



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc  
District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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## NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

### PRESIDENT'S VIEW

A sincere Strathfield Rotary welcome to all our guests this week, including those from Burwood Rotary, we hope you enjoy your visit to our club.

Last week's meeting saw excellent presentations from two of our own members, Euan Watson and Peter Harries. Welcome back Euan and my thanks to Peter for standing at short notice in lieu of the scheduled guest speaker. It was a good night although we did miss the ladies, who were busy at a district conference meeting.

Arrangements for next week's Rotary Information Night are now virtually complete. Over twenty guests are expected and we hope to induct a new member on the night. A reminder that we are expecting maximum member attendance on the night (at 6:30 for 7:00 pm) to give our guests a warm welcome and an early introduction to Strathfield Rotary fellowship.

November is Rotary Foundation Month and a time for us all to reflect on the enormous contribution that Rotary, and therefore we as members, make through the Foundation. Please see below for Bob Templeman's excellent description of the history and operation of the organisation.

I attended a district PR seminar this week and picked up some good ideas on how to go about promoting Rotary and our club. Members interested in assisting with PR should see Roger Vince or me.

Burwood Rotary's annual Melbourne Cup night will be held next Monday. This will be a great night – and not just for the punters amongst us! See Coming Events below for details.

The district golf day was a success with Strathfield securing third position. This is a wonderful day – even if you do not play golf! The celebrations at the club afterwards were most enjoyable. But, our team needs your encouragement for next year – although we came in third, there being only three teams this year, we were also the wooden-spooners!

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

**President Rod**

### TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAM

**Dr Clarence Hardy**

Australian Nuclear Association

Introduced by **David Croft**

Thanked by **Euan Watson**

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### **Birthdays**

2/11/2006 Bert Houston

2/11/2006 Sharon Saad

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Nil

#### **Rotary Anniversaries**

1 Nov. David Giri

1 Nov. George Hallworth

1 Nov. Richard Horwood

1 Nov. Bert Houston

1 Nov. Janelle Watson

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Twenty-five years ago **P.P.Euan Watson** was diagnosed with cancer, suffering from myeloma. His doctor advised that immediate treatment was not necessary. But when his bank manager died of a similar complaint, and later when Euan suffered a severe bout of pneumonia which weakened his immune system his doctor arranged for him to have Stem Cell Transplant treatment from stem cells extracted from his own blood. From last April Euan requested that he receive no visitors whilst being treated with Thalidomide and Chemotherapy to prepare him for the transplant. The stem cell transplant, though very difficult to handle, has proved successful, and Euan can now look forward to a long and happy life.

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Guest speaker, our very own **Peter Harries** and Marley recently spent 4 weeks holidaying in France. He presented an excellent talk and slide show The Opera House, Notre Dame, impressive parks & gardens, and drinking of fine wines were highlights of Paris. A visit to Monet's home in Giverny preceded the trip to Rouen, home of an 11th century 1 handed clock. Then on to the castle at Chambord, built in the time of Louis XIV as a hunting lodge, now fully restored by the French Government. Next through the

Tarn Gorge, an area described as one of the most dramatic natural landmarks in France. It is in close proximity to the Languedoc region which is famous for its extensive vineyards. Also in this region were the Cathars- an extreme Christian religion, whose opposition to Rome resulted in the king of France launching a crusade against them and in 1321 the last Cathar was burnt at the stake. On to Carcassonne, home of a magnificent castle built in the 11th century, a stronghold of the Cathars, now fully restored, then to Nimes where the triple level Pont du Gard aqueduct still stands from around the 1st century. Finally to Bordeaux and London. Peter and Marley were impressed by the friendliness of the French people, the quality of the wine, and the relative cheapness of the tour. Peter was thanked by President Rod.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **Past President George Hallworth** reported that the club had received its Rotarians Against Malaria certificate for the village that we have adopted in the Solomon Islands.



❖ **A.G.M.** – The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 December. **President Elect Brian Johnson** wishes to maintain the tradition of our Club of having a strong and effective Board, and hopes that all members will consider accepting nomination for election.

❖ **Strathfield Girls High** will be conducting their Australian Business Week (ABW) seminar for year 10 girls from Monday 27 November to Friday 1 December. The ABW gives students the opportunity to learn about business from the business perspective, by working with business men & women. Students form a Company, assume the roles of company's staff and make all decisions affecting the company's performance.

Strathfield Rotarians are invited to help in the following ways-

- Act as mentors during the week – flexible times
- Help to judge the submissions – 9.30am Friday for 2 to 3 hours
- Be present at the presentations – 2.00pm Friday for 45 minutes

Youth Director **Bradley Ayres** and Debbie Irwin (Deputy Principal) are making arrangements.

❖ **The Strathfield School for Seniors** continues to flourish. The Computer School has 40 students, and 3 Tutors (Rotarians who donate their time). The Rotarians, and the Uniting Church Strathfield, utilising 9 Desk top computers, offer 3 Friday classes, each of 2

hours, to providing excellent training for seniors. The school is looking for donations of Note Book (Lap Top) Computers (new or old). Microsoft has supplied all software. If you can help please contact Coordinator **Fred Haddon**.

