



# 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 THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

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## PRESIDENT'S VIEW

A great success! Although we did pick up one or two ideas on how to improve the evening next time, our Rotary Information Night exceeded all expectations.

On behalf of the whole club, congratulations and thanks to Ray Wilson for conceiving the concept for the evening, putting in considerable effort to make it happen – and, to top it off, donating the raffle prizes. Thanks to Niall King and Brian Johnson for their great support, and to our speakers on the night, Harley Tarrant, Bob Templeman, Steve Taylor, Connie Galletta, Bradley Ayres, Lauren Christie (RYLA student) and Peter Manenti.

A warm welcome to our club to Ian Johnson and his partner Fiona. It was a pleasure to induct Ian last week, I wish him an enjoyable and rewarding association with Rotary. Ian will be working with Keith Byrn and others on the RYDA project.

To the collective sigh of disappointment from single women everywhere, bachelor extraordinaire Kevin Freund married his beautiful bride, Suzanne, on Sunday. Suzanne is a member of Blacktown City Rotary and the couple met at a district assembly. Congratulations from all of us and best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Joe Campisi has planning for the club's involvement in Carols by Candlelight on 9 December in hand. Please give him your support for barbecue and raffle duties. All club proceeds from Carols this year will be included in the Christmas fund being organised by Brian Johnson, which will go to families in drought affected areas in mid west NSW.

This week we welcome Mr John Murphy, the Federal Member for Lowe as our guest speaker.

A reminder that Mrs Barbara Stone AM, principal of MLC School, will be our guest speaker on 29 November. An optional partners night and normal start time - 6:15 for 6:30 pm.

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

**President Rod**

## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

**John Murphy**  
**Federal Member for Lowe**  
Introduced by Bert Houston  
Thanked by Grahame True

## CONGRATULATIONS

### **New Member**

8/11/2006 Ian Johnson, Solicitor  
Partner - Fiona

### **Birthdays**

12/11/2006 Suzanne Freund  
18/11/2006 Janet Johnson  
18/11/2006 Devi Bala  
18/11/2006 Umesh Kamkolkar  
20/11/2006 David Giri

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

15/11/2006 Peter & Marley Harries  
15/11/2006 Niall & Carole King  
15/11/2006 Tony & Connie Lanzafame  
22/11/2006 Joe & Katherine Campisi

### **Rotary Anniversaries**

19/11/1997 Keith Stockall  
19/11/1997 Kevin Freund

## LAST WEEK

Last week's Rotary Information Night, designed to provide some 25 invited guests an overview of the activities of a Rotary Club, and the many advantages of membership.

Speakers spoke of the history of Rotary, the structure of Rotary International, Rotary Districts, and Rotary clubs, of the range of membership based on vocation, interaction socially and in activities with such a wide variety of business and professional members, and of the many service projects and social activities we are involved in.

We are confident that many of the visitors may consider further interest in Rotary membership.

Ray Wilson is to be congratulated on his initiative in organising such an evening, and he was greatly supported by Niall King.

Leadership by President Rod McDougall and his Board in promoting this membership drive gives great support to District Governor Harley Tarrant

in his drive to substantially increase membership in the District, by increasing members at club level and in chartering new clubs.

### **Paul Harris Luncheon**

About 150 Rotarians attended the PHF Luncheon at the Marconi Club last Saturday. Guest speaker, PDG Carolyn Jones was inducted into the Rotary Club of Anchorage East, Alaska, USA in 1987, and in 2005 became the first woman to be elected as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation. Her subject was "The Children of Russia" after the collapse of Communism after which no government existed. Children in hospital suffering from leukemia, children in orphanages deserted by destitute parents, girls, victims of men in their mothers lives. A Russia with ills so great, we cannot cure all, where children are regarded as retarded due to lack of education and remained so as adults. In Carolyn's year as D.G. she organised 30 projects in support of her mission, costing \$US630,000, provided by the Rotary Foundation. No photographer was present, except Fred Haddon who could be seen throughout the room using his camera, and we look forward to seeing his work

### **Cupid Rotary**

Kevin Freund and partner Suzanne Wood were married last Sunday. The couple are both Rotarians and first met at a Rotary function! Congratulations from all of us at Strathfield.



