



Strathfield Rotary News

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District 9690, NSW Australia



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The President's Column

Our "guest speaker" last week, was Rotarian Darrell Slater, who when wearing his other hat as Major D.A.J. Slater, gave a very detailed and interesting Job Talk on his career in the Salvation Army. Darrell also gave us an insight to his previous Rotary experiences including being President on 3 occasions in 3 other Rotary club's. Either though the night concluded with yet another win to the Maroon's we can forgive him for being a Queenslander – just this once.

RI's Council on Legislation, Rotary's "parliament," recently met to deliberate and act upon all proposed enactments and resolutions submitted by clubs, district conferences, the General Council and the RI Board. Here are a few highlights from the 2010 Council:

- E-clubs became a permanent part of Rotary International.
- A fifth Avenue of Service was added: New Generations Service.
- Transferring and former Rotarians must obtain a certificate from the board of the previous club confirming the prospective member's prior membership in that club.
- No club may limit membership in the club on the basis of sexual orientation.
- The RI Board was requested — through a resolution — to consider proposing legislation to the next Council to create a new type of membership: satellite club membership.

As Treasurer Keith reminded us last week – Invoices will issued shortly for our annual fees. It would be appreciated if you could pay promptly as we have to remit our dues to Rotary International and Rotary Down Under in the next few days.

Last Sunday 11 July; PP Kevin and Suzanne, PE Trevor and Nanette and Marlene and I all travelled to Richmond for the District Changeover. It was a well attended and well organised afternoon – with the new DG Marilyn asking all clubs to be "bigger, better and bolder" in 2010/11. It was good to see that the proceeds from the raffle of some \$1,500, being donated to PolioPlus.

President Pete

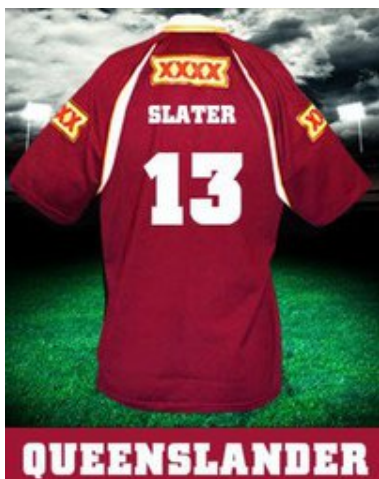
DIRECTORS NOTICES / REPORTS

Secretary

Letter acknowledging our donation of \$10,000 to the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse project at RPA Hospital in June this year. A further letter acknowledging our donation to Medecins Sans Frontieres of \$516 in 2009 - 2010.

Treasurer

The Board approved that Annual Dues will remain at \$200 per Half Year and Meal Fees at \$22.00.



BOARD NOTICES:

Leave of Absence Warren Abbott, George Helou, Janelle Watson, Stephen Taylor, Kevin Beltrame

RESIGNATIONS: Confirmed and accepted the resignations of Les Hockley and Peter Douglas from 30th June 2010. Peter is joining the Rotary Club of Narellan

Thanks to President Pete, I can acknowledge that I am now part of a unique winners list.

Congratulations to the other winners:

Mark Webber (F1) Spain (Soccer)
Qld State of Origin (Rugby League) Caydell Evans (Tour de France)

Losers: Australian Cricket team

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The World Health Organization and UNICEF cohosted a meeting with Rotary International and other stakeholders in Geneva on 18 June to launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) Strategic Plan 2010-12.

The new plan comes at a critical time for the GPEI. Key endemic countries are witnessing historic gains against the disease. Nowhere is progress more evident than in Nigeria, which has reported just three cases in 2010 as of 6 July compared with 333 cases for the same period in 2009. India has reported 22 cases compared with 107 cases.

Across Africa, 10 of the 15 previously polio-free countries reinfected in 2009 have stopped their outbreaks.

In May, the World Health Assembly welcomed the new plan while expressing deep concern about the substantial funding gap over the next three years. The shortfall is a serious risk to ending polio and highlights the need for Rotary to reach its goal of raising US\$200 million.

WHO Director-General Margaret Chan called on the international funding community to stand tall for polio eradication. "The next three years, and especially the next 12 months, are critical to the polio eradication initiative and, by extension, the entire international public health agenda."

An essential element of the plan is the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is being used effectively against wild poliovirus types 1 and 3 in all four endemic countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. (Type 2 poliovirus has been eradicated.)

The plan also focuses on known polio migration routes, which have made outbreaks of the disease largely predictable. Aggressive synchronized immunization campaigns are now being used to help prevent and stop outbreaks.

The partners of the GPEI are exploring every option to secure fresh funding and are managing existing cash flow to limit any threat to the eradication effort. The risk of not stopping polio in endemic countries was made clear when a large outbreak occurred in Tajikistan, caused by poliovirus that had spread from India in early 2010. The outbreak has paralyzed 334 children as of 29 June. Tajikistan had been polio-free since 1997.

"The complete eradication of polio is an absolute goal, and it requires absolute commitment from us all," says UNICEF Executive Director Tony Lake.

"Rotary believes the new strategic plan provides the blueprint to achieving the goal of polio eradication," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.

Diary

Meeting Date	Topic	Guest Speaker	Special Notes
14 th July	Club Assembly		
21 st July	Uganda	Rick Brown	
28 th July	Leaving of Liverpool	John Williams	
4 th August	TBA		
11 th August	Literature Extension	SGHS Students	

Rosters

Meeting Date	Attendance	Fellowship	Introduce Guest Speaker	Thank Guest Speaker
14 th July	Shirley DelPrado	Darrell Slater		
21 st July	Shirley DelPrado	David Martin	Peter van der Sleson	Harley Tarrant
28 th July	Shirley DelPrado	Doug Potter	Allan Teale	Allan Peterson
4 th August	Shirley DelPrado	Grahame True		
11 th August	Shirley DelPrado	Grahame True	Paul White	President

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays
Nil

Wedding Anniversaries
Nil

Rotary Anniversaries
Nil

Last Meeting Statistics

Attendance	27	Visitors	Nil
Make-Ups	Nil	Attendance %	45%
Apologies		Winners:	Domenico Alvaro & Anuradha Kamkolkar
Raffle	\$195.00		
Sergeant:	\$112.35		

Apologies Notice: Apologies or guests to Rtn Eric KHU or phone 02 9746 0397

Make up Option: www.rotaryclubone.org