



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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## SEPTEMBER IS ROTARY NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

### PRESIDENT'S VIEW

"Keeping the bastards honest" is one way of describing the job of our guest speaker last week. It turns out that the auditor general's office is not just interested in annual statements of account – but in fact how well the state government are spending *our* money. Bob Sendt had some interesting and amusing examples of where there was a definite need for improvement!

This week District Conference Chairman Bert Houston and I presented to the conference coordinators in the clubs in the district. Approximately 90% of clubs attended the briefings, one held at the golf club and one at Emu Plains. I am pleased to report that the response was very encouraging and Bert was congratulated on the professionalism evident in the planning for the conference. Most attendees were enthusiastic and keen to get back to their clubs to encourage attendance. Thanks to Alan Taylor, Angelo Franco, Kevin Beltrame and Carol Houston for their assistance.

Interact Chair Roger Vince presented the Rotary Prize for Citizenship for 2006 to Ella Bauman at Meriden's recent prize day. Roger is a strong supporter of the Meriden Interact club and recently also attended their changeover evening.

A reminder to reserve Wednesday 8 November in your diaries. Our Rotary Information Evening will be held that night and we are looking to have a good attendance to welcome and introduce our club to prospective members. Please give Ray Wilson names and contact information of those you suggest should be invited to the meeting.

A copy of the club directory is again part of this edition of the bulletin. Club members are requested to check their entry and to advise secretary Roger Vince of required changes.

This week we extend a warm welcome to two Australian Army veterans recently returned from service in Basra in Iraq, as our guest speakers.

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

**President Rod**

### TO-NIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

Lt Dayton McCarthy and Sgt Scott Fuller  
Australian Armed Forces  
Recently returned from service in Iraq  
Introduced by Bert Houston  
Thanked by Brian Driver

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### **Birthdays**

28/09/2006 Joe Saad  
30/09/2006 Margery Foss

**Wedding Anniversaries - Nil**

**Rotary Anniversaries - Nil**

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The guest speaker Bob Sendt, the recently retired Auditor General NSW was introduced by Charles Pitt. The Auditor General is a 7 year appointment responsible to the NSW Parliament for audits and related services under the Public Finance & Audit Act 1983, the Corporations Act 2001 & other NSW Acts. The Audit Office was established in 1824.

The Audit Office whose mission statement 'Assisting Parliament to improve the accountability and performance of the State', assists the Auditor General in fulfilling this role which is 'Without Fear or Favour in keeping Governments Accountable'.

The Audit Office conducts audits and prepares annual financial reports for 450 public sector agencies, which are provided to the Minister responsible; to the agency itself; to the Treasurer and to Parliament. The Audit Office does not cover Local Government.

The Audit Office conducts in depth reporting of all public agency activities in order to determine whether an agency is carrying out activities efficiently, effectively, economically and in compliance with law, but does not comment on the merits of government policy.

Identified barriers to better performance are lack of incentive for greater accountability, bloated monopolies, lack of framework for reporting performance, and poor governance models and

practices. Solutions may include private/non government partnerships & better risk management  
Bob was thanked by P.P. Angelo Franco

### LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

☛ Welcomed visitors, Dave Milton guest of Allan Teale and Rod's son-in law Jim Dauparas, whose wife gave birth to her second daughter last Thursday. Mother, baby & Grandparents absolutely fine.

☛ Welcomed back P.P. Brian Driver who has been assisting in the medical practice in Wagga Wagga, and Janelle Watson who has been in Lismore looking after her father.

☛ Read out list of apologies

☛ Thanked David Giri for organising guest speaker Jason Carroll from Suttons Motors at very short notice.

☛ Requested that members advise any corrections to the membership list on the back page.

☛ Reminded members that this week was 'Rotary Awareness Week'

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

☛ The Shoe Box Appeal for Timor will close next Wednesday 27 September. Our contribution so far is 28 boxes.

☛ RYPEN – thanks to Roger & Janice Vince and Allan & Kate Teale who provided transport for our four candidates to the recent RYPEN Seminar.

☛ 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:-**

☛ .Nominations for Pride of Workmanship Awards are required no later than the end of this month.

#### **From P.P. Bert Houston**

☛ .District Conference promotions are being conducted at Emu Plains and here.

Bert is still holding rooms at Quest (2) and Crown Plaza (10) and asked that members act quickly to organise accommodation, as he cannot hold on to them much longer.

#### **From P.P. Stephen Taylor**

☛ P.P. Euan Watson undergoing major treatment

#### **From P.P. Keith Byrn**

☛ Students from St Patrick's, Strathfield will be attending the RYDA program at the Penrith site on Wednesday 22 November, 9.00am to 2.30pm. Six (6) of our members are required to watch & learn. Keith has advised that NRMA Motoring Services have joined us in an open ended sponsorship roll.

#### **From Secretary P.P. Roger Vince**

☛ Letter from Police Legacy acknowledging and thanking us for our donation.

#### **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.

☛ The Rotary trailer has been revamped and will be used in a major raffle for the Trish Foundation Rotary Golf Day in February. Donations to fill the trailer are being sought.

#### ☛ 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.

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### MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rick Collins

Arjun Jeganathan

Euan Watson

Richard Horwood

John Watkins

Joe Saad

### RAFFLE WINNERS.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Rod McDougall

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Niall King

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Sal Tosto

### STATISTICS

**Present:-**

**35 Members**

### NEXT ROTARY MEETING

**4th October 2006**

Major David Brown

Silverwater Correctional Facility

### 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.

**1st 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

**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.

**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

**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**

We can reflect that from Rotary's humble beginnings in the USA in 1905, the organisation has grown to be worldwide, with over 32,000 clubs in 170 countries and over 1.2 million members. Rotary's motto, "Service above Self," exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of Rotary's members.

Rotary clubs are autonomous and determine service projects based on local needs; but are also encouraged to base projects on (among others) the following topics: children at risk, disabled people, health care, international understanding and goodwill, literacy and numeracy, poverty and hunger, and the environment.

Rotary's international network links people in need with Rotary club members in other countries that can provide resources. The Foundation's humanitarian programs provide health care and supplies, clean water, food, job training, and education – particularly in the developing world.

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"All the things I like to do are either illegal, immoral or fattening" *Alexander Woollcott*

**HUMOUR**

From Karen & Kevin

Four motorcyclists are out for the day on a great ride through the mountains. They stop for lunch at a quiet pub, and after an hour or so, the following conversation takes place:

First guy: "You have no idea what I had to do to be able to come out riding today. I had to promise my wife that I'd spend next weekend painting the bedroom and ensuite. There goes next weekend's ride".

Second guy: "That's nothing. I had to promise my wife that I'd dig out the old front garden and ratty lawn and plant a whole new garden for her. I won't be riding again for at least a month".

Third guy: "Man, you guys got it easy. I had to promise my wife that I'd get stuck into remodelling the damn kitchen. She's been wanting that done for years. It will take me about six weekends, and I won't have any money left to go riding".

They order another beer and are starting to look pretty miserable, when they realise the fourth guy hasn't said a word. So one of them turns to him and asks: "You haven't said anything about what you had to do to be able to go riding this weekend. What's the deal?".

Fourth guy: "I just set my alarm for 6 am. When it went off, I gave my wife a nudge and said 'Bike-riding or SEX?'. She said to say Hi to you guys".

**Gems of wisdom**

Cloakroom attendant; "Goodness! What beautiful diamonds."

*Mae West*: "Goodness had nothing to do with it."

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"It's better to have old, second hand diamonds than none at all" *Mark Twain*

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Diamonds are the only ice that can keep a girl warm." *Elizabeth Taylor*