



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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JULY IS ROTARY LITERACY MONTH

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

As I listened to District Governor Harley last week, the thought crossed my mind that my "to do" list might just be about to reach its limit! Harley has certainly raised the bar for the club with some challenging stretch targets. Your board and I will be doing our best to achieve them – but will need all club members to be part of the effort.

Thanks to Keith Byrn for enthusiastically tackling implementation of the Rotary Youth driver Awareness (RYDA) program within our club. Ian Robertson the RYDA CEO will be our guest speaker on 2 August. The project will be an opportunity for members to become involved in identifying candidates for this very worthwhile program within our community. Please give Keith your support.

Peter Harries is up and running in his capacity as programs chairman and is seeking guest speakers. In the past, some of our best speakers have come through the contacts of members and I ask all club members to give some thought how they can assist. This is an opportunity to become involved with relatively low effort. My thanks to David Croft and Peter Manenti for their assistance.

Your new board has now met for the first time since being officially appointed. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Members are invited to attend to raise issues or make suggestions. But please see Secretary Roger Vince beforehand so that he may include an item on the agenda.

Our club assembly is scheduled for next week. With change clearly on the agenda for this year and with presentations from DG Harley and ADG Raymond fresh in our minds I am hopeful for a productive meeting – with perhaps some healthy debate. I am optimistic that members will make a special effort to attend – and to contribute.

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

President Rod

TO-NIGHT'S MEETING

Chris Fitzgerald
General Manager
TRANSGRID

Introduced by David Croft.
Thanked by Richard Horwood.

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

21/07/2006

Janice Vince

25/07/2006

Brian Johnson

Wedding Anniversaries

20/07/2006

Charles & Olga Pitt

Rotary Anniversaries

NIL

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

Harley Tarrant, District Governor 9690, was introduced by PP Raymond McCluskie. Harley congratulated P. Rod McDougall on his first meeting. He introduced the 2006/07 Rotary Theme, 'Lead the Way' and highlighted the need to be more innovative in the way we approach Rotary. There are things we do that we could do better and there are things we need to do as Rotarians.

He raised the question as to whether we are attractive to potential new members. He said we are the largest club in D9690 with 58 members and believes we have the potential to achieve membership of 75. He also expressed concern at the poor percentage of members who regularly attend club meetings, between 32 and 38 out of a total of 58. He says we need to run a 'NEW' members night and we also need to have a positive plan to integrate new members into the club and make them feel welcome. We also need to do a 'Classification Survey' in an attempt to widen the number of classifications. We need more women. Our member's median age is too high. He expressed concern that we are losing both our community and schools involvement. We need

to show the face of Rotary in our community, we need to re-connect.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Harley spoke of the need for the club to look at achieving AUD100.00 per member in the 2006/07 year in contribution to the Foundation.

Harley spoke on the 'Centurion' programme. 9 club members are involved but not all have maintained their annual contribution of AUD100.00 per member. He would like to see this figure increased. The \$100.⁰⁰ is TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

He also spoke of some examples of the work of the Foundation in Thailand. Harley spoke of the need to re-vitalise Vocational Service and to highlight the Rotary Vocational Ethics. Harley also spoke on the Shelter Box programme and the need for a guest speaker on this subject.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Harley spoke at length on the conference, highlighting the venues and guest speakers. He also spoke of the entertainment that would be on show. There will be a Golf day on the Friday and as an alternative a Wine Tour to the Hunter Valley. On the Thursday night there is an optional visit to the Conservatorium of Music.

In conclusion Harley stated that Strathfield Rotary is highly regarded in the District and as the largest club we should 'show the way' in the current Rotary year

**Any events, notices, etc., required in the bulletin should be sent to:-
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Thank you to Peter Douglas who recorded the notes that enabled this week's bulletin to be produced.

The Temporary Editor

LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Rod McDougall:-

- ✪ Commitment sheet circulated for Police Officer of the Year 16th August. 6.30 for 7.00pm. This is a 'partners night'

From Secretary Roger Vince:-

- ✪ Letter from Lillian Pickett expressing her and Harry's appreciation for the flowers and gifts on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary.
- ✪ Members of the club have been in contact with PP Euan Watson who is progressing satisfactorily. Visitors are welcome; ring first to confirm.

From Treasurer Keith Stockall:-

- ✪ Treasurer Keith reported that half yearly dues are now due and payable. *The amount is \$126.⁵⁰ (inc GST).*

From Director Brian Johnson:-

- ✪ Desperately seeking a Bulletin Editor.

From Director Paul Giammarco:-

- ✪ Application close 7th August for GSE Team Leader to North Carolina (USA).

From Director Kevin Freund:-

- ✪ Reminded all of the Police Officer of the Year Awards in August.

From Keith Byrn:-

- ✪ Spoke on a NEW programme – RYDA – Rotary Youth Driver Awareness.

From Steve Taylor:-

- ✪ Spoke on 'Bike the Park'.
- ✪ Car Rally to Domenico Alvaro's place in early October.

