



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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## AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

### PRESIDENT'S VIEW

A warm Strathfield Rotary welcome to the students, teachers, parents and friends visiting this evening from Strathfield Girls High. It is our pleasure to be able to host your literature extension evening. Good luck to all those making presentations.

Last week's talk and video screening by Ian Robertson, the CEO of Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) was an eye opener for all of us, I believe.

I can only quote Past President Steve Taylor when he remarked when thanking Ian "What a difference a week makes!". RYDA exemplifies why many of us are Rotarians. While some of the concerns raised at the previous week's club assembly do require addressing – the benefits of doing so seem minor in comparison to an investment of effort in support of RYDA.

Thanks to Keith Byrn and Allan Teale, work to identify a local venue where we could conduct the driving component of the program is already under way.

I spoke with Rick Collins this week. He sends his best regards to all in the club. Rick still finds that his schedule makes it difficult to attend Rotary and has applied for leave of absence until end 2006.

Next week will see one of the highlights of our Rotary year with the presentation of Police Officer of the Year awards. Kevin Beltrame has been hard at work and a great night is assured. Commissioner Ken Moroney will join us to present awards and deliver the after-dinner address.

And in closing, an exchange student recently presented DG Harley Tarrant with a Swedish district banner. Harley has issued a challenge to those of artistic bent to design a District 9690 banner, and perhaps a pin, to be used by exchange students, GSEers and travelling Rotarians. The winning design to be presented at the district conference. Deadline for entries is 31 October 2006.

Enjoy Rotary ... **by getting involved!**

**President Rod**

### TO-NIGHT'S MEETING

**Strathfield Girls High Year 9 and 10 Literature Extension Program Children's Book Award Ceremony**

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### **Birthdays**

12/08/2006

**Sal Tosto**

**Marley Harries**

14/08/2006

**George Hallworth**

**Edith Watkins**

**Eve Dutton**

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

NIL

#### **Rotary Anniversaries**

NIL

### LAST WEEK'S GUESTS

Anup and Aruna Bhandari (Kathmandu)  
Mark Compton (St. Patrick's College)  
Anthony Boys (St. Patrick's College)  
Irene Holt (Santa Sabina College)  
Bill Hilliard (Homebush Boys High)  
Anthony Kowalski.

### WELCOME BACK

George Hallworth  
Allan Teale

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Keith Byrn Introduced Ian Robertson, CEO of the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Program. Ian has been a member of the Roseville Chase Rotary Club for 15 years and has been involved with the conduct of the RYDA program in District 9690 at the Olympic Rowing Centre this year. The RYDA program operates for a day to provide Road Safety Awareness to Year 11 students from local High Schools. The program started in District 9680 at the St. Ives Driving Centre in 2000. This year over 12,000 students have been through the program. Our District has 175 High Schools that could be involved in the program.

Local Rotary Clubs organise and sponsor the day's events with specialist presenters brought in to cover the various topics. The focus is on passenger awareness, not driving skills. Each student pays between \$10 and \$20 with the remaining costs met by the Club and the local community. Feedback from the participants has been very positive. Keith Byrn will be seeking help from our Club to begin the RYDA program in our local area. Ian was thanked by: Steve Taylor on behalf of the Club.

### LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **From President Rod McDougall:-**

- ⊛ Thanked members for the participation in last week's Club Assembly
- ⊛ Dress Rules will not change
- ⊛ Some suggestions are being considered
- ⊛ New Rotary Signs will be erected in the area
- ⊛ Youth Exchange Program will be supported with Peter van der Sleesen as Councillor for outbound student
- ⊛ Ted Ingall is on Leave of Absence
- ⊛ 20 members still owe dues.

#### **From Director Bradley Ayres:-**

- ⊛ "Shoe Box" appeal for East Timor. Gift donations and/or cash required from members by the end of August
- ⊛ No sweets/chocolate or perishables to be included and no toy weapons
- ⊛ Commitment sheet for 9<sup>th</sup> August 2006 for a Literature presentation by Strathfield Girls High School. This will be an optional Partners Night.

#### **From Director Kevin Freund:-**

- ⊛ Reminder of Police Officer Awards on 16<sup>th</sup> Aug.

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

- ⊛ Reminder for the Pride of Workmanship Awards on 18<sup>th</sup> October
- ⊛ Nominations required.

#### **From Steve Taylor:-**

- ⊛ Theatre Party to 'Boy from OZ' this Sunday. One ticket still available.

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

- ⊛ Thank you letter from the CMRF for support
- ⊛ Certificate of Appreciation from the Fred Hollows Foundation
- ⊛ Letter from Gabby Hollows thanking the Club for its support.

### MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rick Collins  
 Ted Ingall  
 Arjun Jeganathan  
 Tony Lanzafame  
 Euan Watson

### **Statistics**

Present:- 37 Members

### **Raffle Winners**

The raffle raised \$244.<sup>00</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Bellezza Hair Care **Niall King**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Bottle of Wine **Dominic Alvaro**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Dinner next Week **Angelo Franco**

### SPECIAL CELEBRATION

Last Friday evening a special celebration was held at Il Buco Restaurant Burwood. Connie Galletta organised a surprise birthday party to celebrate Shirley Del Prado's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Shirley had an enjoyable evening with a number of her Rotary family and wants to express her thanks to all who helped celebrate this occasion.

### **Membership Referral**

Do you know a friend, family member, or colleague from your business or profession in another locality who has all the qualities of a good Rotarian? Rotarians are adults of good character and good business or professional reputation.

**If you are an active member of a Rotary club in good standing** and know someone suited to Rotary, then consider referring them for membership.

Look for people who are '*Already Rotarians*' by the way they are active in the community, they volunteer, they might be part of another organisation that you might be involved in. Parent-teacher associations, neighbourhood groups, and volunteer events draw involved, community-minded individuals who might be just right for Rotary but never thought to join. Children and grandchildren of Rotarians are also good potential members, because they understand the nature of Rotary. Rotary is a commitment organisation, and they should already know that. You need to find out what people are passionate about and then show them how they can get involved through Rotary.

## NEXT ROTARY MEETING

**16<sup>th</sup> August 2006**

Police Officer of the Year Awards  
Commissioner Ken Moroney  
Partners Night

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

**23<sup>rd</sup> August 2006**

Travelling Rotarian Presentation  
South to Antarctica!  
by Bob and Jan Templeman  
*Optional partners night*

**30<sup>th</sup> August 2006**

Wine Tasting – presented by Cellarbrations  
*Optional partners night*

## COMING EVENTS

### **Police Officer of the Year Awards**

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

### **Dinner at The Woolwich Pier Hotel**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006. 7:00 pm.

### **Priscilla Queen of the Desert**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006. Lyric Theatre.  
8:00 pm. \$70-\$80

### **Pride of Workmanship Awards**

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

### **District Golf Championship**

26<sup>th</sup> October at Strathfield Golf Club

### **Titanic The Musical**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006. Theatre Royal.  
8:00 pm. \$70-\$80

### **District 9690 Conference**

**16-18 March 2007** at Newcastle City Hall.  
*Strathfield Rotarians need to be there from  
Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007.*

## HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

### **Never Argue with a Woman**

From Steve Taylor

One morning the husband returns after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors, and reads her book.

Along comes a Game Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?" "Reading a book," she replies, (thinking, "Isn't that obvious?")

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her.

"I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm reading."

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the game warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," and he left.

### **Situational Awareness**

From Shirley Del Prado

You are driving in a car at a constant speed. On your left side is a valley and on your right side is a fire engine travelling at the same speed as you.

In front of you is a galloping pig which is the same size as your car and you cannot overtake it.

Behind you is a helicopter flying at ground level. Both the giant pig and the helicopter are also travelling at the same speed as you.

What must you do to safely get out of this highly dangerous situation?

**Answer:** Get off the children's "Merry-Go-Round", you're drunk.

## Why Parents Drink.

From Kevin Beltrame

A boss wondered why one of his most valued employees had not phoned in sick one day.

Having an urgent problem with one of the main computers, he dialed the employee's home phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper.

"Hello"

"Is your daddy home?" he asked.

"Yes" whispered the small voice.

"May I talk with him?"

"No".

Surprised and wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, "Is your mummy there?"

"Yes".

"May I talk with her?"

Again the small voice whispered, "No".

Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked, "Is anybody else there?"

"Yes, whispered the boy, "a policeman".

Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked, "May I speak with the policeman?"

"No, he's busy", whispered the child.

"Busy doing what?"

"Talking to daddy and mummy and the fireman", came the answer.

Growing more worried as he heard what sounded like a helicopter, through the earpiece on the phone, the boss asked, "What's that noise?"

"A helicopter" answered the whispering voice.

"What is going on there"? Demanded the boss, now truly apprehensive.

Again whispering, the child answered, "The search team just landed the helicopter."

Alarmed, concerned and a little frustrated the boss asked, "What are they searching for?!!."

Still whispering, the young voice replied with a muffled giggle.....ME.....

## How to Tell the Sex of a Fly

From Shirley Del Prado

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" She asked.

"Hunting Flies" He responded.

"Oh. Killing any?" She asked.

"Yep, 3 Males, 2 Females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell them apart?"

He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

## Things about Children.

From Angelo Franco

- ⇒ You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up.
- ⇒ Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.
- ⇒ Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.
- ⇒ Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.
- ⇒ The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.
- ⇒ We childproofed our homes, but they are still getting in.
- ⇒ **ADVICE FOR THE DAY:** Be nice to your kids. They will choose your nursing home one day.

AND FINALLY:

- ⇒ **IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF TENSION AND YOU GET A HEADACHE, DO WHAT IT SAYS ON THE ASPIRIN BOTTLE:-**  
**"TAKE TWO ASPIRIN" AND**  
**"KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN"!!!!!!**