Mr and Mrs Freund enjoying the celebrations

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

❖ **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 many 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.

❖ 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 has been postponed to Monday 27 November. The program is divided into 6 sessions – Hazard Perception, Stopping Distances, Police, Safe Celebrating, Financial, and Accident Survivor. Six members from our Club will be in attendance from 9.00am as volunteers. Government & NRMA supporting this program.

❖ **Drought Relief.** Capt. Cheryl Barclay of the Salvation Army has spoken to President Elect Brian Johnson about the effects of the drought in the mid western area of NSW, in towns such as Forbes, Parkes, Eugowra and Condobolin. They are desperately short of financial resources to assist many families in need, especially with Christmas just around the corner.

Our Club has dedicated the proceeds of our Xmas Dinner evening on 13 December to this cause. Please invite your family and friends to attend and offer support. An auction (3 items) and a raffle will be held to raise funds, and donations will also be sought.

## MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

### **22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006**

Mr Greg Hemer

Chief Executive Officer, Fresh Food Group  
(Brands include Robert Timms, Bushells)

### **29<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

Mrs Barbara Stone, AM

Principal MLC School

Optional Partners Night 6:15 for 6:30 pm

### **6<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

Strathfield Rotary Club Annual General Meeting

### **13<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

Strathfield Rotary Club Christmas Party

*Proceeds to NSW drought affected families.*

### **20<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

Children's Christmas Party

“Work expands so as to fill the time available for it's completion.”

*Parkinson's Law*

## COMING EVENTS

### **Carols by Candlelight**

To be held in Strathfield Park on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### **Group Study Exchange Dinner.**

Both incoming and outgoing GSE teams will be in attendance and introduced at a tri function (Inbound, Outbound & Alumni) dinner hosted by Springwood Rotary Club on **26 February 2007**. A commitment sheet inviting members to attend will be circulated.

Both teams will attend the District Conference, 16 to 18 March

### **District 9690 Conference**

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

**Hurry!** – Get your conference registration in before 30 November, and claim your Early Bird discount.

“Politicians are the same all over: they promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.”

*Quoted in the New York Herald Tribune*

## ROTARY INFORMATION

### **The Rotary Foundation**

The Rotary Foundation is one of the largest foundations in the world. It is Rotary's own charitable fund. Annual contributions to the Foundation are invested for three years and the income earned from these investments pay for all the Foundation's operations, fund administration and administrative expenses.

Between the years 1947 and 2005 approx. US\$1.5 billion has been spent on the Foundation's programs,

The Trustees of the fund developed what they call the SHARE system to give all districts a voice in how contributions are spent and to allow districts to participate in programs that are of most interest to them.

Under the SHARE system, all district's annual giving is totalled up at the end of the year and is divided into two funds: 50% to District Designated Fund (DDF) and 50% to the World Fund (WF). Each district may then use the DDF monies which they collected three years before, for any programs they wish to choose, such as humanitarian grants, additional GSE and other programs. The WF pays for the programs which are free to every district, such as one GSE team per year, Matching Grants (matching dollar for dollar for approved products combining two countries), District Simplified Grants, Disaster Relief Grants and so on.

This year District Governor Harley Tarrant has encouraged every Club in our District to support the Foundation by setting a per capita goal. Our Club has set a goal of \$US75 per capita (\$100 Aust. per member). Our District is aiming to raise \$US100,000. Note: every \$US1,000 donated to the Foundation entitles a Rotary Club to name a Paul Harris Fellow.

The Centurion Program (an allowable Tax deduction) encourages individual Rotarians to contribute \$100 Australian each year. The contribution also counts towards a Paul Harris Fellowship.

All Clubs and individual Rotarians are encouraged to support “The Rotary Foundation.” It's our own Charitable Fund.

“It's always best on these occasions to do what the mob do.”

“But suppose there are two mobs?” suggested Mr Snodgrass.

“Shout with the largest,” replied Mr Pickwick.

*Charles Dickens (Pickwick Papers 1837)*