



Rotary Club of Strathfield

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Steve's Snippets

Well, collectively we seem to have made it through the first week of the new Rotary Year. My sincere

thanks to Vicki for a great bulletin, Euan for his new and well received "happy buck segment", Peter Douglas for his excellent attendance and financial summary, our new Directors for their enthusiastic reports and Rod for his agreement to TEMPORARILY continue as Program chair until Brian Hennel's return.

While the meeting went somewhat late I very much appreciate the contributions of all members to the Club assembly. I think the many issues canvassed were discussed robustly and evenly.

Accordingly the meal cost will remain at \$20.00 at least until the next club assembly or unless precipitated by the Bowling Club or caterer, and I will endeavour to end meetings as close as possible to 8.00pm. District dues will increase by \$5.00 so there will be an increase in fees this year of that amount. Treasurer Peter Douglas will be giving you invoices this week.

I am particularly encouraged by the willingness to embrace a more representative membership, both in gender, race and age, and the enthusiasm of some members to participate in a dedicated membership committee.

I also note and accept a number of members' views that we must do more to assist our new members to better understand Rotary, know more about each others' vocations, and to do what is possible to retain and re-enthuse existing members who, for what ever reason, have chosen not to, or are unable to, attend on a reasonable basis.

I pity Club Service Director Keith's role this year because your enthusiasm for additional social activities is going to keep him very busy.

By the time you have read this, Phil Lacey will be a PDG, joining David Croft in that illustrious role and John Wakefield (and Susan) will be our new DG. I will let you know how John interprets the "Sow the seeds of love" theme at his changeover.

In conclusion, two last points. Firstly Congratulations to PP Roger for receiving "The Governor's award" for our club for the last year, and secondly to all of you (not so much Joe Campisi) for being relatively easy on me at last week's fine session, in respect of my "performance" or whatever you would like to call it at changeover.

Late news: Nerrie Lacey received a PHF from her husband for her support during Phil's year. Apparently Nerrie attended 281 Rotary functions during the year. The award was well deserved. Shelley Taylor Smith the marathon swimmer who spoke so well at this year's conference was also awarded a PHF. (cont.)

We sat next to Pres Bob Reid from Upper Blue mountains sunrise. He runs the Echo Point Motor Inn at Katoomba and would love to host our club for a "Yulefest" weekend in

August. Keith Stockall will make enquiries and let you know some dates and costs.

Steve



Happy Birthday!! to

Jo Taylor and *Neela Jeganathan*

on 11th July.

Last Week's Recorded On-Time Apologies:

Ricki Collins, Bala, Terry Rohan, Bert Houston, Peter Foss, David Giri, Ted Ingall.

Peter Douglas, Treasurer,
reports

Attendance for Wednesday 3rd July
Present 44 Rotarians
Apologies 9 Leave of Absence 3
Non Apologies 5

Income - Raffle \$196.00

Sergeant/Arms \$110.00



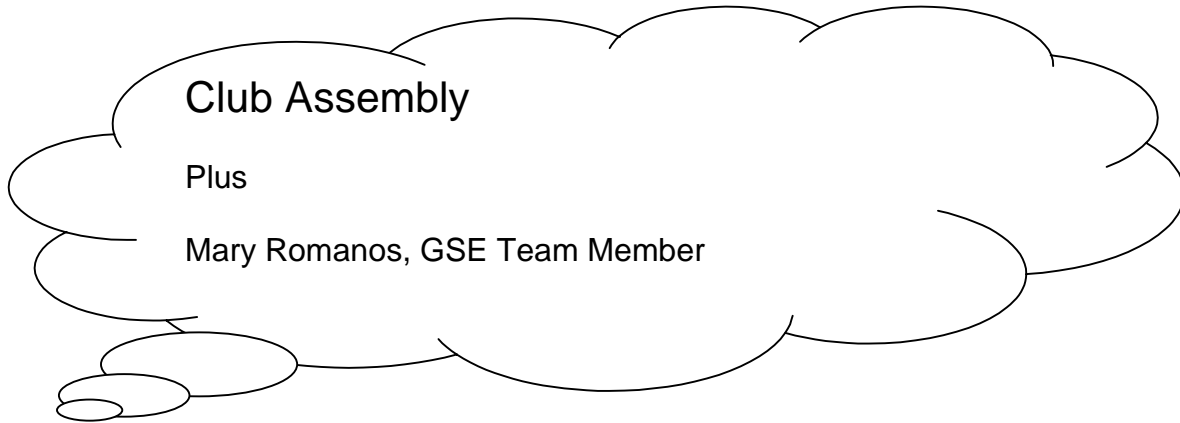
Tonight's Guest Speaker

Michael Ryan

Chairman, Gridiron Australia

Michael will be introduced by Grahame True and thanked by Bert Houston.

