



The Raven

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Woden

Meetings: 6.00 for 6.15 pm Wednesdays, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Dr, Red Hill, ACT.

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

ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN INC.



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ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

President Ros Osbourne tabled a very thorough 15 page Annual Report for the club at the Changeover Dinner. The report covers statements by the President and each Director and a Treasurer's Report. Included in the latter is a separate report on the Western Desert Health Project (Kintore) Account. Also included is a list of the Guest Speakers for the year and the titles of their talks and a list of members and honorary members for the year.

A few copies are still available. Please contact the Secretary if you would like one.

Attendance last week

Visiting Rotarians: PDG Bernie Rodgers & Liz Rodgers, ADG Margaret Atkin

Other Guests: John Joslin, Pat Schmidt, Colin & Carol Hughes, Maureen Booth, Jenny Fox, Pixie Gray, Helen Harvie, Louise Ibbotson, Annie Robson, Helen Rodd, Helen Sahhar, Joan Pratt, Helen Henderson-Kelly and Nell Pain

Members present: 33

Makeups: 0

Percentage: 63.3 %

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK – 7 July	NEXT WEEK – 14 July
Program	Mike Rodd My time in South America	Wilma Robb The forgotten Australians
Introduction	Bish Mukerjee	Piers Booth
Appreciation	Phil Ibbotson	Sue Pelengaris
Fellowship	George Pratt John Gray	Des Henderson-Kelly George Pratt
Raven Recorder	Piers Booth	Keith Avent
Birthdays	Nil	Robyn Singleton 12/7, Peter Evans 14/7, Margaret Ellis 15/7, Natalie Strohmayer 17/7
Anniversaries	Nil	Nil

PARKING AT THOROUGHRED PARK

Sunday 11 July: David Fox (Leader), Ajit Banerjee, John Robson, Christine Bell

Dates for your diary

Racecourse parking – roster at foot of page 4

21 July – John Gray “Reflections on the Pacific”

28 July – Neil Inall “Food glorious food”

4 Aug. – Julie Colbran- Abalashrama (Bangalore India)

11 Aug. – Graham Waite TADACT

21/22 Aug – District Conference - Hellenic Club

TONIGHT

One of our members

MIKE RODD

“My time in South America”

July marks the new Rotary year

Ray Klingensmith, Rotary International President (2010–11), has challenged us with the theme of *Building Communities – Bridging Continents*.

He said he arrived at the theme after reviewing RI themes of years past. He noticed that only a few spoke to non-Rotarians. As a result, he decided to search for a briefly stated theme that would fulfill two objectives: the first to explain Rotary to non-Rotarians, and the second to validate our work as Rotarians.

Based on this theme I plan to continue to build our Club as a “community” based on strong fellowship and with a commitment to service that builds bridges with our Rotary District, our non-Rotarian local Canberra community, the wider Central Australian Indigenous

community and with an international link via our on-going support to Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus.



It will be a “planning” and “action” year that aims to develop and implement a long term Club Leadership Plan, and finalize the Western Desert Project whilst investigating possible future single focus, large scale multi-year projects for the Club to embrace.

All Club members are encouraged to fully embrace this year's theme as well as the team spirit that is so dominant in our Club in order to achieve sound Club administration, moderate membership growth, enjoyable Club meetings and a strong commitment to Youth & Vocational service activities.

Changeover dinner meeting



The meeting was opened by Sergeant David Fox, who introduced our President, Ros Osbourne for the last time. She welcomed our guests, including the special guests PDG Bernie Rodgers, who was representing DG Michael Pedler, Liz Rodgers and Assistant DG Margaret Atkins. Rotarians introduced their guests for the evening.

