



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

I trust all members and their families enjoyed a happy Christmas / New Year break - welcome back.

Where have all the bowlers gone? Unfortunately, it was necessary to cancel the bowls evening this year due to lack of support. Good fellowship resulted nevertheless, thanks to Peter Harries who organised a restaurant evening, the second of two successful dinners arranged by him. Watch the bulletin for more of the same.

For those who may have missed the news, Brian and Janette Johnson made the trip to Forbes before Christmas to present our \$10,000 donation to the Salvation Army. They were exceptionally well received by both the Salvos and the local Rotary club – most importantly, the funds were available to those in need in time for Christmas.

The RYLA conference has concluded for this year with our club sponsoring three bright young people in leadership training, including Connie Galletta's nephew. They will address the club on 21 February.

The Trish MS Golf Day is just around the corner and will be held Thursday 15 February. The Wednesday Rotary meeting will transfer to the Thursday. Members can give their support to Niall King and his team for this very worthwhile fundraiser by attending the golf, or the dinner following, or purchasing a ticket in the raffle (with \$4,000 in prizes on offer) - or all of the above!

Tony Lanzafame has planning for this year's youth achievement awards well in hand. To be held in conjunction with Strathfield Council, applications close 4 April.

Spare a thought for your hardworking district conference committee. Bert Houston and his team have an excellent event planned. If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible. Last minute reservations make life unnecessarily difficult for the team, venue staff and District Treasurer Keith Stockall!.

Club dues are now due. Please see my letter to all members.

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

President Rod

TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAM

Andre Ozoux

New South Wales Fire Brigades

Introduced by David Giri

Thanked by Ray Wilson

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Whilst no Rotary meetings were held in early January, two dinner evenings were held for those members who remained in Sydney during the holidays.

An Italian meal at La Botte D'oro at Haberfield was enjoyed by nine members and partners, while an equally enjoyable Indian meal at Abhi's in North Strathfield was attended by eleven members and six partners.



Peter Harries and Eric Khu enjoying La Botte D'Oro Great Rotary camaraderie, and another dinner has been arranged at Cunios at Hunters Hill. Let Peter Harries know if you wish to attend.

Children's Christmas Party

Santa and Mr Alakazam made special appearances at the golf club for the children's Christmas party.



The event was well attended with children and

an increasing number grand-children there to be amused, entertained and receive a gift from Santa Tony Lanzafame, who was in fine form.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

For this year's RYLA week (6 to 13 January), the Rotary Club of Strathfield sponsored three participants, Rani Ellison, Melissa Gentle and Daniel Galletta. On Thursday 11 January, D.G. Harley Tarrant, Brian and Janet Johnson and Bradley Ayres had the great pleasure of attending the annual RYLA dinner at Blue Gum Lodge.



Melissa Gentle, Daniel Galletta, Rani Ellison,

Thanks to Euan Watson for supporting and encouraging our attendees to participate, and feedback from them about their experience was very positive. Thanks also to Cheryl Ayres and Joe Saad for providing transport to and from the camp.

We hope to have Rani, Melissa and Daniel talk to our Club on Wednesday 21 February 2007

Rotary Club of Katoomba – 70th Birthday

Katoomba President Kevin Lawrenson has written to inform us that due to unfortunate circumstances, the celebrations scheduled for February have been cancelled.

He has rescheduled this event to Saturday May 12 again at the Carrington Hotel. It will be an optional Black-tie Celebration Ball. He has assured us that those who make the trip to the Carrington Hotel Grand Ballroom will experience a very memorable occasion.

MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rick Collins, Arjun Jeganathan, Richard Horwood, John Watkins

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

31 January 2007

"North to Alaska"

Travelling Rotarian talk by Steve and Denise Taylor

Optional
Partners
Night

7 February 2007

Peter Facey

Deputy Commissioner
Office of Protective Commission

15 February 2007 (Thursday)

**Trish Golf Day
Transfer Meeting**

Partners
Night
Transfer
Meeting

21 February 2007

To be advised

28 February 2007

Veronica McCluskie

Executive Officer
Catholic Vocations Ministry Australia

7 March 2007

Wine tasting Evening

Hosted by

CellarbratiOons

Partners
Night

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.*

Fellowship Restaurant Dinner

February. Date to be advised.

Cunios at Hunters Hill.

Please advise Peter Harries if you wish to attend

District 9690 Conference

16-18 March 2007 at Newcastle City Hall.

