

**ROTARY CLUB**



**OF WODEN INC.**

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**Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle - Held annually in September**

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**More dieting excuses**

Man to his wife: "My doctor told me to start my exercise program very gradually. Today I drove past a store that sells sweat pants".

Two ladies doing lunch: "If you put a crouton on your sundae instead of a cherry, it counts as a salad".

Doctor to patient: "What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour each day or being dead for 24 hours a day?"

**Last week's attendance**

**Guest speaker:** Ken Goard

**Visiting Rotarians:** Mike Rodd (Nowra), Steve Bell, Julie Samuels, Christy Portman, Linda Morthorpe (Gungahlin)

**Members present:** 26, **Make-ups:** 4  
**Countable:** 24, **Percentage:** 90.32%

**APOLOGIES**

**BY 3 PM TUESDAY**

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**DINNER ROSTER**

**This week - 14 October**

**Next week - 21 October**

Program	David Bennett	Robert de Castella ?
	Indigenous Community Volunteers	
Introduction	Neale Emanuel	Bish Mukerjee
Appreciation	Jeff Ibbotson	Des Henerson-Kelly
Fellowship	Marcus Donnelly	Alec Philip
	John Robson	Neale Emanuel
Raven Recorder	Christine Bell	Bob Harvie
Birthdays		John Joslin 18/10, Robin Hart 22/10, David Fox 23/10
Anniversaries	Ken and Denise Goard 11/10	

**Parking at Thoroughbred Park**

Sunday 17 October: Ian Excell (Leader), Neale Emanuel, Marcus Donnelly and Shukry Sahhar.



**THE RAVEN**

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Meetings 6.00 for 6.15 pm each Wednesday, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill

**Your fellow member - John Widdup**

John thinks he has retired from paid work as a civil engineer having done none since early 2009 - and he is not looking for any. He currently fills his time with bike riding (local and touring), being Pedal Power ACT president and advocacy representative, doing Rotary jobs and generally enjoying himself.

John hales from Scotland and was brought to Australia in 1950 after which he misspent his youth in Raymond Terrace and Armidale.

His working life started in the Newcastle steelworks as a fitter and turner apprentice while doing Mechanical Engineering at the Tech. Following that he went full time to Newcastle University and obtained a Civil

Engineering degree. Then as a civil engineer for nearly 40 years, he worked for contractors, government roads and works departments, research organisations and finally SMEC consulting engineers.

This work took him all around Australia and to many developing and developed countries in the Pacific, Asia, the Middle East and Africa and included a year in the USA doing a masters degree.

John has been married to Julia for over 40 years and they have two daughters and four grandchildren who live in Canberra.

John was president of your Rotary Club in 2005-06.



**John Widdup**

**Dates for your diary**

**Parking:** See Roster at foot of page 4  
**15-19 Oct:** Club hosts Shanghai GSE team  
**23-25 Oct:** District Conference in Cooma  
**11 Nov:** Club AGM  
**9 Dec:** Club Xmas Party  
**23-30 Dec:** No meetings  
**6 Jan 2010:** First meeting of 2010  
**Feb 26-28:** Parking at Royal Canberra Show

**Tonight**

**David Bennett**  
 On the subject of Indigenous Community Volunteers

**October is Vocational Service month**

## Ken Goard

Our guest speaker was member Ken Goard, who turned his radiology analytic skills to the little known topic of lake jetties. These phenomena occur in shallow still coastal lakes with low salt levels. They form from deposits of sediment brought down by a river that flows into the lake. Silt deposited by this process forms into long jetties which can run many kilometres into a lake.

The Mitchell River silt jetties that run into Lake King in the Gippsland Lakes are a good example. Another is formed by the Camden Haven River where it flows into the Watson Taylor Lake south of Port Macquarie. This jetty is easy to see and appreciate



Ken Goard

from the top of nearby North Brother Mountain. The Mississippi River delta contains a doozy, some 60km long.

Ken was intrigued about the absence of a lake jetty in Lake Alexandrina, at the mouth of Australia's largest river system, the Murray-Darling. Surely all that silt coming down would be deposited in a jetty? Diligent research unravelled the dilemma for Ken. Up to 1940 the Murray was tidal for up to 200km upstream. Once barrages with built in the 1940s, the conditions were more conducive for jetty formation. And lo and behold, one is taking shape, though with the Murray's minimal flow it will take some time.

Phil Ibbotson expressed our appreciation to Ken for enlightening us all on this unusual topic.

## George Paulus Award

October is Vocational Service Month and tonight we are pleased to welcome Werner Feldner and his wife. Werner (pictured with Carlo) is to be presented with the *George Paulus Vocational Service Award for Pride in Workmanship*.



He has been a book binder in Canberra for many years and has produced many high quality bound books including the bound versions of our Ravens. Carlo Binutti and John Gray visited his *Custom Craft Bindery* business in Banks recently to learn more about his special craft and how he has pursued it since he was originally apprenticed in 1974.

We were both fascinated with Werner's remarkable guillotine (pictured) built in the 1890s and other special items of equipment. Werner is a real craftsman with a commitment to high quality production of bound books.

## Club news

**Spring Cycle:** Rotary Spring Cycle Marketeer extraordinaire Julie Samuels spoke about the event, saying that pre-registration saved our bacon on the coldest spring day in 40 years. Sausage sizzler Steve Bell warmed up riders with a hot sausage sandwich upon their return. Overall Gungahlin was pleased to be involved in the event and is keen to be part of it again next year. President Ros presented Gungahlin President Steve with a cheque representing Gungahlin's share of the Bar-B-Q proceeds (and what a picture they made with matching presidential regalia of tie and scarf.



Team Gungahlin

**Group Study Exchange:** The G.S.E. Team from Shanghai will be under our wing from 15 to 19 October. All members are welcome to join our visitors for dinner at the Silk Road in Isaacs on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. If you

**Rex Hunt** reports that he and Dylis have just returned to Empire Bay after their daughter's wedding in Sydney last Friday. Rex officiated which he felt was just wonderful. Photo shows the wedding group.

**Raven Reporter:** Ken Goard  
**Photographs:** Robin Cromer

haven't put your name down for this already, contact President Ros.

**ShelterBox:** In light of natural disasters in the Philippines, Indonesia and Samoa, President Ros highlighted Rotary's Shelter-Box program. A Shelter-Box has thermal blankets, a rugged dome tent and survival equipment. It costs \$1200 and provides dry shelter, a warm bed, light and heat, clean water, cooking aids and tools for 10 people.

The Shelter-Box website reports that over the past week they distributed more than \$1.2 M of emergency shelter to our Pacific neighbours. In the previous month Shelter-Box responded to earthquakes and typhoons in Indonesia and the Philippines; massive flooding in West Bengal; a typhoon in China; hurricane in Mexico; and flash flooding in Niger. That's more than \$2.6 million in a month in emergency shelter to those most in need. Now Shelter-Box is itself in need (of your donation). You can do that at [www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au) and mention you are from Rotary Club of Woden.

