



# Weekly Bulletin



**SERVICE Above Self**

## The Rotary Club of Strathfield

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**Website:**

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### APRIL IS WORLD MAGAZINE MONTH

#### President George's Chit Chat

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Our talk last week on RAWCS from Warren Bond reinforced the breadth of the programme and made us all more aware of what a great Rotary initiative this is.

The District conference at Port Macquarie was an outstanding success. I do feel that DG Bill Little lifted the bar somewhat and it will be a hard act to follow. The Cabramatta Club supported by Liverpool West did a very good job.

Port Macquarie proved to be an excellent venue, the weather was perfect, the speakers were good and the Saturday night "Pirates Night" was enjoyed by all. Incidentally Port Macquarie is the furthest our District has traveled to a Conference, but still attracted over 500 Rotarians.

007 Harley and Bert Gold finger Houston supported by Pussy Galore put on a little gem of a presentation in announcing next years conference at Newcastle. I know that all Strathfield Rotarians will give 100% support to DG Elect Harley and conference chairman Bert Houston in making Newcastle 2007 a year to remember.

In the April edition of the DGs Newsletter we were placed 21<sup>st</sup> in the District for attendance in February, the latest figures available. Nothing to get excited about but an improvement on previous results. I hope that we can continue to climb the ladder.

*'Be happy while you are living, for you're a long time dead'* – Scottish Proverb

Till next week, Enjoy Rotary

**President George.**

#### To-Night's Meeting

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**Denise Chapman**  
*Epilepsy Association*

#### Congratulations

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##### Birthdays

12/04/2006	<b>Ron Thurgar</b>
17/04/2006	<b>Joe Campisi</b>
19/04/2006	<b>Maryanne Franco</b>
	<b>Charter Night 1971</b>

##### Anniversaries

**NIL**

#### Last Week's Guests

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Sharon Bond (wife of Guest Speaker)

#### Last Week's Meeting

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Kevin Beltrame introduced Warren Bond who is the Chairman of the Eastern District of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS). Prior to a review of the RAWCS operations in 2004, the organisation lost its partial accreditation with AUSAIDE, losing a stream of government funding. The review found a number of governance issues that caused the loss of accreditation and appointed a full-time administrator to address the issues. The review also examined the Vision and Purpose of RAWACS to ensure a focus on improving lives and relieving suffering. The administrator has not solved the governance issues and funding to

support the position is not available until accreditation with AUSAIDE is re-established. The Eastern Region has seven Rotary Districts and is satisfying the governance issues identified, however the other Regions have prevented the regaining of AUSAIDE accreditation. A list of RAWACS's current projects is being developed and will be available within the next month. The list will be made available to all Clubs via the International Service Director. Warren was thanked by Peter Foss on behalf of the Club.

## Last Week's Announcements

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### From President George Hallworth:-

- ❖ Ted Ingall has left for Port Macquarie and will welcome members for the District Conference this weekend.
- ❖ Accommodation at Port Macquarie includes breakfast

### From Secretary Roger Vince:-

Reminder of District Assembly at Meriden on 30<sup>th</sup> April for 200-300 attendees. Commitment Sheet for members circulated.

Recent headline concerning baby 'Maria' from East Timor has become a project for ROMAC. (Maria has a hole in her heart that needs an operation).

### From President-Elect Rod McDougall:-

- ❖ The Club Changeover will be held at the Golf Club on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

### From Peter Foss:-

- ❖ The replanting at 'ROTARY GROVE' will be at 2:00pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2006. Edwards Park Strathfield (near Sub-Library)
- ❖ Peter Foss advises that the replanting of the 'Grave' requires the attendance of Past Presidents who can make it on the day.

### From Connie Galletta:-

- ❖ Connie is organising a Fund Raiser, 'Pearls On Show', showcasing newly designed bracelets, necklaces and ear rings from \$15 each.
- ❖ Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 at Strathfield Town Hall
- ❖ Entry \$20 pp, proceeds to Downs Syndrome Assoc. plus 10% of sales

From Sharon Bond:-

- ❖ The Family of Rotary Picnic Day is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at Bicentennial Park from 11:00am
- ❖ Includes entertainment, Tug of War, Magicians and face painting
- ❖ BYO food, drink and ground covers.

### From Sergeant Allan Petersen:-

- ❖ Used the theme of "Seniors Week" for his fine session.

### Raffle Winners

The raffle and raised \$199.<sup>00</sup>.

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$30 Voucher	Roger Vince
<i>(Donated by Geoff Shufani of Homebush Newsagency)</i>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Dinner next Week	Ray Wilson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Bottle of Wine	Sal Tosto

### Statistics

Present:-	36 Members
Apologies:-	12 Members
Non-Apologies:-	4 Members
LOA:-	3 Members
Exempt:-	3 Members
The Sergeant raised \$114. <sup>00</sup>	

## COMING EVENTS

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### Anzac Day Breakfast

Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am Cape Cabarita Village Green.

### GSE Team from Thailand

Wednesday 26 April 2006. Final meeting in Australia before returning home on the Sunday. Rotarians from Burwood, Concord and Silverwater may also attend.

### 'Pearls On Show',

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 at Strathfield Town Hall  
Entry \$20 pp, proceeds to Downs Syndrome Assoc.