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Strathfield.

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD INC

2006-07 BOARD

President	Rod McDougall	Vocational Service	Kevin Freund
President Elect / Club Service	Brian Johnson	International Service	Paul Giammarco
Community Service 1	Connie Galletta	Youth Service	Bradley Ayres
Community Service 2	Anuradha Kamkolkar	Secretary	Roger Vince
		Treasurer	Keith Stockall

CLUB OFFICERS

Sergeant At Arms	Peter Foss	Corporal At Arms	Charles Pitt
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PORTFOLIOS

Community Service 1	
Director Connie Galletta	
Local Community Services Project	Connie Galletta (C), Eve Dutton, Fred Haddon, Peter Van Der Seeson
Club Barbecues	Shirley Del Prado (C), Janelle Watson
Golf Day	Niall King (C), Ray Wilson, Les Hockley
Pearls on Show	Connie Galletta (C), Shirley Del Prado
Travel Extravaganza	Steve Taylor, Eric Khu
Bike the Park	Steven Taylor (C), Alan Taylor, Kevin Freund, Rod McDougall

Community Service 2	
Director Anuradha Kamkolkar	
Club Raffles	Sal Tosto (C), Tony Lanzafame, Arjun Jeganathan, Brian Johnson
Carols by Candlelight	Joe Campisi (C), George Helou, Eric Khu
Rotary Grove	Peter Foss (C), Roger Vince
Probus	George Hallworth (C)

Vocational Service	
Director Kevin Freund	
Pride of Workmanship	Kevin Beltrame (C), Brian Johnson, Richard Horwood
Vocational Ethics Project	TBA (C), Joe Saad, Charles Pitt, Garry Pearce, Godfrey Isouard
Police Awards	Kevin Beltrame (C), Grahame True, Garry Pearce
NYSF / Siemens Science Experience	Tony Lanzafame

International Service	
Director Paul Giammarco	
GSE	George Helou (C), Domenico Alvaro
STEP and YEP	Peter Van der Sleson (C), Joe Campisi
Donations In Kind	Joe Campisi (C), Arjun Jeganathan
ROMAC	Umesh Kamkolkar (C), Guru Singh
RAWCS	Brian Driver (C), Angelo Franco

Club Service	
Director Brian Johnson	
Bulletin Programs	Bob Templeman, Peter Douglas, Peter Harries (C), Allan Teale, David Giri
Club Fellowship / Job Talks	Steve Taylor (C), Peter Douglas, Brian Driver
Membership Development	Ray Wilson (C), Niall King, Terry Rohan, David Croft
Welfare Officers	George Hallworth (C), Peter Foss
Visitor Welcome	Peter Harries (C), Brian Driver
Catering	Shirley Del Prado (C), SalTosto
Photography	Bradley Ayres (C), Rod McDougall
Publicity	Roger Vince (C), Terry Rohan, David Croft
Attendance	Eve Dutton
Website	Raymond McCluskie
Apologies	Eric Khu
Assistant Secretary	Janelle Watson
Assistant Treasurers	Eve Dutton, Nial King
Rotary Information	David Croft (C), Raymond McCluskie
Club History	Peter Foss (C), Roger Vince
Auditor	James Heash
Public Officer	Charles Pitt

Youth Service	
Director Bradley Ayres	
RYLA	Keith Stockall (C), Joe Saad
RYPEN	Roger Vince (C), Joe Campisi
Interact	Roger Vince (C), Brian Driver
MUNA	Bill Carney (C), Joe Campisi
Youth Achievement Awards	Tony Lanzafame (C), Janelle Watson
RYDA	Keith Byrn (C), Warren Abbott, Allan Teale, Ian Johnson

SPECIAL PROJECTS

9690 District Conference	Bert Houston (C), Ted Ingall, Peter Manenti, Kevin Beltrame, Connie Galletta, Bradley Ayres, Brian Johnson, Keith Stockall, Rod McDougall
Family Entertainment Fundraiser	Allan Teale (C), Peter Harries, Andrew Kowalski

ROTARY PROGRAMS

GSE	Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange	RYDA	Rotary Youth Driver Awards
Interact	"International Action" High School Programme	RYLA	Rotary Youth Leadership Award
NYSF	National Youth Science Forum	RYPEN	Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment
MUNA	Model United Nations Assembly	STEP	Short Term Exchange Program
RAWCS	Rotary Australia World Community Service	YEP	Youth Exchange Program
ROMAC	Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children		