



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

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

A warm Strathfield Rotary welcome to all our guests this week. The meeting tonight is devoted to providing you with information about Rotary that we hope will assist you in making a decision about whether to become members of our organisation.

I believe membership of Rotary is an excellent way to join with like-minded individuals to combine fellowship with serving our community. If you feel you share our ideals and goals, I encourage you to join us.

My thanks in particular to Ray Wilson and Niall King for their efforts in arranging the evening.

Last week's talk on nuclear power by industry expert Dr Clarence Hardy was exceptional. I am confident it would have had an impact on the thinking of most of us about this topical and important subject. Certainly, the prime minister seems to have been listening!

The Christmas shoeboxes for East Timor project has been an unqualified success. In total, 1172 shoeboxes have been dispatched – in time for Santa to deliver them! A great project delivering significant benefit for very modest cost. Thanks to all those who contributed.

The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) gained some good exposure this week with a major financial commitment by the state government. Roads Minister Eric Roozendaal announced an initial two-year \$130,000 grant to the program - a great endorsement of an outstanding Australian Rotary initiative. Keith Byrn will announce the start date for our club's training session at Sydney Olympic Park soon.

A reminder that proceeds from our Christmas party this year will go to drought affected areas in mid west NSW. Please give Brian Johnson your support.

Next week we welcome Mr John Murphy, the federal member for Lowe as our guest speaker. John is well known and respected within the club and the meeting is an optional partners night. Normal start time 6:00 for 6:30 pm.

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

President Rod

TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAM

Rotary Information Night

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

8/11/2006 Euan Watson
9/11/2006 David Croft
10/11/2006 Jan Van der Sleenen
11/11/2006 Rick Collins

Wedding Anniversaries

8/11/2006 Ray & Anne Wilson

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guest speaker was Dr Clarence Hardy, secretary of the Australian Nuclear Association, and President of the Pacific Nuclear Council. Dr Hardy is an eminent respected person in the Australian Nuclear industry, having spent 35 years in the industry, including 20 years at Lucas Heights His subject 'Public Perception of Nuclear Energy' has become a matter of discussion as the public becomes more aware of the problems of greenhouse gases relating to carbon dioxide emissions and fears of dramatic climate changes. He spoke on the economics of nuclear generation of electricity, safety issues, waste management, potential terrorism issues and the sustainability of supplies of raw materials. There are 440 commercial reactors operating worldwide, and many more being built. 80% of energy in France is produced by nuclear power stations. There has been two major accidents with nuclear reactors – 3 Mile Island in 1979 & Chernobyl in 1986, both caused by poor design structures.

In the opinion of Dr Hardy, solving the problems of global warming revolve around wind power (expensive & irregular wind), 'clean' coal (expensive), solar power (relies on sunshine) which leaves nuclear power as the only possibility if we are to leave the world in a better place for future generations.

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 which 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.

❖ **Group Study Exchange** teams will be coming from and going to District 7670 North Carolina USA. during this Rotary year

The team from North Carolina, led by team leader Gisele Weisman a Land Developer will arrive on 23 February and depart on 30 April. Her team is:

Heather Hoyle – Community College Admin.

Jennifer Pickering – Arts Festival Director

Jessica Griffith – High School Teacher

Jason Harpe – Museum Director

Stacie Walker – Credit Union/banking officer

The Outbound team has been selected and will be led by P.P.Ivan Fedor – Springwood Rotary Club & will depart on 1 April & return on 30 April 2007

Team members are:

Fiona McCulloch, sponsored by Lower Blue

Shola Fabiran, sponsored by Holroyd R/Club

David Brodie, sponsored by Richmond R/C

Anthea Arnol, sponsored by Holroyd R/Club

Another selected member has withdrawn and will be replaced..

Both 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

❖ **Youth Exchange Program:** Our outward bound student, Johanna Iskandar, will be departing for her year in France after attending our District Conference next March. A student at Cabramatta High School she has advised International Director Paulo Giammarco that she has still two more exams to go to complete her schooling and is looking forward to visiting our club.

❖ **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.