Toast to Rotary International: Shukry Sahhar was then called upon to propose the toast to Rotary International. The response was given by Bernie Rodgers, in which he reported that the scourge of Polio had almost been eradicated in the world. (The eradication

of Polio has special significance for Bernie, as he suffered from the disease as a child.) He said the biggest threat to the final elimination of Polio was the Taliban. In addition he referred to the two matching grants he had helped the club obtain, for the ambulance in India, (his club of Hall had supplied a hearse), and the one for Kintore.

Annual Report: President Ros Osbourne presented her report, (full details in the printed Annual Report 2009-2010). Some highlights included:

- * The success of the club had depended on the hard work of all members, with the board as the heart beat.
- * She gave praise to Keith Avent, (Secretary for the past three years) and gave thanks for the support of the board. She offered special appreciation to Shukry Sahhar, Gary Scott, the late Eric Taylor, and other members of the club, who had given support and advice.
- * A special highlight of the year had been the Western Desert Health Project to provide dialysis facilities at Kintore, with special praise for those who had been on one or more of the working parties. So far the club has spent \$70,000 on the Kintore project, \$20,000 having been received as grants. Pictures of work at Kintore were on display, and these will be going to the District Conference.
- * At the start of the year, the club membership was 33 and the present total is now 36.

Paul Harris Fellowships: Earlier in the year Cliff Hicks was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow for his work at Kintore. Last week further fellowships were bestowed on Lyn Svano-sio for her enthusiasm as a Rotarian and hard work as treasurer, and to Des Pain (a sapphire upgrade) for his continued support of the club, especially sorting out the sound system and his production of this year's material for the promotional dinner and the Annual Report.



Induction of the New President: President Ros introduced the new club president for 2010-2011, Gary Scott. Starting life as a research chemist he later chose a career where he had far greater people contact, becoming an educator and he spent some time as an environmental officer, initially at NCDC.

The NCDC is where he came in contact with a number of Rotarians including John Gray and Des Pain. He joined the Rotary Club of Canberra Woden and was a youthful President of this Club in 1988/89. Gary has always been a keen Rotarian and amongst his many contributions was the initiating of the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship program, and more recently work organising Show Parking and negotiating a new contract for the parking at Thoroughbred Park (\$50,000 raised last year).

There is another side to our new President. He keeps fit, enjoys travel and is busy with family. He will join the grandfather Club early in his term as President.



President Ros pointed out that one of the tasks of the partner of an incoming President is to do just as asked at any time of the meeting and this includes sounding the gong when the President gives you a certain look. President Ros asked her partner John Joslin to hand over the gong to Gary's partner Pat Schmidt (an experienced and regular member of the Club's car parking team) who will now, when she is present at meetings, have the power of the gong!

After the induction, the receiving of the chain of office, and the giving to Ros of a kiss, Gary praised her for her wonderful and fulfilling year.

Gary continued by saying that the happiest activity in his life occurred every week at the club. He then introduced the new board, before listing his visions for the club in the New Year: engagement of all members; involvement in international projects; completion of the Kintore project; the club being a team with everybody involved.

Gary then closed the meeting with the words of the new Rotary International President, Ray Klinginsmith, "Building Communities, Bridging Continents".

Last year's Raven

Now that the Rotary year has ended we thank the reporters for the 51 issues of the weekly Club bulletin we have produced. They have provided without fail their reports on time and have helped greatly in maintaining the quality of the Ravens throughout the year.

Our reporters for the year were: **Christine Bell, Piers Booth, Bernadette Cappello, Ken Goard, Bob Harvie, Jeff Ibbotson, and Gary Scott.**

The Raven is an important means of communication, not only within the Club, but also with a wider group of people including the District Governor and his team, and past members, friends and supporters of the Club.

It is also an important record of the history of our Club. Alec Philip will shortly be arranging for the binding of 3 copies of all of the Ravens for the year – one will go to Past President Ros while the other two will go to the National Library of Australia and the ACT Heritage Library where they will be available for public research.

Outgoing Editorial Team 2009-10: Robin Cromer, John Gray, Alec Philip and Bruce Wyatt

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