



Weekly Bulletin



SERVICE Above Self

The Rotary Club of Strathfield

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President George's Chit Chat

Our speaker last week is certainly a budding scientist. Nicholas Smith is in Year 12 at St Patrick's College and he made full use of his Rotary National Science Youth Forum award. The award covers two weeks in Canberra with exposure to some of the top scientific personnel of Australia. Nicholas came back full of enthusiasm for the opportunity which had come via the Rotary Club of Strathfield and Vocational Service Director, Paul Giammarco. Another worth while Rotary program.

Support for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal next Sunday, 28th May, has been a little underwhelming. We have for a number of years manned (is that politically correct?!) the counting house at the Town Hall, and I am sure that we can do that again this year. However Chairman, Peter Smith, reports that he has been promised record numbers of students this year for collecting. He is hoping that we can provide 20-25 drivers for transport/overseeing or supervising purposes. It should take no more than 2 hours. Can we meet the challenge?

The following Sunday is of course the fourth of June and the Family of Rotary Picnic Day in Bi-Centennial Park. From 11am to sunset. There will be an inter Club tug of war, races, face painting and as our contribution we have engaged the services of Mr Alacazam, BYO food and drink plus children, grandchildren, friends, neighbours, in laws – all welcome.

'Friendship! Mysterious cement of the soul, sweet'ner of life and solder of society.' Anon 18th C

Till next week, Enjoy Rotary **President George.**

To-Night's Meeting

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Congratulations

Birthdays

NIL

Anniversaries

31/05/2006 **David & Margaret Croft**
Kevin Beltrame & Karen Catalano

Last Week's Guests

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Gabrielle Smith, Nicholas Smith's Mother
Joe Allan, Prospect Rotary Club.
(Joe is the uncle of Nicholas Smith)

NEXT ROTARY MEETING

31st May 2006 **PARTNERS NIGHT**
6.30PM FOR 7.00PM

**The Rebound Australian
GSE Team to Thailand.**
Rotarians from Burwood,
Concord and Silverwater may
also attend

Last Week's Meeting

Paul Giammarco, Introduced

Our special guest speaker **Nicholas Smith**, a student from St. Patricks' College Strathfield.

Nicholas was nominated by our Club to attend the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) and the following is his experience in his own words.

In the January summer holidays I was to embark upon the most exiting two weeks of my life, which is in the National Youth Science Forum. The National Youth Science Forum was held in Canberra in two, two week sessions and was the result of collaboration between such organisations as the Australian National University and Rotary Australia. It brought together over 200 senior students from right across Australia with the addition of international exchange students from such countries as Sweden, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa.

The forum opened at the Shine Dome at the Australian National University where we had the pleasure of being in the presence number of Australia's leading scientists from the Academy of Science. They spoke of a need for young aspiring Australians to fill the frightening shortage of scientists in the country, and he need for us to lead and shape Australia's promising scientific future. It was in listening to these scientists that desire to enter a career in science become even stronger.

The opening addresses were to set the scene for the rest of the forum. I was placed in a biochemistry interest group and during the forum we were given a glimpse of what a career in this field may offer us. We visited such sites around Canberra as the pathology unit at Calvary Hospital we were given a tour of the mortuary, we were treated to such gruesome sites as preserved forearms, livers and skeletons. While we were there, we were also given a rather graphic lesson on the effect a life time of heavy dinking and smoking can do to livers and lung, through the use of preserved specimens.

This was not all, we also had the privilege of a tour through the John Curtin School of Medical Research at ANU where we met the esteemed immunologist Professor Gordon Ada who discussed his vast experiences in his field which included his work in mentoring the Nobel laureate Dr Peter Doherty. We also visited the Histology department, where we were treated to a number of free microscope slides containing human tissues such as the spleen, skin and liver, souvenirs which I am certain I will never be offered again. Also at ANU we visited BaMBi, The Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Institute, where through the most advanced forensics technology where we were asked to decipher a hypothetical murder, where a woman was killed in her flat, where the possibilities include her 'pizza boy', ex-husband and her current boyfriend (for the sake of your curiosity, the murderer did turn out to be the 'pizza boy'). These locations and many more did give me a taste of what a career in biochemistry would be like

and to tell you the truth, I was more than impressed. A career in this field of Australian science did appear to be brimming with activity.

You would have been wrong to believe that the National Youth Science Forum was entirely composed of laboratory tours as much of the forum was devoted to cultivating the skills and opinions of the students. There were a number of forums held on topical issues in science such as nuclear energy, climate change and biotechnology. Guest specialists in the field were invited to speak and afterwards the students were offered the opportunity to voice their opinions on the issue, some often heated debates ensued. We were also given the opportunity to participate in a mock job interview, and lectured on such subjects as body language, negotiation skills and public speaking. In light of the years ahead of us we were spoken to by a number of university and corporate representatives, which also furthered my knowledge on which universities I would wish to study at and where I might consider working. We also were given the chance to see many of the significant sites around Canberra as Parliament House, Government House, the Australian Institute of Sport and the botanical gardens. It would be true to say that I could have never guessed that two weeks in Canberra could be so busy and so tiring. My two weeks at the National Youth Science Forum were probably the most enlightening and remarkable of my life, allowing me to gauge a career in science and decide on a path in the more recent future in terms of a university. I would also like to stress that my time in the National Youth Science Forum would have not of been possible without the constant support from Strathfield Rotary at the very beginning in selecting me to participate in the district interviews, I would like to give you my sincerest thanks.

Nicholas Smith.

Last Week's Announcements

From President George Hallworth:-

- ❖ Advised that Euan Watson is not well, and will be absent from Rotary functions for at least three months.

Euan will be home for most of this time but will be happy to see 1-2 visitors at a time, providing they do not have a cold or cough or other acute illness. Just phone him first on 8765 1438 to make sure he is home.

