



The weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc  
District 9690, NSW Australia

# Strathfield Rotary News



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Executive 2010/11  
President - Peter Smith  
Secretary - Roger Vince  
Treasurer - Keith Stockall

December  
is  
Family of Rotary Month

Wednesday,  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

## President's Column

Last week we were fortunate to have the Rev. Paul Bartlett as our guest speaker. Paul proved to be a most eloquent speaker and he entertained us with great stories of the outback - particularly the history of the Australian Inland Mission and of Rev John Flynn (of the outback and on the \$20 note!).

Tonight we are pleased to welcome Ramesh Ferris as our guest speaker. Ramesh is only in Sydney for a few days but he has generously made himself available to visit us to talk about his experiences of surviving the effects of polio and the need to end polio now. Having been on the speaker's circuit in India, the US and Canada - and having spoken at the Montreal RI Convention and at the UN in New York City Ramesh will no doubt prove to be both an impressive and inspirational speaker.



**ShelterBox:** At the AGM, which follows our regular meeting, we are required to endorse a proposal by District 9690 to "transform ShelterBox Australia into a Multi-District organisation of Rotary International Zone 8".

Multi-District service activities are an effective and rewarding way for Rotary Clubs in more than one District to work together to address common service interests and objectives. Rotary

## This Week's Meeting

### Annual General Meeting

#### Cycle to Walk

Ramesh Ferris

Introduced by PP Doug Potter

Thanked by PP Peter Foss

International encourages participation in multi-District service activities

At a recent District meeting it was voted that Rotary International District 9690 Inc be party to the transforming of ShelterBox Australia into a multi-District organisation, as supported by some/all Districts in Zone 8. To be part of this, our District needs to gain agreement to this concept from two thirds of the Clubs in District 9690. Our "Yes" or "No" vote needs to be conveyed to District at the Presidents Meeting on 10 December 2010.

**Other club websites** - my second favourite Rotary site is [www.rckgm.org](http://www.rckgm.org) which is the website of the Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Mile. While it is perhaps a bit corny - and it is certainly not politically correct - it is well worth a visit!  
<http://www.rckgm.org/>

President Pete

**Cowboy logic** "Ask no more and give no less than honesty, courage, loyalty, generosity, and fairness"

## Last Week's Presentation

*Recorded by Ian Johnson*

### Frontier Services

Our guest speaker was Rev Paul Bartlett who spoke to us about "Frontier Services". Paul was introduced by PP Rod McDougall.

Paul informed us that Rev John Flynn founded the Inland Mission Frontier Services in 1912. Paul told us that John Flynn's mother died when he was five and that one of his brothers died from TB. He subsequently became a minister of religion and travelled to the outback. There he saw the needs of the people living there and resolved to address those needs. Paul pointed out that John Flynn's image is fittingly recorded on the Australian twenty dollar note.

Paul stated that John Flynn loved the bush and its people. He admired their resilience and "can do" attitude. He and his helpers walked alongside these people offering spiritual and physical assistance when required.

He established Remote Nursing Clinics, five of which are still in operation today. The nurses were sent to these clinics for a period of two years and were known as "Flynn's Angels". Their presence

made it less hazardous for women and children to also live in the outback.

In 1928 the Aerial Medical Service was established. This eventually became the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Communications were also greatly assisted by the development of the "pedal wireless". This meant that long distance medical advice could be received instantaneously.

Today Frontier Services provides 80% of aged care in remote areas of Australia. They also provide childhood education to families on remote properties and migrant services to remote mining communities. Paul advised us that in one mining community in W.A. there are 85 nationalities represented. Increasingly they are providing mental health support to those on the land.

Paul informed us that there are many volunteers offering to spend one to two weeks on an outback property. He said that "once you get the red dust under your feet it stays there forever". Paul's first experience of the outback was through a one month placement.

Paul concluded by noting that now that Australia is becoming more coastal-centric the people of the outback need a strong voice more than ever. Paul was thanked by Janelle Watson.

## News from District 9690 GSE Committee

Here is the latest news from Paolo Giammarco about the incoming 2010/11 GSE teams.

### Taiwan Team

#### Team Leader

Delphine Chen (♀) Rotary Club of Nanke

#### Team Members

Herbie, Hsiu-Lien Lin (♀) RC of Tuku  
 Yu Ting Mao (♀) RC of Nanke  
 Chia Jung Hsiao, Jessie (♀) RC of Yung Kang  
 Ching-wen Tseng (Jean) (♀) RC of Minsyong

### Mindanao Team

#### Team Leader

PP Arleen S. Aportadera (♀) RC of Pag-Asa Davao

#### Team Members

Crissa Marie Li. Nacionales (♀) (Foundation Director) RC of Pag-Asa Davao (♀)  
 Temujin B. Ocampo (♂) (Broadcaster) RC of East Davao  
 Rucel dela Cruz Cayetano (♀) (Gov. Serv. Clerk of Court) RC of Tagum North  
 Lorna B. Mandin (♀) (LGU Management Officer) RC of Downtown Davao

Both teams arrive on the same day, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011, and depart 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

The Inner West Clubs of Strathfield, Concord, Breakfast Point and Burwood, have the teams from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> March when they will transfer to Holroyd and Penrith Clubs. We have to arrange for pick ups at the airport and transfers while in our sub district, as well as hosting. We have three definite hosting Rotarians, Graham True, Keith Byrn, and Trevor Duxbury. Currently we are trying to obtain assistance in hosting from the other clubs.

There will be a combined Strathfield/Concord/Breakfast Point/Burwood club meeting at Strathfield Golf Club on the 9<sup>th</sup> March.

