



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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JULY IS ROTARY LITERACY MONTH

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

It was a pleasure to see such an excellent roll-up of members last week. I hope we can maintain the level of enthusiasm, the club meeting has quite a different feel when well attended.

Our speaker Chris Fitzgerald from TransGrid was excellent and impressed us all with the quality of the engineering and project management which underpins the extensive NSW high voltage transmission network. All performed for approximately 8% of the amount we pay for electricity as consumers.

As Paolo Giammarco announced, we have been asked to consider a youth exchange arrangement which does not require the hosting of the inbound student. Our club would provide financial support only. The arrangement presents some problems, which would be avoided if we were able to host. Interested members should contact Paolo.

Planning for our community services project involving a special afternoon out for senior citizens is well underway. Thanks to Connie Galletta for her personal efforts in defining the objectives and for getting the project started.

Thanks also to Connie for arranging the prizes kindly donated by BMW Sylvania and to Richard Horwood for conducting an auction at such short notice.

We have some interesting meetings coming up. Ian Robertson the CEO of the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program (RYDA) joins us next week. The following week we will host a literature night for Strathfield Girls High, arranged by Bradley Ayres. This is an optional partners night. And this will be followed by our annual Police Officer of the Year Awards, arranged by Kevin Beltrame, with special guest Commissioner Ken Moroney

But this week is club assembly – an important event for all of us on your board. I trust the meeting will be productive and we will receive many constructive suggestions for improvement in the operation of the club.

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

President Rod

TO-NIGHT'S MEETING

Club Assembly

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

28/07/2006 **Anuradha Kamkolkar**
1/08/2006 **Pam Singh**
2/08/2006 **!!**

Wedding Anniversaries

NIL

Rotary Anniversaries

Harley Tarrant **1/08/2006**
Bob Templeman **1/08/2006**

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

David Croft introduced Chris Fitzgerald, the General Manager of *TRANSGRID* NSW. Chris has recently taken over as General Manager after 30 years in the Electrical Industry in various roles in public and private companies. Chris was the manager of the City of Sydney Electrical Sub-Mains upgrade that was completed in October 2004. This project involved the laying of over 84 kilometres of cable to a new Sub-station at Haymarket.

This new sub-mains was needed to ensure the reliability of the electrical supply to the city of Sydney for at least the next 10 years.

A project of this magnitude would normally take about 8 years. This project began in September 2001 and was completed in 3 years. The biggest factor that enabled the rapid completion was the community consultation process and the philosophy of minimum inconvenience to the public.

The new sub-station at Haymarket uses new technology in that the transformers are gas cooled rather than with oil to minimise the fire risk. The sub-station has been designed to blend with the area and will eventually have an office block constructed above it. The total project cost was \$M4325 and was entered in

the Australian Engineering Excellence Awards, winning its class.
Chris was thanked by Richard Horwood on behalf of the Club.

LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Rod McDougall:-

- ✪ Tony Lanzafame is on Leave of Absence.
- ✪ Request for new Bulletin Editor
- ✪ Peter Harries is organising Guest Speakers
- ✪ A Guest Speaker for the Pride of Workmanship Dinner is still required.

From Secretary Roger Vince:-

- ✪ District 9690 Directories are available.

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 Bradley Ayres:-

- ✪ "Shoe Box" appeal for East Timor. Gift donations and/or cash required from members.
- ✪ Debbie Irwin will have students at the Club from Strathfield Girls High on 9th August 2006 for a Literature presentation. This will be an optional Partners Night.

From Director Connie Galletta:-

- ✪ An afternoon tea will be organised for Strathfield Senior Citizens in early November as part of the Clubs Community Service.

From Director Paul Giammarco:-

- ✪ Leader and Team members now being selected for GSE Team to North Carolina next year.
- ✪ Team members need to be 25-40 years old.
- ✪ Members are invited to be on the selection panel at Kingswood High School on 10th September.
- ✪ The Club will sponsor an outbound student for Youth Exchange next year to France.
- ✪ Club asked to consider an inbound student.

From Keith Byrn:-

- ✪ Guest Speaker from RYDA – Rotary Youth Driver Awareness, 2nd August.

From Ray Wilson:-

- ✪ Ray and Niall King will operate a mobile Xmas stocking this year.
- ✪ Tickets to be sold on Fridays at different venues. Helpers welcome.
- ✪ District Golf Championship will be held on 26th October at Strathfield Golf Club.