### District 9690 Assembly

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at Meriden School.

### Rotary Awareness Race Day

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2006. Rosehill Gardens. \$25 dep. \$120, \$100, \$70 & \$25 pp packages.  
Ray Reed/ Joy Gillett Phn: 9633 4888

### Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal

Sunday 28 May - Peter Smith (for the Strathfield Red Shield Appeal)

### Rebound Australian GSE Team to Thailand.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006. Rotarians from Burwood, Concord and Silverwater Clubs may also attend.

## **The Family of Rotary Picnic Day**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at Bicentennial Park from 11:00am

## **2006 Rotary International Convention.**

11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> June 2006. 97th Rotary International Annual Convention. MalmC6, Sweden & Copenhagen, Denmark  
[www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/events/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/events/index.html)

## **District 9690 Changeover**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2006. Waterview Convention Centre, Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park  
12.00 noon for 12.30pm.

## **Strathfield Rotary Club Change Over**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at Strathfield Golf Club  
6:30 for 7:00pm

## **Rotary Club of Granville 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Lachlan's Restaurant in Parramatta Park @ 6:30 for 7:00pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. \$55pp.  
Contact Cheryl Thomas (98533247)

## **NEXT ROTARY MEETING**

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19<sup>th</sup> April 2006     **TBA**

## **FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS**

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26<sup>th</sup> April 2006     **GSE Team from Thailand**

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2006        **Joe Sydney**  
Choice Magazine.  
"The Australian Consumer"

10<sup>th</sup> May 2006      **Glenn Anthoney**  
Motor Cycle Culture

17<sup>th</sup> May 2006      **TBA**

24<sup>th</sup> May 2006      **Thiess Construction**  
Soil Remediation at Rhodes

31<sup>st</sup> May 2006      **The Rebound Australian  
GSE Team to Thailand.**  
Rotarians from Burwood,  
Concord and Silverwater may  
also attend

7<sup>th</sup> June 2006       **Michelle Sharkey**  
Stroke Prevention

## **HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS**

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## **Blind Salesman**

From Keith Stockall

A woman goes into Myers to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get, so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter. The Myers salesman is standing there, wearing dark shades. She says, "Excuse me. Can you tell me anything about this rod and reel?"

He says, "Madam, I'm completely blind; but, if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything you need to know about it from the sound it makes."

She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway. He says, "That's a six-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and 10-lb. Test line. It's a good all around combination, and it's on sale this week for \$44." She says, "It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it!" As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor.

"Oh, that sounds like a Visa card," he says.

As the lady bends down to pick up the card, she accidentally farts. At first she is really embarrassed but then realizes there is no way the blind salesman could tell it was she who had farted.

The man rings up the sale and says, "That'll be \$58.50 please." The woman is totally confused by this and asks, "Didn't you tell me it was on sale for \$44. How did you get to \$58.50?"

"The Duck Caller is \$11 and the Fish Bait is \$3.50."

## **Interesting Sporting Observations**

From Steve Taylor

The sport of choice for the urban poor is BASKETBALL.

The sport of choice for maintenance level employees is BOWLING

The sport of choice for front-line workers is FOOTBALL.

The sport of choice for supervisors is BASEBALL.

The sport of choice for middle management is TENNIS.

The sport of choice for corporate officers is GOLF.

**AMAZING CONCLUSION:**

The higher you are in the corporate structure, the smaller your ball becomes.

## Unusual Pet

From Grahame True

I was feeling a bit lonely so I decided life would be more fun if I had a pet. I went to the pet shop and told the owner that I wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, I finally bought a centipede which came in a little white box, which could also be used for his house.

I took the box back home, found a good location for it, and decided I would start off by taking my new pet to the pub to have a drink. So I asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go down the Queen's Head with me and have a beer?"

But there was no answer. This bothered me a bit, but I waited a few minutes and then asked him again, "How about going to the pub for a drink?"

But again there was no answer from my new friend and pet. So, I waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. I decided to ask him one more time.

This time I put my face up against the centipede's house and shouted, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to the Queen's Head Tavern and have a drink with me?"

A little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time! I'm putting my shoes on."

## The Mayonnaise Jar and 2 Cups of Coffee

From Shirley Del Prado

When things in your lives seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day is not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full! The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. "Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things--your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions—and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like

your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else--the small stuff. "If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked.

It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

## Euro English

From Steve Taylor

The European Commission has just announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the European Union rather than German, which was the other possibility.

As part of the negotiations, the British Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a 5 year phase-in plan that would become known as "Euro-English ". In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy.

The hard "c" will be dropped in favour of "k". This should klear up konfusion, and keyboards kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced with "f". This will make words like fotograf 20% shorter.

In the 3rd year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible.

Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters which have always ben a deterent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horibl mes of the silent "e" in the languag is disgrasful and it should go away.

By the 4th yer people wil be resep tiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v".

During ze fifz yer, ze unesesary "o" kan be dropd from vords kontaining "ou" and after ziz fifz yer, ve vil hav a reil sensi bl rite n styl.

Zer vil be no mor trubl or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech oza. Ze drem of a united urop vil finali kum tru.