

# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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



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OCTOBER IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

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## PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Members fortunate enough to be at last week's meeting were treated with an opportunity to listen to (and share a beer with!) two of Australia's active servicemen. Recently returned from Iraq, Dayton McCarthy and Scott Fully graphically described the situation faced by our troops – with some very interesting commentary on the difference between the US and Australian armies. Those present enjoyed a great evening. My thanks to David Giri.

Thirty shoeboxes loaded with Christmas presents for the children of Timor Leste East Timor are winging their way from Strathfield. Thanks to all those who found the time to make up a box – it was clear that a lot of work was put into some of them (see photo later in bulletin). Special thanks to Bradley for organising the effort and delivering the boxes.

October is vocational services month and for our club the time for our Pride of Workmanship awards on 18 October. As usual this will be a partners night. Kevin Beltrame has the arrangements well in hand and nominations are now closed.

Please invite your friends and colleagues – this will be an excellent evening and an ideal opportunity to show off Rotary and our club

Ray Wilson and Niall King are now in the process of issuing invitations to our information night on 8 November. Although not officially a partners night, members should feel free to invite their partner – and put an end to that separation that occurs in some households on Wednesday nights!

Please give your invitation suggestions to Ray. Thanks to those who have agreed to speak on the night.

As some may be aware, Euan's therapy is proceeding and he is going through a demanding phase. I know he will welcome phone calls of good wishes.

The last page of this week's bulletin contains the current director portfolios and committees. Please ensure that you are aware of your role in the club. Please send questions or corrections to me.

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

**President Rod**

## TO-NIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

### **Major David Brown**

Silverwater Correctional Facility

Introduced by **Janelle Watson**

Thanked by **Allan Petersen**

## CONGRATULATIONS

### **Birthdays**

5/10/2006 Grahame True  
8/10/2006 Kevin Beltrame  
10/10/2006 Karen Catalano

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

5/10/2006 Ted & Mary Ingall

### **Rotary Anniversaries - Nil**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guest speakers Lt Dayton McCarthy & Sgt Scott Fuller were introduced by Bert Houston. Both are members of 3 RAR Parachute Brigade based at Holsworthy and have just returned from Basra, which is situated on the confluence of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers in the south eastern area of Iraq, after a term of duty with British troops. They served with 'Charlie' company of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Anglia Regiment which is part of a multi national division involved in reconstruction projects

Lt McCarthy spoke of the insurgency organisation – Jaish Al Mahdi which is active in the Basra area. The area is majority Shia populated whereas JAM are Sunni. The Shia are Islamic fundamentalists whereas the Sunni are more secular. The suicide bombers come from the ranks of the Sunni. Iraqi people are basically family/clan oriented, and democracy and nationalism are not part of their psyche. Basra, a built up area with narrow streets which made basic operations difficult, is reasonably close to the Iranian border. Iran is a Shia dominated country and as such are assisting the majority Shia population in the Basra area because of the non-regulated border between the two countries.

Sgt Fuller presented a video highlighting the actions of the insurgents, who film their activities

for their ongoing training. The base where they were accommodated consisted of 4 Infantry Battalions, 2 Armoured Battalions, massive workshops, a major hospital and all necessary welfare facilities. The men live in air conditioned tents which struggle to be comfortable in temperatures as high as 55 degrees. whilst Hospital nurses live in air conditioned demountable huts which offer slightly better living conditions. Dayton & Scott were thanked by PP Brian Driver for an excellent address, presented purely from a military point of view.

### LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **From President Rod McDougall:-**

- ✪ Congratulated P.P.Roger Vince for his continuing support of Meriden, particularly the Meriden Interact Club..
- ✪ Read out list of apologies
- ✪ Requested that members advise any corrections to the membership list on the back page.
- ✪ The Shoe Box Appeal for Timor closed last Wednesday. Pres. Rod requested that any late contributions be given to him, to be passed on to Bradley .

#### **From Director Bradley Ayres:-**

- ✪ (Repeated in Bradley's Absence) - RYLA – A most important project in our Rotary Youth Calendar – but so far we do not have any nominations. Nominations close on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please help.

#### **From Director Kevin Freund:-**

- ✪ A sufficient number of .Nominations for Pride of Workmanship Awards have been received. The guest speaker on the night will be 'a little different'.

#### **From Treasurer P.P.Keith Stockall**

- ✪ Two members remain unfinancial

#### **From Ray Wilson**

- ✪ The District Golf Day is on 26<sup>th</sup> October. Members are requested to lodge their nomination forms (teams of 4) as soon as possible. See Ray if you haven't got a nomination form.

#### ✪ **Membership**

A membership drive night will be held on Wednesday November 8, 2006. We are seeking names and addresses of prospective members as soon as possible – an official invitation will be forwarded. We have a shortage of women in our club – wives could be interested.

### MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rick Collins, Arjun Jeganathan, Euan Watson,  
Richard Horwood, John Watkins, Joe Saad

### RAFFLE WINNERS.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Eve Dutton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize : Tony Lanzafame
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize : Sal Tosto

### STATISTICS

Present: 31 Members, Apologies: 11,  
Raffle: \$185.00

### FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

#### **11th October 2006**

Mr Shaofang Qui  
New South Wales Chinese Consul General

#### **18th October 2006**

Pride of Workmanship Awards  
**Partners night. 6.30 for 7.00.**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> November 2006**

Clarence Hardy  
Australian Nuclear Association  
(Possible joint meeting with Burwood/Concord)

#### **8th November 2006**

Rotary Information Night

#### **15th November 2006**

John Murphy  
Federal Member for Lowe

### **ROTARY INFORMATION NIGHT**

**8 November 2006 - 6:30 for 7:00 pm**

**Ray Wilson awaits your suggestions for  
prospective members.**

**Try and be present on the night.**

***Get involved in the future of our club.***

### COMING EVENTS

#### **District Golf Championship**

26<sup>th</sup> October at Strathfield Golf Club  
John Taylor Memorial Shield  
11.00 am for 12 noon hit off  
\$50 per player (light lunch and golf)

#### **Paul Harris Fellows Luncheon**

11<sup>th</sup> of November 2006 at the Marconi Club. Cost \$35 pp. Would all PHF members please indicate their intention on the list being circulated

#### **Titanic The Musical**

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

#### **Trish 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**

“If you want to get ahead in this world  
get a lawyer, not a book”  
*Fran Lebowitz 1946*

## “Night of Stars” function- 14 October 2006

The Women’s Bowling Club members of the South Strathfield Bowling & Community Club invite our members to attend their presentation of a “Night of Stars” function on Saturday 14th October commencing at 8 pm. With ‘guest’ appearances by well known presenters such as John & Olivia, Elvis, Strathfield Village people, Billy the Piano Man and many more, lucky door prizes and raffles, it promises to be a great night.

Co-ordinator, Gai Hughes would welcome one or two tables of 10. Entry fee \$10 per person.



Strathfield Rotary Christmas Shoeboxes  
for Timor Leste

## ROTARY INFORMATION

### What is Vocational Service?

Vocational Service is the basic foundation on which Rotary membership is built. You are loaned your classification for the duration of your membership

Vocational service is one of the four avenues of service that allows Rotarians to share their skills and expertise as business leaders within the club and within the community.

**District Governor Harley speaks on Vocational Service:** “Rotary was the first service club but now there are many others. One thing that helps to keep Rotary unique is Vocational Service which is at the very heart of Rotary. We are admitted to a club on the basis of our vocation and we are expected to be ethical in our dealings, provide good service, be fair to our competitors, employees or employers and promote Rotary’s vocational ideals.

We are expected to act as mentors for our youth. This is no easy task especially in these times of globalisation but it is a task we must undertake.

The whole community suffers when unethical behaviour and poor service are the norm

In Vocational Service month let’s all take up this challenge”

## HUMOUR

### Gems from Church bulletins

Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

For those who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery down stairs.

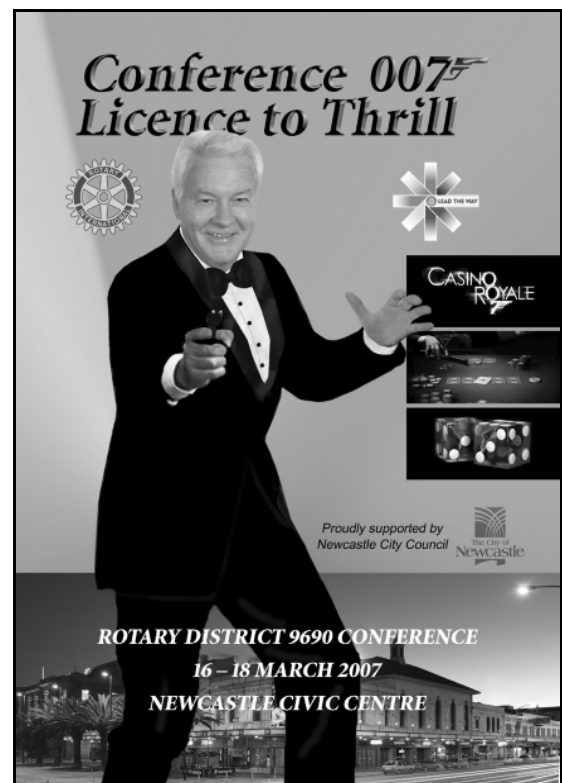
Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on Oct 24. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the person you want remembered.

This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.



**Have You Booked Your Accommodation?**

## 2006-07 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Rod McDougall
President Elect /	Brian Johnson
Club Service	
Community Service 1	Connie Galletta

Community Service 2	Anuradha Kamkolkar
Vocational Service	Kevin Freund
International Service	Paul Giammarco
Youth Service	Bradley Ayres

### CLUB OFFICERS

Secretary	Roger Vince
Treasurer	Keith Stockall

Sergeant At Arms	Peter Foss
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### 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
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	Tony Lanzafame
Science Experience	

<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	Angelo Franco, Allan Petersen, 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
Family Entertainment Fundraiser	Allan Teale (C), Peter Harries

### ROTARY PROGRAMS

GSE	Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange
Interact	"International Action" High School Programme
NYSF	National Youth Science Forum
MUNA	Model United Nations Assembly
RAWCS	Rotary Australia World Community Service

ROMAC	Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children
RYDA	Rotary Youth Driver Awards
RYLA	Rotary Youth Leadership Award
RYPEN	Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment
STEP	Short Term Exchange Program
YEP	Youth Exchange Program