



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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## SEPTEMBER IS ROTARY NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

### President's View

I am fairly confident that not many members were aware that the Model T Ford contained an automatic gearbox – and that the basic design of the transmission in the modern vehicle is quite similar. Henry Ford was a remarkable man. On behalf of the club, thanks to Tim Wynn Jones for a great talk last week, and for making the effort to bring his restored Model T, plus a cutaway engine (which I know was quite heavy, since I helped him move it!) and many other components.

The bulletin lives – and new editor Bob Templeman is now up and running (with a little help from Angelo Franco). Many thanks Bob for taking on yet another job within Rotary.

This week I attended a further meeting to provide community input to the state government's strategic planning initiative, StatePlan. The meeting was attended by the deputy premier and the government seems very keen to obtain the views of service organisations like Rotary. There was discussion on how government/-community groups partnerships might work and how organisations like ours can provide an effective link to the community. The plan is due for completion end October 2006.

The Strathfield Spring Fair will be held this Sunday in Strathfield Park and the club barbecue will be in action. The fair is well promoted and attended and last year we ran out of sausages. Shirley Del Prado has increased the size of the order and with more sausages will need more helpers. Please give her your support.

Ray Wilson has kindly stepped forward to breathe life into our membership development activities. He has some great ideas, which will involve all of us, and planning is proceeding.

The McDonalds customers amongst us would have noticed the tray mats in use in many restaurants over the last few weeks with a special design promoting Rotary. McDonalds are an ARCAP (Australian Rotarians Corporate Alliance Program) partner and this campaign promotes Rotary to nearly 7 million Australians!

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

**President Rod**

### TO-NIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

#### Job Talk

Allan Teale

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### Birthdays

10/09/2006 Penny True

#### Wedding Anniversaries

7/09/2006 Peter & Jan Van Der Slesesen

#### Rotary Anniversaries

NIL

### LAST WEEK'S GUESTS

Andrew Kowalski

Shirley Keen

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Warren Abbott introduced former Rotarian Tim Wynn-Jones who spoke to the Club about the restoration of a Model T Ford. Warren spoke of Tim's background as an apprentice fitter and turner with Email and how expensive and time-consuming restoring old cars can be. Tim outlined the history of Henry Ford and how some of the myths and stories about him originated. Apparently Henry saw a production line in an abattoir with the carcasses progressing along a line with a number of meat-workers removing parts. Henry Ford put workers along an assembly line and had the car move along the line to have parts added. The key to the success of this operation was the interchange ability of parts. This required the adoption of high tolerance machining to ensure all parts would fit.

The story of Henry Ford saying that "The car was available in any colour provided it was black" has never been verified. Henry Ford was a difficult man to work with, his son Edsel is said to have secretly produced a prototype update of the Model T which was destroyed by his father as Henry would not accept any changes to his car.

The model T that Tim has restored began as a rusted wreck on a farm near Yass. The rear section needed to be rebuilt and Tim has reached the stage where the car is mobile but needs final trimming and fitting-out.

Parts for restoring old cars are readily available from the USA where restoration is a very big industry.

Tim was thanked by George Hallworth on behalf of the Club.

### **LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- ★ Welcome back to Bradley Ayre, Steve Taylor and Peter Harries
- ★ Read out list of Apologies.
- ★ Thank you to Peter Harries for permanent loan of Projector
- ★ Thanked Bob Templeman for taking over as Bulletin Editor with help from Joe Campisi and Peter Douglas
- ★ 30<sup>th</sup> of August is National Meals on Wheels Day

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

- ★ Advised that the Club has four applicants for RYPEN
- ★ Transport to Yarramundi is needed at 10am Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2006 (2 adults in each car).
- ★ Asked for applicants for the RYLA Camp in January 2007.
- ★ The Shoe Box Appeal for Timor has been extended to late September.
- ★ The boxes are to hold approximately \$10 of toys, clothing, crayons, etc suitable for a 0 to 12 year old boy or girl.

#### **From Director Anuradha Kamkolkar:-**

- ★ Needs six volunteers to purchase tickets for Star Cash as prizes for the raffle.

#### **From Director Kevin Beltrame:-**

- ★ Thank you letter from the Mayor of Burwood for the Police Office of the Year Awards.
- ★ Thank you letter from Virginia Judge for the Police Office of the Year Awards.

#### **From Keith Byrn:-**

- ★ He and Allan Teale have met with Burwood Police for support for the RYDA program. They are happy to fully support the program.

#### **From Allan Teale:-**

- ★ Thanked Bob Templeman for last week's presentation.

#### **From Ray McCluskie:-**

- ★ Conveyed a welcome from DG Harley Tarrant who is busy visiting other Clubs
- ★ Recommended the Club Website to members wanting Club information or pictures of Club activities.
- ★ Photos from the Police Officer of the Year Awards will be on the website next week.

## MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rick Collins  
Ted Ingall  
Arjun Jeganathan  
Euan Watson  
Richard Horwood  
Janelle Watson

### **Raffle Winners**

The raffle raised \$220.00.

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Hand Bag	<b>Kevin Freund</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Bottle of Wine	<b>Andrew Kowalski</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Dinner next week	<b>Niall King</b>

### **Statistics**

Present:- 33 Members

## NEXT ROTARY MEETING

### **13 September 2006**

Lt Dayton McCarthy and Sgt Scott Fuller  
Australian Armed Forces  
Just returned from service in Basra, Iraq

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

### **20 September 2006**

Bob Sendt – NSW Auditor-General

### **27 September 2006**

TBA

### **1 November 2006**

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

## COMING EVENTS

### **Dinner at The Woolwich Pier Hotel**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006. 7:00 pm.

### **Strathfield Spring Fair**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2006. Strathfield Park.  
The Club will operate our BBQ at this event.

### **Rotary Club of Concord 50th Anniversary**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2006

Contact Peter Davidson 9747 2374

### **Priscilla Queen of the Desert**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006. Lyric Theatre.  
8:00 pm. \$70-\$80

### **Pride of Workmanship Awards**

Wednesday 18 October 2006. Partners night.  
6.30 for 7.00.

### **District Golf Championship**

26<sup>th</sup> October at Strathfield Golf Club  
John Taylor Memorial Shield  
11:00 am for 12:00 noon hit off  
\$50 per player (light lunch and golf)

### **Titanic The Musical**

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

### **Paul Harris Fellows Luncheon**

11<sup>th</sup> of November 2006 at the Marconi Club.  
Cost \$35 pp.

### **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.*

## HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

### Girls Early Mark

From Grahame True

Three girls all worked in the same office with the same female boss. Each day, they noticed the boss left work early .

One day, the girls decided that when the boss left, they would leave right behind her. After all, she never called or came back to work, so how would she know they went home early?

The brunette was thrilled to be home early. She did a little gardening, spent playtime with her son, and went to bed early.

The redhead was elated to be able to get in a quick workout at the spa before meeting a dinner date.

The blonde was happy to get home early and surprise her husband, but when she got to her bedroom, she heard a muffled noise from inside. Slowly and quietly, she cracked open the door and was mortified to see her husband in bed with her boss! Gently she closed the door and crept out of her house.

The next day, at their coffee break, the brunette and redhead planned to leave early again, and they asked the blonde if she was going to go with them. "No way," the blonde exclaimed. "I almost got caught yesterday."

### Airplane humour.

From Shirley Del Prado

Two men dressed in Pilots uniforms walk up the aisle of the plane. Both are wearing dark glasses, one is using a guide dog, and the other is tapping his way along the aisle with a cane.

Nervous laughter spreads through the cabin, but the men enter the cockpit, the door closes, and the engines start up. The passengers begin glancing nervously around, searching for some sign that this is just a little practical joke. None is forthcoming. The plane moves faster and faster down the runway and the people sitting in the window seats realize they're headed straight for the water at the edge of the airport. As it begins to look as though the plane will plough into the water, panicked screams fill the cabin.

At that moment, the plane lifts smoothly into the air. The passengers relax and laugh a little sheepishly, and soon all retreat into their magazines, secure in the knowledge that the plane is in good hands.

In the cockpit, one of the blind pilots turns to the other and says, "You know, Bob, one of these days, they're gonna scream too late and we're all gonna die."

### A Blonde's Year in Review

From Grahame True

**January** - Took new scarf back to store because it was too tight.

**February** - Fired from pharmacy job for failing to print labels.....Hellllloooo!!!!.....bottles won't fit in typewriter!!!

**March** - Got really excited.....finished jigsaw puzzle in 6 months.....box said "2-4 years!"

**April** - Trapped on escalator for hours.....power went out!!!

**May** - Tried to make Kool-Aid.....wrong instructions....8 cups of water won't fit into those little packets!!!

**June** - Tried to go water skiing.....couldn't find a lake with a slope.

**July** - Lost breast stroke swimming competition .....learned later, the other swimmers cheated, they used their arms!!!

**August** - Got locked out of my car in rain storm.....car swamped because soft-top was open.

**September** - The capital of California is "C" isn't it???

**October** - Hate M &M's. .they are so hard to peel.

**November** - Baked turkey for 4 1/2 days...instructions said 1 hour per pound and I weigh 108!!!

**December** - Couldn't call 911 ..."duh"..there's no "eleven" button on the stupid phone!!!

What a year!!