



# Weekly Bulletin



**SERVICE Above Self**

## The Rotary Club of Strathfield

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### President George's Chit Chat

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Many thanks to PE Rod McDougall for chairing last weeks meeting, which I hear, went very well. Sincere thanks Rod. I had an unfortunate episode which came quite out of the blue and laid me low for a time – yes I know old age and riotous living.

Catherine and I attended the final Presidents meeting of this Rotary year last Friday at the Panthers. District Chairmen all gave reports to the meeting, Vocational, Youth etc. DG Bill spoke on the Port Macquarie Conference as being an outstanding success – 540 in attendance for the Pirates Night with a net profit of \$20,000 for the Conference. On a sad note it was announced that the Guildford Club was handing in its Charter.

I think we would all agree that DG Bill has had a very good year. Incidentally DG Bill has accepted our invitation to attend our meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup> when we entertain the rebound team to Thailand. This will be a partner's night 6.30 for 7 and we hope to have a good rollup for this night. Burwood, Concord and Silverwater have been invited though numbers are not yet known.

The GSE Team from Thailand returned home at the end of April. Our Assistant DG, Peter Davidson, received a request from Team Leader Siri just before they left for blankets. The team is from the north of Thailand where apparently it gets a bit cold – better make that very cold. People are very poor and need blankets very badly, not necessarily new blankets. Asst DG Peter felt that his 3 Clubs get together – namely Strathfield, Burwood and Concord, we could over the next 12-18 months make a worth while contribution.

Best wishes go to John Watkins who has managed to catch pneumonia. We hope you are soon well again John.

*"True enjoyment comes from activity of the mind and exercise of the body, the two are ever united" - Humboldt*

Till next week, Enjoy Rotary

**President George.**

### To-Night's Meeting

**TBA**

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### Congratulations

#### **Birthdays**

17/05/2006	<b>Cheryl Ayres</b>
18/05/2006	<b>Ray Wilson</b>
19/05/2006	<b>Tony Lanzafame</b>
20/05/2006	<b>Richard Horwood</b>

**Anniversaries - Nil**

### Last Week's Guests

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**Pattie Ross from The Salvation Army.**

**Paul Van De Van the Principal of Chalmers Road School Strathfield.**

### Last Week's Meeting

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**Pattie Rose** from the Salvation Army thanked the club for the support over many years and expressed the appreciation that the Salvos have for Rotarians and their involvement in the Red Shield Appeal.

This year's appeal is on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May and Pattie encouraged members to provide assistance in any form possible.

This year's door knock target is \$7 million with 100,000 collectors Australia wide.

The total fundraising target is \$59million.

Pattie provided the following figures which give an insight into the achievements of the Salvation Army.

Every week they provide:

- 180,000 meals and 20,000 food vouchers.
- 3,500 beds and 600 blankets for the homeless.
- 800 people were given refuge from abuse
- 4,000 people are helped with phone counseling

By supporting the Red Shield appeal we can help the Salvos continue their wonderful work of assisting those in need.

**President Elect Rod McDougall** presented a cheque for \$1,000 to **Paul Van de Ven** the principal of Chalmers Road School.

Paul thanked the club and explained that the money would be put to good use in providing additional resources for the special needs of the students attending the school.

### **Guest Speaker Mr. Glenn Anthoney**

Graham True introduced our guest speaker Glenn Anthoney whose topic for the evening was Motor Bikes and Motor Cycle Culture.

Glenn's career has been varied, starting out as a boilermaker, then accountancy and now works on computer systems.

After he obtained his first motor bike at age five it was not long before he had his first accident in which he broke his leg. But he has maintained a passion for bikes throughout his life. Believing that it is "in your blood"

He has had many bikes but his favourite is his current Harley Davidson. He has not been a member of any club but has observed many at close range.

Glenn spoke about the irony that some members join bike clubs to seek freedom but are soon bound by strict codes of territorial behaviour. Most clubs have a hierarchy of power with the need to "earn one's stripes", with colours and patches worn as badges of honour.

There are outlaw clubs and Christian clubs and many others in between.

Quite a few do good work within communities being involved with children and organising fund raising activities.

Glenn also expressed concern about the changing culture of some clubs, who are now recruiting young down and out gang kids by using inducements of things such as bikes which they could not normally afford.

Kevin Beltrame thanked Glenn for his forthright comments and presentation.

## **Last Week's Announcements**

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### **From President Elect Rod McDougall**

- ❖ Was extremely impressed with the facilities at Newcastle for the 2007 Conference.
- ❖ Burwood Rotary holding a Fund Raiser at Le Montage on 27<sup>th</sup> May. \$125pp.

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

- ❖ The 2007 District Conference will be hosted by Strathfield Club at the Newcastle Convention Centre 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2007.
- ❖ Ted encourages members to book their accommodation A.S.A.P

### **From Ray Wilson:-**

- ❖ Reminder of Golf Day on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

### **From Director Kevin Beltrame:-**

- ❖ Rotarians needed to chaperone at the Meriden Interact Dance on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **Statistics**

Present:-	35 Members
Apologies:-	11 Members
Non-Apologies:-	4 Members
LOA:-	5 Members
Exempt:-	3 Members

The Sergeant raised \$86.10, using the Logies Awards as his theme.

### **Raffle Winners**

The raffle raised \$187.<sup>00</sup>.

