



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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DECEMBER IS FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

On behalf of all members, well done to Brian Johnson and the past presidents for an efficiently run annual general meeting last week – one for which I can take no credit! Congratulations to President Elect Brian's newly elected 2007-08 directors and to Grahame True as our president for the 2008-09 year.

We can be confident that the club is in very capable hands for at least the next two Rotary years.

Carols by Candlelight was a success this year. Both the weather and attendance were good. Through the kind efforts of the MC our club gained some good exposure. The night raised \$3,900 for the drought relief fund.

Thanks to Joe Campisi and the team (including team leaders Shirley Del Prado, Raymond McCluskie and Allan Teale) and the many Rotarians and their partners who ensured that the night was up to the usual high standard. It was gratifying to see that some of our newer members were able to attend, including Godfrey Isouard and Ian Johnson. A special thanks to Keith Byrn, George Helou Janelle Watson, Roger Vince and Brian Driver who donated prizes.

Thanks to Paolo Giammarco and Janelle Watson who attended school prize givings this week. I attended Meriden and found the experience very rewarding. Please contact Bradley Ayres if you are able to assist.

Tonight our club relaxes to enjoy our Christmas party. Brian Johnson has organised a superb evening and all proceeds will go to our drought relief fund. Thanks to Brian who will make the trip to Forbes personally this week to present our cheque.

Next week Mr Alacazam will entertain young and old alike at the children's Christmas party organised by Connie Galletta. All members are invited to attend and enjoy the fun – 6:00 pm at the golf club

Peter Harries has organised a fellowship dinner on 10 January at La Botte D'Oro Italian Restaurant, 7:00 for 7:30 pm. See details below.

For many this will be the last bulletin of the year. Maree and I wish you and your family a safe, happy and relaxing Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in the new year

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

President Rod

TO-NIGHT

Club Christmas Party

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

15/12/2006 John Leftwich
19/12/2006 Anne Wilson

Wedding Anniversaries

16/12/2006 Steve & Denise Taylor

Rotary Anniversaries

18/12/2003 Bradley Ayres

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

"This is my Life" Talk – Neil Kenman

Newly inducted into our club, Neil gave us a brief resume of his life. Born in Victoria, his father was a bank manager. He became interested in map making and at 22 years old attended the University of New England where he met and married his wife, Mary Anne.

After working for some time in Armidale, he ventured to New Guinea as a lecturer, his wife as a librarian. During the 1980's he did some research into low cost housing at Mt Hargan, and then returned to New England to study Town Planning.

The Kenman's have two children and live in Burwood. Neil is a Business Consultant in town planning to local government and to private enterprise, and is an expert in the Land and Environment Court.

His membership of Strathfield Golf Club has resulted in an invitation from Ray Wilson to attend our Club Information Meeting, and now as a member, the opportunity to be involved in community service – through Rotary.

Propensity to Change

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⊕ **A.G.M. - Election of 2007/2008 Board**

District Governor Harley Tarrant chaired the meeting.

An election for the board followed the A.G.M. and the successful candidates, elected unopposed, to join President Elect Brian Johnson's board 2007-2008 were as follows:

Ayres, Bradley
Byrn, Keith
King, Niall
True, Grahame
Watson, Euan
Watson, Janelle

Grahame True was elected unopposed as President Nominee (President 2008-2009).

MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rick Collins, Richard Horwood Arjun Jeganathan, Terry Rohan, John Watkins

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

20th December 2006

Children's Christmas Party Strathfield Golf Club 6:00 pm

Featuring Mr Alacazam, all members are invited to attend, although the emphasis will be on the kids.

Adults: \$25 Kids: No Charge

27th December 2006

No meeting

3rd January, 2007

No meeting

10th January, 2007

No meeting but all members and partners are invited to come to dinner for some good Rotary fellowship at:

La Botte D'Oro Italian Restaurant

137 Marion Street, Leichhardt

7.00pm for 7.30pm

BYO wine only (corkage \$3 per bottle)

A la carte menu- pay your own bill

We have a room to ourselves

Organiser: **Peter Harries**

17th January, 2007

Annual Bowls Evening

South Strathfield Bowling Club.

24th January, 2007

First club meeting for 2007

COMING EVENTS

Trish MS Foundation Golf Day

Thursday 15th February 2007

Strathfield Golf Club. 12 midday followed by Evening Dinner & Presentations.

The Rotary trailer has been refurbished and Ray Wilson and Niall King have begun filling it. This will be the major raffle to be drawn on 15 February 2007 for the Trish MS Foundation. Whilst Ray & Niall have undertaken to sell tickets at many sites in the district, support by our members would be appreciated. *Donations of GOODS &/ or MONEY to fill this major raffle are sought.*

District 9690 Conference

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Strathfield
16-18 March 2007 at Newcastle City Hall.

Remember this is our Conference and an opportunity to support District Governor Harley and Megan and ensure that it will be a conference to remember

HUMOUR

Gems from Church Bulletins:

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Irving Benson and Jessica Carter were married on Oct 24. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance

STRATHFIELD ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

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"LET'S CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS"

In the true spirit of Christmas and Rotary, all proceeds from tonight's activities will be combined with those from Carols by Candlelight and donated to the Forbes / Parkes Salvation Army.

To be used to provide relief to drought stricken farmers and townspeople genuinely in need in mid-west New South Wales, the funds will arrive in time for Christmas.

Enjoy your evening and please give generously.

Dinner: Delicious Smorgasbord

Entertainment: Rotarian Major Brian Holley, Salvation Army
With his son Gary Holley

Auction Items: *BMW Pedal Car*

*Six Bottles of Fine Wine and
a Bottle of Strathfield Rotary
25th Anniversary Port (Bottle Number 100)*

Fruit Basket

Christmas Fruit Cake

Prizes generously donated by Sylvania BMW, Peter Manenti,
George Helou and Janet and Belinda Johnson

Raffle Items: Announced tonight

Guest Speaker: Rotarian Major David Brown, Salvation Army
"The work of the Salvation Army in drought relief"





CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 2006



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Bradley Ayres