❖ Students from St Patrick's Catholic College will be involved in a **R.Y.D.A.** training course, to be held at the International Regatta Centre, Penrith on Wednesday 22 November. The program is divided into 6 sessions – Hazzard Perception, Stopping Distances, Police, Safe Celebrating, Financial, and Accident Survivor. Six members from our Club will be in attendance from 9.00am as volunteers.

❖ **The District Golf Tournament** held last Thursday, in spite of the small attendance, was a great success. Teams from Central Blue, Windsor and Strathfield competed for the championship, which was won again by Central Blue. The singles event was won by Les Hockley, whilst nearest the pins were won by Bill Roache, Ray Wilson & Charles Pitt. DG.Harley presented the prizes and Jo Taylor presented the John Taylor Memorial Shield to the winners, Central Blue. A cheque for approx.\$1,420 will be presented to DG Harley for distribution to his favoured projects, Shelter Box and RYDA. Once again **Ray Wilson** and **Niall King** are to be congratulated for their wonderful organisation and unflinching effort.



DG Harley Tarrant and Jo Taylor present third place prizes to Bert Houston, Joe Saad, Niall King and Peter Foss

❖ **Membership Information Evening** arrangements are well in hand. Several members of our Club have been invited to present items about Rotary, Rotary programs and our Club.

❖ **Conference Registration** .Your early registration will greatly assist the organisers (our Club Conference Committee). Already two have registered, and remember early bird discount is available if registered before 30 November. New members will be eligible for early bird discount up to the date of the conference.

### MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rick Collins, Arjun Jeganathan, Richard Horwood, John Watkins, Joe Saad, Alan Petersen, Eve Dutton & Terry Rohan

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

### **8th November 2006**

Rotary Information Night  
Golf Club 6:30 for 7:00 pm  
Optional Partners Night

### **15th November 2006**

Mr John Murphy  
Federal Member for Lowe

### **22nd November 2006**

Mr Craig Hemer  
Chief Executive Officer, FreshFood Group  
(Brands include Robert Timms, Bushells)

### **29th November 2006**

Mrs Barbara Stone AM  
Principal, MLC School

### **6th December 2006**

Strathfield Rotary Annual General Meeting

### **13th December 2006**

Strathfield Rotary Christmas Party

### **20th December 2006**

Children's Christmas Party

## COMING EVENTS

### **Burwood Rotary Melbourne Cup Dinner**

Monday 6th November 2006 6.30pm for 7.00pm  
Burwood RSL, Shaftesbury Road, Burwood  
Enquiries Tim O'Connor 9764 1725  
Cost \$25.00 per person

### **Paul Harris Fellows Luncheon**

11<sup>th</sup> of November 2006 at the Marconi Club.  
Cost \$35 pp.  
Invitation now extended to all Rotarians and partners.

### **Titanic The Musical**

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

**Carols by Candlelight** To be held in Strathfield Park on Saturday 9th December. We will be organising the BBQ and a raffle.

### **Trish MS Foundation Golf Day**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2007  
Strathfield Golf Club. 12 midday followed by Evening Dinner & Presentations. *Donations to fill the major raffle are sought.*

### **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***

## ROTARY INFORMATION

### The Rotary Foundation

#### **November is Rotary Foundation Month**

Rotary International masterpiece is The Rotary Foundation. It transforms our dreams into splendid realities...it is the most generous expression of Rotarian generosity – a generosity that not only brings benefits but also brings help and cooperation to solve the problems that effect mankind.

The Foundation was created as a not for profit corporation in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to more than US\$55 million contributed in 2002-3.

After Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created for the purpose of building the Foundation.

In 1947 the first Foundation program was established – Fellowships for Advanced Study, which was the forerunner of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships program.

In 1965-66, three new programs were launched – Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of the Rotary Foundation – later called Matching Grants.

The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) program was launched in 1978. The PolioPlus program was announced in 1984-85, and the following year saw the introduction of Rotary Grants for University Teachers. The first Peace Forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the establishment of Rotary Peace Programs.

Many thousands of Rotarians and individuals have been recognised as Paul Harris Fellows – that is, someone who has contributed US\$1,000 or has had amount contributed to the Foundation in his or her name.

## HUMOUR

"If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf."- Bob Hope

A golfer stepped up to the first tee and took a mighty swing. The drive was a hole in one. His opponent stepped to the tee, waggled his driver, and said, "Okay Fred, now I'll take my practice swing – then we will start.

## 2006-07 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

### CLUB OFFICERS

Secretary	Roger Vince	Sergeant At Arms	Peter Foss
Treasurer	Keith Stockall		

### PORTFOLIOS

<b>Community Service 1</b>	
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
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, Keith Stockall, Rod McDougall

<b>Community Service 2</b>	
Director Anuradha Kamkolkar	
Club Raffles	Sal Tosto (C), Tony Lanzafame, Arjun Jeganathan, Brian Johnson
Carols by Candlelight	Keith Byrn (C), George Helou
Rotary Grove	Peter Foss (C), Roger Vince
Probus	George Hallworth (C)

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

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

<b>Club Service</b>	
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), 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
Corporal At Arms	Charles Pitt
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

<b>Youth Service</b>	
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

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

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

### 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		