



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.

Rotary International theme for 2011/2012.
“Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”



Last week at the Southern Cross Yacht Club

We had a very good turnout of members and friends to sample the Yacht Club as a possible venue for club meetings.

President Bernadette shared her relief that her premonition of us sharing the room with an Italian family in mourning had not come to fruition.



John Widdup entertained the assembled masses (above) and then cracked up while listening to Des' appreciation (inset).

Dates for your diary

- 27 June - Changeover Dinner
- 11 July - Visionary Planning Evening
- 21-22 July - Australian Rotary Success Conference

TONIGHT

Fellowship

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN INC.



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Previous Issues of the Raven

Web: www.wodenrotary.org.au/

The Club's crest & bulletin name reflect 'Odin' (Anglo-Saxon 'Woden'), the ancient Nordic God of Wisdom. Odin 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.



On the net for your information:

Australian Rotary Success Conference featuring R.I. President Elect Ron Burton, and keynote speaker Kirsty Sword Gusmao

<http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/events/AustralianRotaryConference2012>

APOLOGIES & GUESTS

BY 3 PM TUESDAY

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To assist with catering requirements, please advise George of apologies and/or guests by 3 pm Tuesday.

Attendance last week

Club Guests: Nil
 Visitors: Helen Sahhar, Julia Widdup
 Members attending: 26
 Makeups: 3
 Percentage: 100%

DINNER ROSTER

THIS WEEK - 13th June

NEXT WEEK - 20th June

Program	Fellowship	TBA
Introduction	Piers Booth	Norma Donaldson
Appreciation	Carlo Binutti	Des Pain
Fellowship	Robin Cromer Alec Philip	Bish Mukerjee Bob Harvie
Raven Recorder	Keith Avent	Bob Harvie
Birthdays	Jenny Fox 12/6	Nil
Anniversaries	John & Pixie Gray 13/06	Nil

PARKING AT THOROUGHbred PARK - not at present

Things you should know about

RAVEN REPORTER
Jeff Ibbotson
PHOTOGRAPHERS
Bruce W, John W

Changeover Dinner

Bernadette reminded members of our Changeover Dinner at the Golf Club on 27th June (and also that normal meal prices there will be increasing to \$26). George will negotiate the cost and will advise this meeting. The preference is for a two course menu served alternately with 2 bottles of wine on the table. George and Piers will collect numbers and money for the changeover dinner on 13th and 20th June. Please let them know if you are coming and numbers of guests.

Visionary Planning

The Club will undertake a Visionary Planning evening on **Wednesday 11th July 2012 (6.00 for 6.15pm) at 140 Gladstone Street, Fyshwick**, (John Robson's place of business). All Rotarians are strongly encouraged to attend this vital four hour planning activity and to bring along interested partners, friends, potential new members etc. A meal will be provided during the evening. The key aim of the evening is to identify the way in which members wish their Rotary Club to evolve in the short & long-term future.

Brindabella Rotaract Club

Bernadette mentioned that the new Brindabella Rotaract Club will hold its charter event at the Kremlin Bar on 30 June – RSVP to brindabellarotaract@gmail.com.

Bruce Drake Community Service Award:

We are looking for worthy individuals or organisations whose efforts in the community make Canberra the place it is. Woden nominees are especially welcome. Please pass any suggestions to Jeff Ibbotson.



Last week

John Widdup outlined a new project in the Western Desert for the Club to consider. Sarah from the WDNWPT has asked us to consider a project at **Kirwirrkurra**, over the WA border from our Kintore Project. Like Kintore it involves refurbishment of a building to enable kidney dialysis to be done on site, saving a 1500 km round trip for the 12 community members who attend Alice Springs for dialysis.

John was able to hitch a ride by plane from Alice to Kirwirrkurra to scope the project. Kirwirrkurra is home to the Pintubi who first had contact with Western society in 1984. John reported that the community has a fluctuating population of up to 200, with 35 children at the school, a women's centre and an art centre. A new federal government funded health clinic is about to open. That presented Sarah with the opportunity to acquire space for dialysis.

The Ngaanyatjarra Council, an Aboriginal corporation, runs the town and the clinic, while the East Pilbara Shire based in Newman runs the power (diesel generators) and water (good bore water). The Council, with its HQ in Alice, also runs Warburton and its clinic.

The dialysis centre would have 2 machines and 1 nurse for 8 patients. There are two options for it: The first is to use the women's section of the new clinic and refurbish the existing clinic as nurses' quarters. The second is to convert the old clinic for dialysis and build nurses' quarters on a town block. We would need to install container style quarters for Rotarians and others working on the project, which would remain on site for the visiting doctor and nurse under option 1.

John has scoped the work required and estimates costs would be in the order of \$150,000. It is envisaged that Woden Club would manage the project, with other clubs involved in the work.

A decision on our involvement is needed around October just after the new clinic opens. Some work could commence by the end of 2012 and continue in 2013.

For detail on the Kirwirrkurra community see <http://kiwirrkurra.ngurra.org/>
Photos: Opposite page - Old (existing) clinic (left) and New clinic (right)
Below - Kirwirrkurra panorama centred on the existing clinic