❖ **Meriden Interact Club**

Report by P.P. Brian Driver. One of Meriden College best-kept secrets is that in 2006 Interact is in full bloom, with Mrs Susan Lombardo appointed as teacher supervisor.

The 2006-2007 Interact executive commitments for an active year were fulfilled, with 20 students arriving ready to promote ideas for fund raising within the College.

Programs aimed to enliven social life, while raising funds, emerged – a St Patrick School Dance, a Meriden School Dance, and a vote for your teacher who would look best as Santa Claus, with sale of pictures of teacher & student dressed as Santa Claus.

They wish Rotary members a merry Christmas, and will be sending all 58 Strathfield Rotary members a Christmas card with a candy stick.

Brian hopes that we may respond by sending a small Christmas gift of \$116 to support their fund raising programs.

The quality of the Interactors in Meriden College is outstanding, well trained by the college and the teaching staff, they're potentially emotionally strong and mature, and will leave Meriden as passionate and committed human beings.

MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rick Collins, Arjun Jeganathan, Richard Horwood, John Watkins

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

15th November 2006

John Murphy
Federal Member for Lowe

22nd November 2006

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

29th November 2006

Mrs Barbara Stone, AM
Principal MLC School

6th December 2006

Strathfield Rotary Club Annual General Meeting

13th December 2006

Strathfield Rotary Club Christmas Party

20th December 2006

Children's Christmas Party

COMING EVENTS

Paul Harris Fellows Luncheon

11th of November 2006 at the Marconi Club.
Cost \$35 .00. Several of our members will be attending

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

District 9690 Conference

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

"Conference 007 Licence to Thrill."

D.G. Harley Tarrant, "The Man with the Golden Gun", promises us a conference to die for. Recreational activities include an evening at the

Newcastle Conservatorium, golf and lunch at Newcastle Golf Club, Hunter Valley wine tour and the Saturday night Dinner & Show .

Many other interesting segments, and an interesting range of keynote speakers have been invited to address us at the conference

Strathfield Rotarians need to be there from Thursday, 15th March 2007

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| It's easy to pick out the best people. They'll help you do it. |
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ROTARY INFORMATION

This year District Governor Harley Tarrant is promoting to our District a Rotary Club Global Project, **ShelterBox**. ShelterBox brings relief to victims of disaster on a worldwide basis by providing humanitarian aid and relief in the form of material and equipment that provides shelter, warmth and comfort to people displaced by natural and other disasters for a prolonged period.

Each box is uniform in size, and normally contains a 10 person tent, 10 sleeping bags, a multi fuel cooker, water purification tablets, a torch & batteries, spade, rope, plastic bags and other items a family would need after losing everything in a disaster

ShelterBox was the idea of Rotarian Tom Henderson of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, Cornwall, UK, and in 2000 his Rotary Club adopted ShelterBox as their Millennium project. Each complete box costs only \$1200.

The first 50 ShelterBoxes were despatched to Gurujat in India in February 2000 after the earthquake, since then over 35,000 ShelterBoxes have been distributed worldwide providing shelter for more than 350,000 people.

Recently D.G.Harley received a cheque for \$6,250 from PDG Jack Elliott OAM, Eastern Region Treasurer of Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd, to be added to donations being received for ShelterBox. Incidentally this donation was given to Jack via the Rotary Club of Nepean who received it from a private donor.

HUMOUR

Naturally Suited...

"What profession is your boy going to select?"
"I am going to educate him to be a lawyer," replied Jones. "He's naturally argumentative and bent on mixing into other people's troubles and he may just as well get paid for his time."

THE ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD INC

2006-07 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 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

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| Secretary | Roger Vince | Sergeant At Arms | Peter Foss |
| Treasurer | Keith Stockall | | |

PORTFOLIOS

| Community Service 1 | |
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| 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 |

| Community Service 2 | |
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| 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) |

| Vocational Service | |
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| 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 |

| International Service | |
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| 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 |

| Club Service | |
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| 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 |

| Youth Service | |
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| 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, Allan Teale |

SPECIAL PROJECTS

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| 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

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| 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 | | |