Euan expects to recover again and is looking forward to resuming his Rotary involvement.

- ❖ Advised that the meeting on Wednesday 31st May will be a Partners night 6.30pm for 7.00pm this being G.S.E. team to Thailand, evening.
- ❖ Burwood Rotary holding a Fund Raiser at Le Montage on 27th May. \$125pp.

From President – Elect Rod McDougall:-

- ❖ Announced that the incoming board had met, and Directors are looking for Committee members, and would hope that members would give consideration to participating on those committees.

From Kevin Beltrame:-

- ❖ Announced that he had enough volunteers for the Meriden Dance, but needed a couple of stand-byes.
- ❖ Kevin also announced that Commissioner Ken Moroney had accepted the club's invitation to attend the Police Officer of the Year Awards on Wednesday 16th August.

From Niall King:-

- ❖ Announced that a golf day organised by the Real Estate Group, had raised an amount of \$1000.00 with a bucket collection as a donation to the club.

Statistics

Present:-	33 Members
Apologies:-	13 Members
Non-Apologies:-	4 Members
LOA:-	5 Members
Exempt:-	3 Members

The Sergeant raised \$94.30 using a golf theme

Raffle Winners

The raffle and raised \$155.00

1 st Prize	Golf Shirt	Connie Galletta
	(Donated by Ray Wilson)	
2 nd Prize	Dinner next week	Kevin Freund
3 rd Prize	Bottle of Wine	Warren Abbott

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

7th June 2006 **Michelle Sharkey**
Stroke Prevention

14th June 2006

Deborah Irwin

The Literature Extension
Program

21st June 2006

TBA

~~28th June 2006~~

~~**NO MEETING**~~

Transferred to Friday 30th June

30th June 2006

Strathfield Rotary Club

Change Over

FRIDAY TRANSFER

MEETING at Strathfield Golf
Club 6:30 for 7:00pm

COMING EVENTS

Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal

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

Rebound Australian GSE Team to Thailand.

Wednesday 31st 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 4th June at Bicentennial Park from 11:00am

2006 Rotary International Convention.

11th -14th June 2006. 97th Rotary International Annual Convention. MalmC6, Sweden & Copenhagen, Denmark
www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/events/index.html

District 9690 Changeover

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

Strathfield Rotary Club Change Over

Friday 30th June 2006 at Strathfield Golf Club
6:30 for 7:00pm

Rotary Club of Granville 50th Birthday

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

Police Officer of the Year Awards

Wednesday 16 August 2006. Partners night. 6.30 for 7.00.

Pride of Workmanship Awards

Wednesday 18 October 2006. Partners' night.
6.30 for 7.00.

Help the Salvos Shield Those in Need This Sunday the 28th May Your support is vital!

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Joe has been seeing a psychoanalyst for four years for a fear that he had of monsters under his bed. It had been years since he had gotten a good night's sleep because of this fear.

He realized that his progress was slow and so decides to stop seeing the psychoanalyst.

A few weeks later Joe meets the old psychoanalyst in the supermarket. To his surprise Joe is looking well rested, energetic and cheerful.

Joe enthusiastically tells the analyst that he is cured.

The psychoanalyst says "That's great news. Do you mind if I ask you how that happened?"

"Not at all says Joe! I went to see another doctor and he cured me in just ONE session."

"One session!" "Yeah" says Joe. He is a behaviourist and used a different approach. "A behaviourist?" "So what did he do in one session that was so successful?"

"Oh easy" says Joe "He told me to cut the legs off my bed."

One behaviourist said to another after lovemaking "Darling, That was wonderful for you. How was it for me?"

Why do men go through psychotherapy twice as fast as women?

Because when they say "Now let's go back to your childhood! They are already there!"

Three lawyers and three accountants got on the train in Perth to go to a convention in Adelaide. The three accountants bought a ticket each, but the three lawyers only bought one ticket between them.

The accountants commented on the illegality of their actions, but the lawyers said "trust us, we're lawyers."

When the conductor entered the end of the car to collect the tickets, the three lawyers got up and all went into the bathroom together.

When the conductor knocked on the bathroom door, a hand shot out with the ticket, which the conductor duly punched.

On returning to their seats the accountants expressed their admiration for such a clever trick. "Well" they said modestly. "We ARE lawyers"

On the way home after the convention the accountants to try this trick and bought one ticket between them. The lawyers changed their tactics and did not buy any tickets this time."

The accountants were amazed and bemused by this and said so to the lawyers. "Trust us said the three "We are lawyers!"

When the conductor entered the carriage the three accountants jumped up and all went into the bathroom together.

As soon as the door closed the three lawyers go up an also headed for the joining bathroom.

When the last lawyer passed the bathroom with the accounts in it, he knocked on the door. A hand shot out with the ticket, which the lawyer quickly grabbed before closing the door to the other bathroom!

THINGS THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR DURING SURGERY

1. Oops!
2. Has anyone seen my contact lens.
3. Wait a minute, if this is the spleen then what's that?
4. I wish I hadn't forgotten my glasses.
5. This patient has already had some kids, right?
6. Don't worry I think it is sharp enough.
7. Could you stop that thing from beating its throwing my concentration off.
8. Nurse did this patient sign the organ donation card?
9. Better save that –it might be needed for the autopsy.
10. Dam there goes the lights again.

A COLLECTION OF BUMPER STICKERS

1. If at first you don't succeed, avoid skydiving.
2. Remember: You're unique just like everyone else.
3. Blessed are the cracked for they let in the light.
4. Life is uncertain. Eat the dessert first.
5. You don't get a second chance to make a first impression
6. Every dogma has its day!
7. It makes no difference which side bread is buttered on. Eat both sides!