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$30.00 Strathfield Dry Cleaners.	Sal Tosto
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Dinner next week.	Kevin Beltrame
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Bottle red wine.	Alan Taylor

## **NEXT ROTARY MEETING**

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

### **Bulletin Material – May/June**

Any member with material for the bulletin please contact Kevin Freund during May and June. [endwooll@bigpond.net.au](mailto:endwooll@bigpond.net.au)

## COMING EVENTS

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### 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.

### Meriden Interact fund raising dance

Friday 2 June 2006. Rotary will provide staff for BBQ and chaperone duties

### 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)

### 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.

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### DROUGHT

*There's such a drought that some restaurants are charging for water. There was a big argument in Strathfield the other day. One customer was angry because they brought him the wrong year.*

*This is the worst drought in history. I saw a woman in the supermarket yesterday buying bottled dust.*

*This drought is so bad that at most of the prisons, they're serving the prisoners bread and bread.*

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

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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

14<sup>th</sup> June 2006

### Deborah Irwin

The Literature Extension Program

21<sup>st</sup> June 2006

TBA

~~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

## "Picnic to the Alvaro's"

**Date/time:** 21 May, any time after 9:00 am

**Address:** 1 Kimberley Drive East Bowral

**Travel time:** Around 90 mins

**Food/alcohol:** Bring your own picnic lunch (food and alcohol). Barbecue available if required (please bring your own meat). Domenico has kindly offered to supply soft drink, tea and coffee.

**Weather:** Can be cool. A warm jacket is advised.

### Directions:

1. Take M5 motorway from Sydney (3.30 toll each way)
2. Take "Bowral/Mittagong" exit
3. Proceed to Mittagong
4. Drive through Mittagong until road forks at traffic lights - take left fork
5. Proceed to Bong Bong Street Bowral
6. Proceed to intersection Bong Bong Street and Kangaloon Road
7. Follow Kangaloon Road until road forks at Horderns Road - take Horderns Road (left fork)
8. Turn left at Mansfield Road
9. Turn right at Kimberley Drive - proceed to number 1.

**Thanks to Domenico and Johanna for their generous hospitality.**

**WE RECEIVED A VERY SPECIAL LETTER FROM OUR  
WORLD VISION SPONSORED CHILD MBABAZI  
PAOLO.**

The following is a summary of the letter

"Dear friend,

Warm greetings from your child. I am fine. How are you?

Thanks for choosing me as your sponsored child. Mbabazi Paolo is my name.

I am at school and receive my greeting and drawing that I have sent to you.

I have my parents they are very hard working. At home they have planted crops like beans, bananas, rice, and potatoes for some food. At home we do eat fresh foods because of their efforts. I have only one brother called Robert. I do not have a sister.

Many times I do like playing football with my friends. I do help my family fetching water which takes some thirty minutes to reach the well.

My village is in a rural area and it is 80 kms away from Kampala city, The land is hilly and flat and crossed by the lines of the equator.

The weather at the moment is raining time, many people from my village are peasants and they do like practicing agriculture. Many are busy right now planting. God Bless.

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## **HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS**

### **Irish Pub Meeting**

From Shirley Del Prado

Two men were sitting next to each other at a bar. After a while, one guy looks at the other and says, "I can't help but think, from listening to you, that you're from Ireland"

The other guy responds proudly, "Yes that I am!"

The first guy says, "So am I!"

And where about from Ireland might you be?"

The other guy answers, "I'm from Dublin, I am."

The first guy responds, "Sure and begora, and so am I! And what street did you live on in Dublin?"

The other guy says, "A lovely little area it was, I lived on McCleary Street in the old central part of town."

The first guy says, "Faith & it's a small world, so did I! So did I!! And to what school would you have been going?"

The other guy answers, "Well now, I went to St. Mary's of course."

The first guy gets really excited and says, "And so did I. Tell me, what year did you graduate?"

The other guy answers, "Well, now, let's see, I graduated in 1964."

The first guy exclaims, "The Good Lord must be smiling down upon us! I can hardly believe our good luck at winding up in the same bar tonight. Can you believe it, I graduated from St. Mary's in 1964 my own self."

About this time, Vicky walks into the bar, sits down, and orders a beer.

Brian, the bartender, walks over to Vicky, shaking his head & mutters, "It's going to be a long night tonight!!!!"

Vicky asks, "Why do you say that, Brian?"

"The Murphy twins are drunk again."

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### **The Way It's Done Around Here**

From Rod McDougall

Start with a cage containing five monkeys. Inside the cage, hang a banana on a string and place a set of stairs under it. Before long, a monkey will go to the stairs and start to climb towards the banana. As soon as he touches the stairs, spray all of the other monkeys with cold water.

After a while, another monkey will make an attempt. Again, spray all the other monkeys with cold water. Pretty soon, when a monkey tries to climb the stairs, the other monkeys will try to prevent it.

Remove one monkey from the cage and replace it with a new one. The new monkey sees the banana and wants to climb the stairs. To his surprise and horror, all of the other monkeys attack him.

Next, remove another of the original five monkeys and replace it with a new one. The newcomer goes to the stairs and is attacked. The previous newcomer takes part in the punishment with enthusiasm!

Likewise, replace all the remaining original monkeys. Every time the newest monkey takes to the stairs, he is attacked by the other monkeys. Most of the monkeys that are beating him have no idea why they were not permitted to climb the stairs or why they are participating in the beating of the newest monkey.

After replacing all the original monkeys, none of the remaining monkeys have ever been sprayed with cold water. Nevertheless, no monkey ever again approaches the stairs to try for the banana. Why not? Because as far as they know that's the way it's always been done around here.

And that, my friends, is how company policy begins.