

ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN INC.



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The back page—CREATIVE PUNS FOR "EDUCATED MINDS"

- In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
- A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
- When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
- Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

Last week's attendance

Club guests: John Studholme & Roberta Molson (PEO), PDG Len Goodman, ADG Margaret Atkin

Visiting Rotarians: Colin & Enid Holmes (Canberra)

Guests: Wives and partners (15)

Members: 25 **Makeups:** 0

Countable: 22 **Percent:** 83.33%

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

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DINNER ROSTER

	This week - 1 July	Next week - 8 July
Program	Czech Ambassador History of Czechoslovakia	Matthew Driver—Sustainability 1 person can make a difference
Introduction	Bish Mukerjee	Piers Booth
Appreciation	Phil Ibbotson	Jeff Ibbotson
Fellowship	Robyn Singleton Bruce Wyatt	Des Henderson-Kelly Lukas Strohmayer
Raven Recorder	Jeff Ibbotson	Ken Goard
Birthdays	Rosemary Taylor 4 July	Robyn Singleton 12 July
Anniversaries		



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THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Woden Rotary Club meets at the Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill - 6.00 for 6.15 pm each Wednesday.



**"You want to swap a gold chain for a badge?"
"Deal!"**

CHANGEOVER! Incoming President Ros Osbourne congratulated Past President Shukry Sahhar, and all members of his Board for an excellent year. She introduced the new board and members who have taken on roles, (including the six members it will take to fill the boots of the two outgoing sergeants David and Neale).

"This year we will move forward with the Western Desert Project while not forgetting the people internationally or closer to home. We will welcome new members, support Rotary Foundation and the Polio Plus Challenge. Members will also be encouraged to find ways of supporting the Rotary Foundation, through personal or other donations. We will support youth through Rotary Adventure in Citizenship, NYSF, RYLA, RYPEN, MUNA and other youth programs. We will consider ways in which we are able to assist the District in hosting two exciting GSE teams, from China and Arizona."



President Ros introduces her Board: Jeff, Bernadette, Des, Lyn, Gary, Shukry, and Keith

Dates for your diary

- ? Aug — Next working party to Kintore
- Sat 5-12 Sep — Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC)
- Sun 27 Sep — Rotary Spring Cycle Ride
- Sat 17 Oct — major Parking job?
- 23-25 Oct — District Conference in Cooma
- 26-28 Feb — Royal Canberra Show (parking)

Tonight

The Czech Ambassador to Australia will speak on the history of his country and its links with Australia

July marks The New Rotary Year

Last week — Club Changeover Dinner

In responding to Secretary Keith Avent's toast to Rotary, PDG Len Goodman gave a succinct wrap of the Rotary year, touching on the successes of Rotary at Club, District and International levels.

The George Paulus Award was presented to John Studholme and Roberta Molson from the Parliamentary Education Office for the Office's great efforts in helping to make the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship the success it has been for the past 20 years.



The George Paulus Award was presented to Roberta Molson and John Studholme (PEO), pictured here between President Ros and 2009 RAIC Chair, Colin Holmes

In response John thanked our Club and the Rotary Club of Canberra for helping the Parliamentary Education Office achieve its aim of raising the Australian community's awareness of the workings of the Federal Parliamentary system. John informed us of another acronym that can be added to the already over abundant lexicon of Rotarian acronyms, telling us that our program is known around his office as RAIC. Our program fitted exactly with the method his Office favours for informing the community about what

might otherwise a dry old topic of 'civics'. Rather than just talking at visitors his Office prefers to use the 'learning by experience' approach, immersing visitors such as RAIC delegates (see who easily these acronyms slip in when you're trying to keep to a word limit?) into the experience of Parliament by walking the corridors, sitting in the chamber and meeting their local member. We all hope that RAIC's progress will continue into the future.



PDG Len Goodman presents outgoing President Shukry with his Presidential Citation

Our Club regularly presents awards to various worthy recipients in the community. Not often do we receive one ourselves. PDG Len Goodman presented us with not one, but two District awards. President Shukry gratefully accepted the Presidential Citation Award and the District Goals Award.



Outgoing President Shukry presented a summary of our achievements over the past year:

What a fantastic year we have had!

- We changed our name to **Woden** (thanks **Keith**).
- We found a new home (thanks **Ajit**). The Federal Golf Club has been fantastic to us and what a venue it has turned out to be.
- We became the preferred parking experts for Thoroughbred Park (thanks **Gary**).
- **Ros** and **Neale** organised **RAIC**.
- **John, Robin**, and **Noel** have worked hard to make the cycle ride a great success.
- We are lucky to have **Lukas, Lyn, Christine, Robyn, Norma** and **Annemarie** as new members.
- Sharing Jobs and including new members in our activities has been crucial to our momentum and growth. **John, Robin** and **Bruce** prepared our Raven each week. **Bernadette, Norma, Lyn** and **Ros** looked after our attendance and collecting monies. **Phil** and **Neale** organised our guest speakers each week. **David, Neale, Ian** and **Gary** have been great sergeants over the year.
- We celebrated the clubs 40th Anniversary. **Des Payne, Ken, Keith** and **Ian** prepared the anniversary booklet and the slide show of our members. **Judy** prepared all the decorations for the night. **Ros, Lyn** and **Barry** helped set up the

room.

- **Bish** was instrumental in getting a matching grant for the Cardiac Ambulance for Nasic Road in India.
- **David** set up and promoted our major project in Kintore, NT to convert an old abandoned age care building into a dialysis building. We have had two work parties go there. Thank you to **John** and **Julia** Widdup, **Neale, Lucinda** Lang, **Lukas** and **Natalie** Stroh-meyer and children, **Bernadette, Margaret** Ellis and especially my wife **Helen**.
- We have started a new project of re-tagging library books (thanks Ros).
- We recognised the significant contributions of **David, Noel** and **Keith** by upgrading their Paul Harris Fellows to sapphire pin. Congratulations!



Joan Keith

Joan Keith from Inner Wheel spoke of the close relations between Inner Wheel and our Club. Over the years Inner Wheel has provided much appreciated help,

especially in the form of sustenance for club car parkers and Rotary Bike Ride participants.

Welcome to our new Sergeants: **Bob** will set up meetings. **Gary, Ian**, and **David** will rotate as Sarge on a monthly basis. **Ajit** will assist them.

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