowship	Des Pain	Alec Philip
	Des Henderson-Kelly	John Gray
Raven Recorder	Gary Scott	Bob Harvie
Birthdays	John Widdup 26 July, Maureen Booth 31 July	Nil
Anniversaries	Nil	Nil



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Meetings: 6.00 for 6.15 pm Wednesdays, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill

YOUR FELLOW MEMBER – John Robson

To assist all members, both existing and new, we will be including in this year's Ravens, where space permits, a short background statement on each club member. We cannot do this without your support.

To assist us please prepare a short statement on yourself and email to the editors. This week we feature our newest member, John Robson.

John was born and raised in Canowindra, on a wheat and sheep farm.

He has filled many roles over the years.

In the 70's he was busy doing a Marine Engineering Certificate at Sydney Technical College. He then began a Maths Degree at

Macquarie University and eventually converted this to a Bachelor of Science at the ANU. He then began a diploma in Occupational Hygiene at Deakin University. He also became a provisional member of the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists.

In 1984 John moved to Canberra to work on an asbestos removal project at Watson High School. In 1990 he and his wife Anne started Robson Laboratories, now known as Robson Environmental.

He is also a keen sailor and likes to disappear every couple of years to work on a sailing ship. This year he wants to disappear to Kintore with the working party in November.

Lyn Svanosio



Anne and John Robson with President Ros & Past President Shukry after John's Induction last week.

Dates for your diary

Parking – Check Gary's roster when complete for the dates you are rostered
20 August – Next working party to Kintore
5-12 Sept. – Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC)
Sun 27 Sept. – Rotary Spring Cycle Ride
23-25 October – District Conference in Cooma
26-28 February – Canberra Show (parking)

TONIGHT

We welcome
Dr Jim Peacock,
CSIRO Fellow, who will
speak on GM Crops and
GM Food, Facts & Fallacies

Subscriptions Reminder

A reminder that the subscription for Rotary year 2009-10 of \$240 is now due and payable to Treasurer Lyn Svanosio. And don't forget that it can be paid by direct debit to the club's CBA account (still RC of Canberra Woden) at: BSB 062 905 Account 1007 3240

Attendance Reminder

Don't forget that **Norma Donaldson** has returned from overseas and is now taking apologies and guest advices for dinner meetings. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CONTACT LYN SVANOSIO.**

Presidential banner – lost or stolen?

This year's Presidential Banner, *Rotary is in Your Hands* is missing. If in your hands, or you know where it is, please return as soon as possible to the next club meeting.

Last week – District Governor visit

The meeting was opened by Sergeant Gary – members are still having problems remembering his name. He introduced our President Ros, who is recovering from her recent mishap. Ros welcomed DG Michael Pedlar and his wife Julia.

After Sergeant Gary had emptied our pockets, in his fine session, our guest speaker DG Michael Pedlar was introduced by David Fox.

During Michael's presentation many topics were covered. Together they make Rotary unique, allowing each Rotarian to be involved in areas of interest so as to make the world a better place for all peoples.



The main areas of focus as put forward by President of Rotary International, John Kenny, included:

1. Safe Water and Sanitation, offering whole communities better health;
2. Health and Nutrition, there are many programs, including Polio Plus. Now close to eradication of polio, it is only present in 4 countries. Before the program started there were over 1000 cases diagnosed each day, now it is less than 1000 per year. The program is being run in conjunction with WHO and a grant from the Bill Gates Foundation, to be matched by Rotary;
3. Education and Literacy programs, with schemes to provide books and supplies to schools. Also the development of other programs to assist youth in our community; and
4. Disasters, providing help after the event, with schemes such as the Rotary Shelter Boxes.

DG Michael emphasized the importance of each member's involvement, in developing new ideas, to reshape Rotary to cope better in the future, and the importance of continuing to grow Rotary, both by bringing in new members and the formation of new clubs. He also encouraged members to support the Rotary Foundation, our charity.

Michael urged all members to attend the District Conference in Cooma from 23-25 October. The theme is "Love, Peace and Understanding". The meeting was closed by President Ros, who reminded us that the "Future of Rotary is in (Y)our Hands".

Club News

Parking at Thoroughbred Park: Gary Scott who is creating a roster has circulated a list for members to sign up as able to help with parking at race meetings.

Club brochure: A new club brochure for this Rotary year has been produced by Des Pain – it was circulated last week to members. Congratulations Des for an excellent job.

Victorian Bush Fires: The club has been asked to help with the publication of a business directory in one of the areas affected by the bush fires in Victoria.

Hosting of Group Study Exchange Team from China: The club will be hosting the team from China, between the dates of 15-18 October. Members for the outgoing teams to Shanghai and Arizona are still being sought.

Rotary Western Desert Project: Past President Shukry visited a Wagga Rotary club, on Monday 27 July, to brief members joining the August team going to Kintore.

Art Work inspired by Kintore: A painting from Kintore, by Elizabeth Napathjarri, and a quilt made by Bernadette after her visit there were on display, for members to inspect.

Christmas Puddings & Cakes: These are to be sold by the club again at \$15-00. An organiser is required.

RAVEN REPORTER

Piers Booth

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Children's Medical Emergency Fund



During his message of appreciation to DG Michael for his talk last week Piers Booth presented a cheque to Julia Pedlar, as a donation towards her "Children's Medical Emergency Fund". Grants from the fund are available to help with the ongoing care of sick children.

What does NYSF stand for?

The National Youth Science Forum which is held in Canberra and Perth in January for two weeks.

It is a program that offers students currently in Year 11 the chance to test-drive a wide range of universities and careers in the sciences. Our club is associated with this event.

Lyn Svanosio