



# Weekly Bulletin



**SERVICE Above Self**

## The Rotary Club of Strathfield

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### WORLD ROTARACT

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#### President George's Chit Chat

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We had a glimpse into the world of the modern day architect last week when Stephen Taylor gave his job talk. More and more regulations, some good, some with a question mark after them and some that would really make you wonder. Still thank you Steve for an interesting talk.

The Club Assembly which followed proved to be a worth while exercise with some positive suggestions. We did not have time to discuss them at the Board meeting but Secretary Roger has an accurate record and we will certainly give them our best attention and report back to the Club.

As we know 'Cyclone Larry' has caused great devastation in the north. DG Bill Little has asked all our District Clubs to offer financial help to the Rotary Appeal. Assistant DG Peter Davidson has suggested an amount of \$500 from Strathfield, Burwood and Concord and your Board (and Treasurer Bob!) have agreed to forward this amount.

I have just received the sad news of Veronica MacDonald passing. Veronica has been a very good friend of the Rotary Club for quite some time in allowing the BBQ trailer to be stored in her garage.

We have sent flowers on behalf of the Club and passed on a message of sympathy to the family from the members of our Club.

Till next week, Enjoy Rotary

**President George.**

#### To-Night's Meeting

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**Rodney Rietdyk**  
*Mannings Funerals*

#### Congratulations

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##### **Birthdays**

1/04/2006

**Peter Van Der Sleen**

##### **Anniversaries**

**NIL**

#### Last Week's Meeting

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##### **Steve Taylor Job Talk**

At his talk 5 years ago, Steve highlighted the increased use of technology from drawing implements and slide rules to computers. With this talk, Steve highlighted the change to council DA's due to the increased bureaucracy and the need to have all details up front. The job of the architect is to assemble and coordinate the many specialists who are needed to meet the new requirements, including flood reports, bushfire controls and traffic studies. The costs of submitting a DA have increased dramatically. On the upside, architects are now able to work with Councils to develop Master Control Plans for a whole area.

##### **CLUB ASSEMBLY**

##### **Director Kevin Freund**

Kevin thanked all his committee members for their help at the major fund raising activities this year.

##### **Director Kevin Beltrame**

Kevin also thanked all his committees for their help particularly Brain Johnson for the weekly raffle. He Questioned the need for 2 community Services.

### **Director Bradley Ayres**

Bradley spoke of the RAMS donation, RAWCS speaker and the Thai GSE team. He is also helping with a local applicant for an Ambassadorial Scholarship

### **Director Joe Campisi**

Joe mentioned MUNA and RYPEN events still to come.

### **Director Paul Giammarco**

Pride of Workmanship, Police Officer of the Year, National Science Youth Forum and Job Talks were highlighted by Paul.

### **ISSUES FROM MEMBERS**

- ❖ Dress code at Rotary Meetings
- ❖ Storage of Club Equipment
- ❖ Advice to Golf Club on Dinner Numbers
- ❖ Appropriateness of Club Bulletin Content.

## **SAD NEWS**

*Mrs. Mackenzie, who allowed us to store our BBQ, died last week. The funeral was held at St. Anne's Catholic Church, South Strathfield on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The Club sends its condolences to her family.*

## **Last Week's Announcements**

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### **From President George Hallworth:-**

- ❖ Thank you for the PETS on Sun, particularly Mr. Geoff Brookes (Meriden), George & Sam Helou (catering).
- ❖ George & Anuradha Kamkolkar attended Harmony Day in Strathfield Square on Monday.

### **From DGN Harley Tarrant:-**

- ❖ Thank you to the Club for the help at the PETS on Sunday at Meriden.
- ❖ Reminder of District Assembly at Meriden on 30<sup>th</sup> April for 200-300 attendees.

### **From Ted Ingall:-**

- ❖ The extra night accommodation at the Port Macquarie Conference will be paid by a Club cheque.
- ❖ Payments by individual credit cards should be cancelled. (Check statements)
- ❖ Pay the Club Treasurer for the extra accom.

### **From Janelle Watson:-**

- ❖ Brochures for Rotary T-shirts and Vests circulated. Contact Janelle if ordering

### **From Sergeant Allan Petersen:-**

- ❖ Continued the Conference Theme of "Pirates" for his session.

### **Raffle Winners**

The raffle raised \$214.<sup>00</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Dry Cleaning Voucher Charles Pitt

(Donated by Strathfield Plaza Dry Clnrs)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Dinner next Week Bradley Ayres  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Bottle of Wine Niall King

### **Statistics**

- ❖ Present:- 42 Members
- ❖ Apologies:- 8 Members
- ❖ Non-Apologies:- 4 Members
- ❖ LOA:- 1 Members
- ❖ The Sergeant raised \$137.<sup>25</sup>

## **COMING EVENTS**

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### **GSE Alumni Dinner**

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006 at Hunt's Restaurant, Cross Roads, Casula. Contact Bradley for details

### **District 9690 Conference**

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 2006. Panthers Convention Centre, Port Macquarie. Ted Ingall Conf Coord.

### **Replanting at 'ROTARY GROVE'**

Early April, 2006. Peter Foss to advise.

### **Anzac Day Breakfast**

Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2006. Cape Cabarita BBQ Area.

### **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.

### **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)

### **2006 Rotary International Convention.**

11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> June 2006. 97th Rotary International Annual Convention. MalmC6, Sweden and Copenhagen, Denmark.  
<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.

### **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 (9853247)

# Leadership Challenge

By Angela Haber

THE idea of spending seven days at a retreat in Springwood with a group of people I had never met before was initially quite daunting.

Hawkesbury Rotarian Bob Duncan had approached the Gazette late last year with an offer for a placement in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award program.

