



# Weekly Bulletin



**SERVICE Above Self**

## The Rotary Club of Strathfield

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### *JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH*

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#### President George's Chit Chat

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So here we are. The lucky last Chit Chat, small talk or gossip according to the Oxford dictionary. I don't suppose the last 46 have been all that profound (Oxford dictionary: Profound: - demanding much thought, of great insight or knowledge). While I may plead not guilty to profundity I do hope that my scribbings were not too boring.

Debbie Irwin, a teacher from Strathfield Girls High School, gave us some food for thought last week in her address on Literature extension and how Rotary can help. We sometimes look into the distance when a worthwhile programme is right on our doorstep. Of note too was the confidence in public speaking by the student that Debbie had asked along.

I suspect that the Census is not something that we give a lot of thought to before we start to fill in the form. Tonight our own Allan Petersen is going to explain all the whys and wherefores and dispel all the mysteries of the 2006 census.

As a bonus tonight Grahame True will bring us up to date in what is new is the electricity business.

We now look forward to a great year ahead with Harley as DG and of course Rod as President of our Club.

See you all at the Waterview Convention Centre on Sunday.

*"My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there."* C F Kettering

Enjoy Rotary

**President George.**

#### To-Night's Meeting

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**Allan Petersen**  
*Australian Census 2006*

#### Congratulations

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##### **Birthdays**

26/06/2006

**Denise Taylor**  
**Raymond McCluskie**

30/06/2006

**Peter Douglas**  
**Dee Douglas**

4/07/2006

**Sue Byrn**

##### **Anniversaries**

2/07/2006

**Eric & Pauline Khu**

#### Last Week's Meeting

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Peter Foss introduced Debra Irwin who spoke to the Club about The Literature Extension Program. Debbie is the Deputy Principal at Strathfield Girls High School. Her teaching career has been mainly in the Metropolitan West Region plus a time teaching in the UK. She is also a squash player, a netball umpire and has written a Chemistry textbook.

The literature extension program was introduced to encourage students to read books by modifying the curriculum to include six additional texts to be read by the students. The students then evaluate each text and present their findings to a live audience. After the presentation, the students nominate the best book. On the 18<sup>th</sup> August, the official winning text is announced. Debbie would like Strathfield Rotary to sponsor the presentation night before the official announcement of the winner.

A second initiative at Strathfield Girls High is the Australian Business Week from 27<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006. Year 10 students have a week to set-up and operate a business for the equivalent of two years. Strathfield Rotary is asked to provide mentors for the week and judges for the presentations and judging on the final day. Interested members can ring Debbie or Lynne McDermott on 9746 6990 or contact Debbie via email on:-

[dirwin@strathfiegh.schools.nsw.edu](mailto:dirwin@strathfiegh.schools.nsw.edu)

Raymond McCluskie thanked Debra on behalf of the Club.

The Sergeant raised \$80.<sup>80</sup> during a session, recognising football and its many CODES!

### Raffle Winners

The raffle raised \$237.<sup>00</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Fitness Voucher @ Rhodes **Ray Wilson**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Dinner next week **Peter Douglas**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Bottle of Wine **Dominic Alvaro**

*The fitness voucher for the Rhodes Fitness Centre was auctioned and bought by Allan Teale for \$20*

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*(In The Sydney Morning Herald on Monday June 19, 2006)*

### 1. BERRIMAN, Duncan Lewis.

June 15, 2006, late of Winmalee. Dearly loved husband and best friend of Bronwyn, loving father, father-in-law and mentor of Ben and Kelly, Tim and Lisa, Belinda and Glenn and Christian Cappelen. Loved brother of Andrew, Stephen and Helen and their families. Loving son-in-law of Lorna Crossman. Respected and remembered by all those who have had the privilege to know him. Aged 59 years.

The Thanksgiving Service for DUNCAN was held at Springwood Baptist Church, Macquarie Road, Springwood, on Wednesday (June 21, 2006)

## COMING EVENTS

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### District 9690 Changeover

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2006. Waterview Convention Centre, Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park 12.00 noon for 12.30pm. \$52 pp

### 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)

### Police Officer of the Year Awards

Wednesday 16 August 2006. Partner's night. 6.30 for 7.00.

### Pride of Workmanship Awards

Wednesday 18 October 2006. Partner's night. 6.30 for 7.00.

## Last Week's Announcements

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### From President George Hallworth:-

- ❖ A reminder about the commitment sheet for the Club Changeover on 30<sup>th</sup> June. \$35 pp
- ❖ George remembered a joke about two women holidaying near the beach and the cause of Strokes.
- ❖ There will be a joint board meeting after next week's formal meeting

### From Director Bradley Ayres:-

- ❖ Spoke to Keith Byrn in Germany. He is having a great time and is awaiting the start of the 24 hour race at.

### From Director Paul Giammarco:-

- ❖ Attended District GSE meeting on Thurs., at Kingswood.
- ❖ Applications for Team Leader to North Carolina open in August for GSE exchange next year.

### From Peter Foss:-

- ❖ Thank you to attendees from Strathfield Rotary for the District Change Over on 25<sup>th</sup> June.

### From Sal Tosto:-

- ❖ A reminder of the true game of football being played in Germany.