We are trying to arrange Vocational visits. Possibilities so far include the Di Lorenzo factory, Taronga's wild animals breeding rooms, Deloitte's, and SES operations in Strathfield and Canada Bay.

### And something to look forward to:

GSE EXCHANGE FOR 2011/12 WILL BE  
**FINLAND**

## Dates for Your Diary

For catering purposes, please remember to send apologies or details of extra attendees by

4.00pm Tuesdays to Eric Khu 9746 0397

email: [brontin@bigpond.com](mailto:brontin@bigpond.com)

Late apologies by 5.00pm Wednesdays to Kevin Freund 0412 494 125

## Meetings

**8<sup>th</sup> December (Wednesday)**  
*Rotary Christmas Party*

**22<sup>nd</sup> December (Wednesday)**  
*Fellowship Night*

**15<sup>th</sup> December (Wednesday)**  
*Rotary Children's Christmas Party*

**14<sup>th</sup> January (Friday)**  
*Croquet Night*

## Rosters

Meeting Date	Attendance	Fellowship	Introduce Guest Speaker	Thank Guest Speaker
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Chris Virgona	Anuradha Kamkolkar	Doug Potter	Peter Foss
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Chris Virgona	Raymond McCluskie		
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Chris Virgona			
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Shirley Del Prado	Joseph Kim		
14 <sup>th</sup> January		Tony Lanzafame		

## Calendar

Date	Event	For Information
08/12/2010	Rotary Christmas Party	Peter Smith
11/12/2010	Carols in the Park	Bradley Ayres
15/12/2010	Rotary Children's Christmas Party	Connie Galletta
14/01/2011	Croquet Night	Tony Lanzafame
02/03/2011	Pride of Workmanship Awards	Doug Potter
18/03/2011	District Conference	Ted Ingall
13/04/2011	Youth Achievement Awards	Rod McDougall
06/05/2011	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations	Harley Tarrant

The Rotary Club of Strathfield meets every Wednesday evening at Strathfield Golf Club, Centenary Drive, Strathfield.  
Visitors welcome

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

3<sup>rd</sup> December, Roger Vince  
Angela White, Toni Virgona  
6<sup>th</sup> December, Keith Stockall

### Anniversaries

7<sup>th</sup> December, Paul and Angela White

### Rotary Anniversaries

1<sup>st</sup> December, Ross Brown,  
Paolo Giammarco,  
Peter Manenti, Sal Tosto,  
Keith Byrn

## Commitment Sheets

Carols in the Park,  
11 December, Bradley Ayres

Children's Christmas Party,  
15 December, Connie Galletta

Fellowship, Croquet Night,  
14 January, Tony Lanzafame

District Conference, Bathurst,  
18-20 March 2011, Ted Ingall

## Rotary Grace

O, Lord and giver of all good,  
We thank thee for our daily food,  
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways  
Help us to serve thee all our days.

## Things to do



*Carols by Candlelight*

**Saturday 11 December from 6.30pm**  
Strathfield Park, Homebush Road, Strathfield

Come along and enjoy a night of festive fun, Christmas carols and a spectacular fireworks display at the end of the night.

Strathfield Rotary will be selling raffle tickets as well as food and drinks to support local charities.

For more information contact Council on 9748 9999 or visit [www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au](http://www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au)

 **Strathfield Scene** 

This year Rotarian Bradley Ayres is coordinating the Strathfield RC component of this year's Carols by Candlelight. If you can help please see Bradley and put your name on the commitment sheet.

## Things to do

The Cape Cabarita community is holding a Carols evening, featuring the 'Sydney West Singers' (from Strathfield) on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm on the Village Green at Cape Cabarita (Off Rosemeadow Drive, Cabarita). **All Strathfield Rotarians and their families are welcome to attend**, but if you are coming please bring a present for a child to put under "the giving tree". These presents will be distributed by President Peter on Christmas Day to underprivileged indigenous kids in Redfern.

Please bring something to drink, something to nibble on, a blanket or deck chair, and of course your "Christmas spirit".

Merry Christmas

*PP Steve Taylor*

## Who said that?

### On Awards

"Nobel Prize money is a lifebelt thrown to a swimmer who has already reached the shore in safety."

*George Bernard Shaw* (Attrib.)

"I don't deserve this, but then, I have arthritis and I don't deserve that either."

*Jack Benny*, on accepting an award.

"It is with tremendous ill grace that I grudgingly acknowledge the contribution of a few other people."

*Hugh Grant*, accepting a Golden Globe Award for *Four Weddings and a Funeral*.

## Pride of Workmanship Awards 2011

PP Doug Potter reminds everyone that the Pride of Workmanship Award night is to be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011. Doug would like to get the details finalized, the nominations approved, and the notification to the employers, the awardees and their guests, in February. The closing date for nominations is the 11<sup>th</sup> February. Doug asks that you to put your thinking caps on and if you know of deserving people who take pride in what they do then have them acknowledged by Rotary.

Incidentally, if you or your friends need a nomination form it is available on our [webpage](#).

## Last Week's Statistics

<b>Members Present:</b>	33
<b>Visitors:</b>	1 (Rev Paul Barrett [Guest Speaker])
<b>Apologies:</b>	8 (Godfrey Isouard, Ray Wilson, Chris Virgona, Suzanne Freund, Niall King, Peter Foss, Allan Petersen, Keith Byrn)
<b>Silent:</b>	Too many
<b>L.O.A.:</b>	3 (Warren Abbott, George Helou, Darrell Slater)
<b>Raffle:</b> \$230.00	<b>Sergeant:</b> \$93.00 <b>Total:</b> \$323.00

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