

# 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 sincere welcome to our club to Andrew Kowalski and his partner Maria. It was a pleasure to induct Andrew as a member last week, I wish him an enjoyable and rewarding association with Rotary. Thanks to Keith Stockall for proposing him. Andrew will be working with Allan Teale on the Family Entertainment Fundraiser project.

Well, he is definitely back! Thanks to the passionate efforts of RYLA District Chair Euan Watson, three young people will now benefit from the upcoming RYLA camp. Daniel Galletta, Rani Ellison and Melissa Gentle will all be headed for Blue Gum Lodge in the Lower Blue Mountains for the 6 to 13 January 2007 camp. Thanks, Euan.

A reminder to members who have not yet registered for the conference (and that is most members!), the early bird deadline is fast approaching. Registrations received up to and including 30 November will be entitled to a reduced registration fee (as will any registrations for new members joining after this date).

Ted Ingall is, unfortunately, once again not well. He is back in hospital although Mary Ingall expects the stay to be relatively short. We look forward to Ted's return and his enthusiastic efforts in support of the conference.

Peter Harries and David Giri would welcome suggestions for guest speakers in 2007. The calendar is filling, but there is still plenty of room for quality speakers – especially those who would be appropriate for partners nights.

This week we welcome Mr Greg Hemer Business Director ANZ, Fresh-Food Corporation as our guest speaker.

Mrs Barbara Stone AM, principal of MLC School, will be our guest speaker next week. The meeting will be an optional partners night, normal start time - 6:15 for 6:30 pm.

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

**President Rod**

## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

**Mr Greg Hemer**

Business Director ANZ  
FreshFood Corporation Pty Ltd  
Introduced by **Peter Harries**  
Thanked by **Garry Pearce**

## CONGRATULATIONS

### **New Member**

15/11/2006 Andrew Kowalski  
Partner- Maria  
Vocation – Building Construction

### **Birthdays**

Nil

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

22/11/2006 Joe & Katherine Campisi  
25/11/2006 Roger & Janice Vince

### **Rotary Anniversaries**

Nil

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our guest speaker was John Murphy, the Federal Member for Lowe, whose subject was 'What it is like to be a Federal Member of Parliament' He was introduced by Bert Houston.

John was born in 1950 at Dunedoo and at the tender age of 10 became a border at Waverley College. At the age of 16 he was the golf champion of the school. His passion was music and he won a scholarship to the Conservatorium of Music, which he did not pursue. Instead he completed his schooling, joined the Public Service and served in the Department of Veteran Affairs for 28 years.

He was a councillor on Drummoyne Council from 1995 until elected to Parliament as the Member for Lowe in 1998, and has retained his seat at each election since then.

The responsibility of a local member is to serve for the benefit of all constituents in the electorate. 40% of people in the electorate were not born in Australia, so immigration is a major factor. He takes credit for the MRI unit installed at Concord Hospital and for the listing of Herceptin (for Breast Cancer) on the PBS, in conjunction with Professor David Gillette. As a

local member he receives many invitations to attend meetings and other functions, often as guest speaker.

Some of the many privileges of being a member of parliament have included meeting the Queen, Prince Charles, the Governor General and many other World wide dignitaries.

As a politician John has no illusions about some of the problems facing Australia – Global warming, the Iraq War, the drought and the economy. Although he does not personally support the ‘Stem cell’ Bill currently being debated in the Lower House, he understands and appreciates the alternate view of many of his colleagues.

John was thanked by Grahame True

### 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 reminded those who have committed their support of this event.

❖ 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.

❖ D.G.Harley Tarrant has congratulated the Club, and in particular Ray Wilson on the success of the ‘Information Night’.

### MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rick Collins, Richard Horwood Arjun Jeganathan, Anuradha Kamkolkar, Ted Ingall, Terry Rohan, John Watkins

### FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

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

Mrs Barbara Stone, AM  
Principal MLC School

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

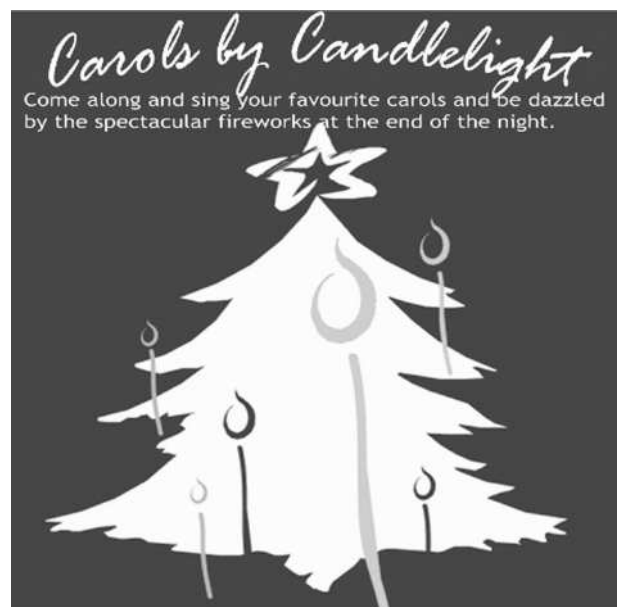
Strathfield Rotary Club  
Annual General Meeting

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

Strathfield Rotary Club Christmas Party

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

Children’s Christmas Party



**Saturday 9 December 2006 @ 6.30pm  
Strathfield Park**

A Sausage Sizzle and Glow Sticks will be available for sale. The Rotary Club of Strathfield will also be holding a raffle with all proceeds going to Rotary NSW Drought Relief Fund.

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“No self-made man ever did such a good job that some woman didn’t want to make a few alterations”.

*Kin Hubbard 1868-1930*

## 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. 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.*

### **District 9690 Conference**

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

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

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

### **MS Charity Ride – Sydney to Wollongong**

Congratulations to International Director Paolo Giammarco who competed in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sydney to the Gong bike ride on Sunday 5 November 2006 in aid of MS. It was a huge effort, riding into a direct 40-knot headwind over the 90km course.

Using this huge effort as a lever, Paolo is seeking a donation in support of MS Australia – perhaps a donation based on the distance travelled.

## ROTARY INFORMATION

### **Constitution – Election of the Board**

The constitution of The Rotary Club of Strathfield, Inc states that the Board is the governing body. The Board shall have general control over all officers and committees and, for good cause, may declare any office vacant.

The Board will consist of President, President Elect & Club Service Director, Community Service Director 1, Community Service Director 2, Vocational Service Director, International Service

Director, and Youth Service Director. A Secretary, and a Treasurer will be appointed to serve on the Board, and Sergeant-at-Arms is also appointed and may be invited to serve on the Board.

At the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 6 December 2006 a list of members who have accepted nomination to fill the six positions vacant on the Board in accordance with the constitution will be presented. If less than six nominations have been received, further nominations may be called from the members present, and included on the list subject to their acceptance.

Should the number of nominations exceed the number of Board members required, an election will be held. A ballot paper listing nominations in alphabetical order will be handed to all members present who will vote by deleting all but 6 names they prefer. Two scrutineers will be appointed to count the votes and pass a list of the six successful candidates to the President.

1) The President will declare the poll and name the six successful candidates who will join with the current president elect to form the Board which will take office on 1 July, 2007.

2) Nominations will then be called from the six newly elected members for election to the position of President Elect (President for year 2008-2009). Should more than one nomination be received and accepted by the nominees, a ballot to elect a successful candidate will be held.

3) The incoming Board will appoint a secretary and a treasurer who will automatically become members of that Board. A Sergeant-at-Arms will also be appointed who may or may not be named a member of the Board.

## HUMOUR

Two disciples of a famous rabbi came to visit him and while they were waiting to be ushered into his presence, the rabbi’s wife brought them two cups of lemon tea and a plate with two cakes on it, one small, the other big.

“After you,” said one disciple to the other, offering him the plate.

“No, after you.”

“No, no, I insist, after you.”

“Na, you take first.”

Eventually one of the two helped himself first – to the bigger cake. The other was outraged: “What! You helped yourself first and took the bigger cake!”

“So?” said the other. “And if you had chosen first, which cake would you have taken?”

“Why, the smaller one of course!”

“Well, what are you complaining about? You’ve got the smaller one!”