Last Week...



Mary Romanos, GSE Team Member of the group traveling to Scotland later this year spoke briefly to the club. Mary is the Quality Systems Coordination Manager with the National Childcare Accreditation Council Inc, a position she has held for the past four years. There are four people going as the team, and they have been meeting weekly to prepare such details as uniforms etc. They leave on 18 September under the leadership of Rotarian Alan Ezzy of Holroyd Club. Mary holds a degree in Social Science and will visit several schools in Scotland as two of the other team members are teachers, and the fourth is a policeman. Good luck Mary! Come back and tell us all about it!

Club Assembly

The Directors outlined the year ahead as they envisaged it. It was decided that, to increase our membership, we need more publicity, perhaps in the local papers. Another suggestion was to invite young managers of the area as guests, or another, to invite potential members to the Pride of Workmanship night in October/November. It was put forward by PDG David Croft that an ad hoc membership committee for getting new members could be set up and this was considered an excellent idea. It was felt that an accent on the club's networking structure be accentuated, possibly backed up by leaflets telling what the club is about. Members thought we could have a more focused target on the Asian community of Strathfield and surrounds, which is numerous and prosperous. The club members decided that more Job Talks by members would be a sound idea for help along the growth of the club's members also.

As far as fellowship is concerned, a Yulefest in August was put forward, with perhaps a car rally to a country area, a stay overnight at a country inn and a picnic on the Sunday. This won outstanding approval from most members, as did a 'Bad Taste' Night.

Regarding Rotary Information, we discussed the possibility of a 5-minute session about once a month from Harley Tarrant or David Croft, with members additionally being given the pleasant task of researching an aspect of Rotary to share with members at a meeting.

For Fundraising, we are having a major event at La Montage on 21 March 2003. We thought it better to concentrate more on involvement of members in the club rather than financial target-setting, as money is only one way in which we help the community. Let's have *quality* events that are fun!

Club attendance information

Following our discussions on membership at the Club Assembly last week I thought I would give you all a general breakdown of club attendance over the last year.

Total membership 60 Rotarians, and 2 Honorary Members (not counted). The membership attendance breakup is as follows:

27 members (45%)	80-98% attendance
16 members (27%)	60-79% attendance
8 members (13%)	50-59% attendance
4 members (7%)	30-49% attendance
2 members (3%)	0-4% attendance
3 members (5%)	Exempt from Rotary attendance requirements: (Ross Brown, Bala and Ted Ingall).

No member achieved 100% attendance although seven (7) were above 90%.

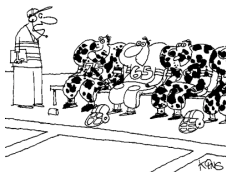
The great news from this was that 72% of members were above normal attendance requirements, another 13% were very close, but 10% were well below normal membership requirements.

I hope this is of assistance to members.

President Steve

Important Dates for your Diary

"Oliver!" theatre party Please pay money for Oliver! Tickets by next week	Tues. 23 July
"Man of La Mancha" Capitol Theatre party (\$69.50)	Tues. 6 August
"Snowy River Spectacular" Entertainment Centre (\$69.90)	Sun.25 Aug.6pm
La Montage major fundraiser	21 March 2003



"I don't want to mention any names, but one of you isn't giving 100% out there."

An older couple were lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife felt romantic and wanted to talk. She said, "You used to hold my hand when we were courting." Wearily, he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep. A few moments later she said, "Then you used to kiss me." Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep. Thirty seconds later she said, "Then you used to bite my neck." Angrily, he threw back the bed covers and got out of bed. "Where are you going?" she asked. "To get my teeth!"

Next Week's Guest Speaker

Peter Harries, Job Talk