### From Shirley Del Prado:-

- ❖ Shirley and Connie visited Euan Watson and report that he is looking better..

### Statistics

Present:-	38 Members
Apologies:-	13 Members
Exemption:-	3 Member
LOA:-	4 Members

## NEXT ROTARY MEETING

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- ~~28<sup>th</sup> June 2006~~     ~~NO MEETING~~  
Transferred to Friday 30<sup>th</sup>  
June
- 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006     **Strathfield Rotary Club**  
**Change Over**  
FRIDAY TRANSFER  
MEETING at Strathfield Golf  
Club 6:30 for 7:00pm

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

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- 5<sup>th</sup> July 2006     **Rob Edwards**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Australian Direct Marketing  
Association
- 12<sup>th</sup> July 2006     **Harley Tarrant**  
District Governor 9690

## HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

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### Case of the Pregnant Lady

From Shirley Del Prado

(AUSTRALIAN COURT DOCKET 12659)

A lady about 8 months pregnant got on a bus. She noticed the man opposite her was smiling at her. She immediately moved to another seat. This time the smile turned into a grin, so she moved again. The man seemed more amused. When on the fourth move, the man burst out laughing, she complained to the driver, and he had the man arrested.

The case came up in court. The judge asked the man (about 20 years old) what he had to say for himself. The man replied, "Well your Honor, it was like this: When the lady got on the bus, I couldn't help but notice her condition. She sat down under a sign that said, 'The Double Mint Twins are coming,' and I grinned."

Then she moved and sat under a sign that said, 'Logan's Liniment will reduce the swelling', and I had to smile."

"Then she placed herself under a deodorant sign that said, 'William's Big Stick did the trick,' and I could hardly contain myself."

"BUT, your Honor, when she moved the fourth time and sat under a sign that said, 'Goodyear Rubber could have prevented this accident'... I just lost it."

"CASE DISMISSED!!"

## Quick Thinking!

From Allan Taylor

An elderly man owned a large farm. He had a large pond in the back, fixed up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees. The pond was properly shaped and fixed up for swimming when it was built. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and looks it over. He grabbed a five gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!" The old man frowned and replied, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked." Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm here to feed the alligator."

## Wise Indian

From Allan Taylor

An old Indian Chief sat in his hut on the reservation, smoking a ceremonial pipe and eyeing two white US Government Officials sent to interview him. One Official asked Chief Two Eagles, "You have observed the white man for 90 years. You've seen his wars and his technological advances. You've seen his progress, and the damage he's done. "The Chief nodded in agreement.

The official continued, "Considering all these events, in your opinion, where did the white man go wrong?" The Chief stared at the government officials for over a minute and then calmly replied:

"When white man found the land, Indians were running it...No taxes, No debt, Plenty buffalo, Plenty beaver, Women did all the work, Medicine man free, Indian man spent all day hunting and fishing, all night having sex."

Then the Chief leaned back and smiled..... "Only white man dumb enough to think he could improve system like that."

## Palm Sunday

From Shirley Del Prado

It was Palm Sunday and, because of a sore throat, five-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches! The boy asked what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by."

"Wouldn't you know it," the boy fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go, he shows up!"

## Fitting Tribute!!

From Shirley Del Prado

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed last week.

Larry La Prise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Pokey" died peacefully at the age of 93.

The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in, and then the trouble started.

## Specialists??

From Shirley Del Prado

This may come as a surprise to those of you not living in Las Vegas, but there are more Catholic churches than casinos. Not surprisingly, some worshippers at Sunday services will give casino chips rather than cash when the basket is passed. Since they get chips from many different casinos, the churches have devised a method to collect the offerings. The churches send all their collected chips to a nearby Franciscan Monastery for sorting. Then the chips are taken to the casino of origin and cashed in. This is done by the chip monks.

## Slow Driver!!

From Shirley Del Prado

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a Police Officer sees a car pattering along at 22 KPH. He thinks to himself, this driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies -- two in the front seat and three in the back -- wide eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly. Twenty-two kilometres an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly.

The Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that 22 was the highway number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask. Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't made a peep this whole time," the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Highway 189."

## Cigarettes and Tampons

From Steve Taylor

A man walks into a pharmacy and wanders up & down the aisles. The sales girl notices him and asks him if she can help him. He answers that he is looking for a box of tampons for his wife. She directs him down the correct aisle. A few minutes later, he deposits a huge bag of cotton balls and a ball of string on the counter.

She says, confused, "Sir, I thought you were looking for some tampons for your wife?"

He answers, "You see, it's like this, yesterday, I sent my wife to the store to get me a carton of cigarettes, and she came back with a tin of tobacco and some rolling papers; cause it's soooo-ooo--oo-ooo much cheaper.

So, I figure if I have to roll my own, so does she.

## Wife vs. Husband

From Steve Taylor

### ONE

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" "Yup," the wife replied, "In-laws."

### TWO

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day; 30,000 to a man's 15,000. The wife replied, "The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men. The husband then turned to his wife and asked, "What?"

### THREE

A man said to his wife one day, "I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time." The wife responded, "Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!"

### FOUR

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 AM." He left it where he knew she would find it. The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It is 5:00 AM. Wake up."