Statistics

Present:-	33 Members
Apologies:-	9 Members
Non-Apologies:-	9 Members
Exemption:-	2 Members
LOA:-	4 Members
Peter Foss's Sergeant Session raised \$102. ²⁰ .	
The raffle raised \$172. ⁰⁰	

NEXT ROTARY MEETING

26th July 2006 Club Assembly

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

2nd August 2006

Iain Robertson. CEO
Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)

9th August 2006

Strathfield Girls High Literature Presentations

16th August 2006

Police Officer of the Year Awards
Commissioner Ken Moroney
Partners Night

COMING EVENTS

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)

"Airs & Graces"

Accessories with Style. Monday 24th July 2006
10am-12:30 pm. \$10:⁰⁰ entry.
RSVP Carol Houston
Email: houston9@bigpond.net.au

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 11th September 2006. 7:00 pm.

Priscilla Queen of the Desert

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

Pride of Workmanship Awards

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

Titanic The Musical

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

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Cannibals

From Shirley Del Prado

A large corporation recently hired several cannibals. "You are all part of our team now", said the HR rep during the welcoming briefing. "You get all the usual benefits and you can go to the cafeteria for something to eat, but please don't eat any of our employees."

The cannibals promised they would not. Four weeks later their boss remarked, "You're all working very hard and I'm satisfied with your work. However, one of our secretaries has disappeared. Do any of you know what happened to her?"

The cannibals all shook their heads "No." After the boss had left, the leader of the cannibals said to the others, "Which one of you idiots ate the secretary?"

A hand rose hesitantly.

"You fool!" the leader continued. "For four weeks we've been eating managers and no one noticed anything.

But NOOO, you had to go and eat someone who actually does something."

Economics explained in Cows

From Steve Taylor

SOCIALISM:

You have 2 cows; you give one to your neighbour.

COMMUNISM:

You have 2 cows; The Government takes both and gives you some milk.

FACISM:

You have 2 cows; The Government takes both and sells you some milk.

NAZISM:

You have 2 cows; The Government takes both and shoots you.

EUROPEAN BUREAUCRATISM:

You have 2 cows; The Government takes both, shoots one, milks the other, and then throws the milk away.

TRADITIONAL CAPITALISM:

You have 2 cows; you sell one and buy a bull. Your Herd multiplies and the economy grows. You sell them and retire on the income.

AN AMERICAN CORPORATION:

You have 2 cows. You sell one and force the other one to produce the milk of 4 cows. Later, you hire a consultant to analyse why the cow dropped dead.

FRENCH CORPORATION:

You have 2 cows: You go on strike because you want 3 cows.

JAPANESE CORPORATION:

You have 2 cows. You redesign them so they are 1/10 the size of an ordinary cow, and produce the milk of 20 cows. You then create a clever cow cartoon image called cowkimon and market them worldwide.

A GERMAN CORPORATION:

You have 2 cows. You re-engineer them so they live for 100 years, eat once a month and milk themselves.

AN ITALIAN CORPORATION:

You have 2 cows, but you don't know where they are. You break for lunch.

A RUSSIAN CORPORATION:

You have 2 cows. You count them and learn that you have 5 cows. You count them again and learn that you have 42 cows. You count them again and learn that you have 2 cows. You stop counting cows and open another bottle of Vodka.

A SWISS CORPORATION:

You have 5000 cows, none of which belong to you. You charge others for storing them.

CHINESE CORPORATION:

You have 2 cows. You have 300 people milking them. You claim full employment, high Bovine productivity, and arrest the journalist who reported the numbers.

AN INDIAN CORPORATION:

You have 2 cows. You worship them.

A BRITISH CORPORATION:

You have 2 cows. Both are mad

Another Blonde Joke

From Kevin Beltrame

I urgently needed a few days off work, but I knew the Boss would not allow me to take a leave. I thought that maybe if I acted "CRAZY" he would tell me to take a few days off. So I hung upside down from the ceiling and made funny noises. My co-worker (who's blonde) asked me what I was doing. I told her that I was pretending to be a light bulb so that the Boss would think I was "CRAZY" and give me a few days off. A few minutes later the Boss came into the office and asked "What are you doing?" I told him I was a light bulb. He said "You are clearly

stressed out. Go home and recuperate for a couple of days."

I walked out of the office. When my co-worker (the blonde) followed me, the Boss said to her, "And where do you think you're going?" She said, "I'm going home too, I can't work in the dark!"

Rules to Consider

From Steve Taylor

1. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
2. Don't worry about what people think, they don't do it very often.
3. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian anymore than standing in a garage makes you a car.
4. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
5. If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
6. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
7. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
8. A person, who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person. (This is very important. Pay attention! It never fails.)
9. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
10. If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
11. Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of cheques.
12. A conscience is what hurts when all of your other parts feel so good.
13. Eat well, stay fit, and die anyway.
14. Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
15. No man has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
16. A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
17. Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
18. Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
19. Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.