I was quite enchanted by the RYLA reputation. I'd heard people say RYLA had changed their lives. Well, I can't say RYLA changed my life, but it certainly heightened my appreciation for life, and it confirmed my love of new and different experiences.

By the end of the week, I found myself intrigued and inspired by the experiences, achievements and hardships my new friends and I shared.

Each year thousands of young people take part in RYLA activities all around the world. Nominees chosen for their leadership potential are sponsored by a local Rotary club to attend an all-expenses paid camp, seminar or workshop, to learn and practice new skills.

Throughout the week we embraced guest speakers who talked about leadership, public speaking, self-motivation, goal-setting, conflict resolution, stress management, team work, , communicating with the media, group dynamics, relationships, and negotiation.

We depended on each other to get through many activities, including physical and mental challenges.

We entertained each other with stories, performances and games. But most importantly, we supported each other through the more difficult aspects of the course, and in the end we, were all winners, accepting each other for our differences, strengths and difficulties.



Angela (front, centre) with her fellow RYLA attendees at Springwood's Blue Gum Lodge in January, 2006.

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WETHERILL Park's Tony Petrin is one of those people who once you meet them, you won't forget them. From the outset, having a physical disability meant every RYLA challenge thrown Tony's way was going to be even more difficult.

But throughout the week I constantly found myself in awe of the 18-year-old's commitment, enthusiasm, and passion. I don't think I will ever forget Tony's perseverance when he confronted his fear of heights to have a go at indoor rock climbing (below).



At one point he was frozen with fear, clinging midway to the wall for about 20 minutes, but with support and encouragement from the group, he made it to the top.

"Making new friends and meeting different kinds of people was the greatest part of the camp," he said. "When I first got there I was a bit nervous because of all the new people, but by the end of it, I was crying because I was so sad to be leaving everybody."

## NEXT ROTARY MEETING

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5<sup>th</sup> April 2006

**Warren Bond**

Chair of Rotary Australia  
World Community Service  
(RAWCS)

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

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12<sup>th</sup> April 2006

**TBA**

19<sup>th</sup> April 2006

**TBA**

26<sup>th</sup> April 2006

**GSE Team from Thailand**

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2006

**TBA**

10<sup>th</sup> May 2006

**Glenn Anthoney**  
T3 Wireless Ventures

17 May 2006

**Tad Purtill**  
How to Survive Giving a  
Speech

24th May 2006

**Thiess Construction**  
Soil Remediation at Rhodes

7th June 2006

**Michelle Sharkey**  
Stroke Prevention

# HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

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## World Threat



From Kevin Beltrame

The Bear says: "If I roar in the forest, the entire forest is shivering with fear."

The Lion says: "If I roar in the jungle, the entire jungle is afraid of me."

Then the Chicken says: "Big deal. I only have to cough, and the entire Planet PANICS."

## St. Patrick's Day Joke I



From Roger Vince

An Irishman who had a little too much to drink is driving home from the city one night and, of course, his car is weaving violently all over the road. A cop pulls him over.

"So," says the cop to the driver, where have ya been?"

"Why, I've been to the pub of course," slurs the drunk.

"Well," says the cop, "it looks like you've had quite a few to drink this evening."

"I did all right," the drunk says with a smile.

"Did you know," says the cop, standing straight and folding his arms across his chest, "that a few intersections back, your wife fell out of your car?"

"Oh thank heavens," sighs the drunk. "For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf."

## St. Patrick's Day Joke II



From Roger Vince

Brenda O'Malley is home making dinner, as usual, when Tim Finnegan arrives at her door. "Brenda, may I come in?" he asks. "I've somethin' to tell ya".

"Of course you can come in, you're always welcome, Tim. But where's my husband?" "That's what I'm here to be telling ya, Brenda." "There was an accident down at the Guinness brewery."

"Oh, God no!" cries Brenda. "Please don't tell me."

"I must, Brenda. Your husband Shamus is dead and gone. I'm sorry."

Finally, she looked up at Tim. "How did it happen, Tim?"

"It was terrible, Brenda. He fell into a vat of Guinness Stout and drowned."

"Oh my dear Jesus! But you must tell me true, Tim. Did he at least go quickly?"

"Well, Brenda, no. In fact, he got out three times to pee."

## St. Patrick's Day Joke III



From Grahame True

An Irishman goes to the Doctor with botty problems.

"Dactor, it's me backside. I'd loik ya ta teyhk a look, if ya woot".

So the doctor gets him to drop his pants and takes look.

"Incredible" he says, "There is a £20 note lodged up here."

Tentatively he eases the twenty out of the man's bottom, and then a £10 pound note appears. "This is amazing!" exclaims the Doctor. "What do you want me to do?"

"Well fur gadness sake teyhk it out, man!" shrieks the patient.

The doctor pulls out the tenner and another twenty appears, and another and another and another, etc....

Finally the last note comes out and no more appear.

"Ah Dactor, tank ya koindly, dat's moch batt er.

Just out of interest, How moch was in dare den?"

The Doctor counts the pile of cash. "£1,990 exactly."

*"Ah, dat'd be roit, 'says the Irishman I knew I wasn't feeling two grand."*

## St. Patrick's Day Joke IV



From Roger Vince

Mary Clancy goes up to Father O'Grady after his Sunday morning service, and she's in tears. He says, "So what's bothering you, Mary my dear?" She says, "Oh, Father, I've got terrible news. My husband just passed away last night."

The priest says, "Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Tell me, Mary, did he have any last requests?"

She says, "That he did, Father."

The priest says, "What did he ask, Mary?"

She says, "He said, 'Please Mary, put down that damn gun'..."