From Steve Taylor:-

- ✪ Low response to Titanic & Priscilla.
- ✪ Planning tickets for 'Boy from OZ' on a Sunday in August (\$149 ea) and to 'Their Playing Our Song' at the Ensemble Theatre for a Tuesday (\$50 ea).

From Ted Ingall:-

- ✪ Reminder of the District Conference next year for ALL Club Members.
- ✪ 20 confirmed accommodation bookings so far.
- ✪ Payment of first night's accommodation to be paid to Treasurer Keith Stockall.
- ✪ Accommodation alternatives listed in previous handout or see Ted Ingall. (eg 2 bedroom apartment at Quest for \$265)
- ✪ Booking of accommodation must be confirmed ASAP.

From Joe Saad:-

- ✪ Thanked the Club for its condolences and support on the recent death of his father-in-law (Lew Herman).

Statistics

Present:- 42 Members
Apologies:- 6 Members
Non-Apologies:- 5 Members
Exemption:- 1 Members
LOA:- 4 Members
Peter Foss's Sergeant Session raised \$104.⁹⁵.

Raffle Winners

The raffle raised \$232.⁰⁰
1st Prize BMW Box @ Rosehill **Bill Carney**
(2 tickets from BMW Sylvania)
2nd Prize Dinner next Week **Richard Horwood**
3rd Prize Bottle of Wine **Bala**

NEXT ROTARY MEETING

2nd August 2006

Iain Robertson. CEO
Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

9th August 2006

Strathfield Girls High Literature Presentations

16th August 2006

Police Officer of the Year Awards
Commissioner Ken Moroney
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 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.

District Golf Championship

26th October at Strathfield Golf Club

Titanic The Musical

Tuesday 7th 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, 15th March 2007.*

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

Thinking Outside The Box

From Steve Taylor

You are driving down the road in your car on a wild, stormy night, when you pass by a bus stop and see three people waiting for the bus:

1. An old lady who looks as if she is about to die.
2. An old friend who once saved your life.
3. The perfect partner you have been dreaming about.

Which one would you choose to offer a ride to, knowing that there could only be one passenger in your car?

This is a moral/ethical dilemma that was once actually used as part of a job application.

Think before you continue reading.

You could pick up the old lady, because she is going to die, and thus you should save her first. Or you could take the old friend because he once saved your life, and this would be the perfect chance to pay him back. However, you may never be able to find your perfect mate again.

The candidate who was hired (out of 200 applicants) had no trouble coming up with his answer. He simply answered: "I would give the car keys to my old friend and let him take the lady to the hospital. I would stay behind and wait for the bus with the partner of my dreams."

Sometimes, we gain more if we are able to give up our stubborn thought limitations. Never forget to "Think Outside of the Box."

40th Wedding Anniversary

From Steve Taylor

A man and his wife, now in their 60's, were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. On their special day a good fairy came to them and said that because they had been so good that each one of them could have one wish. The wife wished for a trip around the world with her husband. Whoosh! Immediately she had airline/cruise tickets in her hands. The man wished for a female companion 30 years younger... Whoosh...immediately he turned ninety!!! Gotta love that fairy!

Why Men Make Better Friends

From Kevin Beltrame

Friendship between Women:

A woman didn't come home one night. The next day she told her husband that she had slept over at a friend's house. The man called his wife's 10 best friends. None of them knew about it.

Friendship between Men:

A man didn't come home one night. The next day he told his wife that he had slept over at a friend's house. The woman called her husband's 10 best friends. Eight of them confirmed that he had slept over, and two claimed that he was still there.

Flying Problems

From Steve Taylor

After every flight, pilots fill out a form called a gripe sheet, which conveys to the mechanics any problem they had with the airplane during the flight. Here are some actual maintenance problems submitted by Qantas pilots and the solutions recorded by maintenance engineers. (By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident.) The mechanics read and correct the problem, and then explain in writing on the lower half of the form what remedial action was taken. The pilot reviews the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews and engineers lack a sense of humour.

(P = the problem logged by the pilot.)

(S = the solution and action taken by the engineer.)

P: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tyre.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough!

S: Auto-land is not installed on this aircraft...

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet-per-minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're there for.

P: IFF inoperative.

S: IFF is always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found under right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums!

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.

Smart Blonde??

From Steve Taylor

Two Irishmen were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up.

A blonde walks by and asks what they are doing.

Paddy: "We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole, but we don't have a ladder."

The blonde took a spanner from her purse, loosened a few bolts and laid the flagpole down. She pulled a tape measure from her pocket, took a few measurements and announced that it was eighteen feet and six inches. She then walked off.

Mick: "Ain't that just like a blonde! We need the height and she gives us the length."