



The weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc

District 9690, NSW Australia

Strathfield Rotary News



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**November
is
The Rotary Foundation Month**

*Wednesday,
November 17th, 2010*

President's Column

Last week our guest speaker was **Mark Wallace** from Rotary Down Under. Mark gave a very enthusiastic talk not only about RDU, as you would expect, but more importantly about PR in Rotary. And I guess that is not surprising either - Mark is, after all, the District 9680 PR Chairman. He is a member of Crows Nest RC and was President in 2007/8 - and is also the editor of his club's newsletter. So it is easy to see why he knew his subject so well! Ian Johnson's more detailed report appears on page 2 of this newsletter.

Probus: We were also very pleased to have as our guests four local Probus members - Harry & Val Burness (from Strathfield Probus) and Peter & Helen Bourke (from South Strathfield Probus). Harry spoke on behalf of Probus and explained the activities undertaken by his club, and was pleased to report that his club recently voted to admit ladies as members, even if it was by just one vote! While Rotary was instrumental in the formation of Probus many Rotarians, including me, know little of the history of Probus. To this end there is an abridged version on page 4 of this newsletter.

This week we are pleased to welcome back **PDG Warwick Tester** (Holroyd). Warwick has been a regular, and welcome, visitor to Strathfield either in his then capacity as DG (2003-4) or as a District Conference chairman. However, tonight PDG Warwick will be talking about the Rotary Centurion program, and how Strathfield might (one day) achieve 100% membership.




This Week's Meeting

Centurion Programme

PDG Warwick Tester

Introduced by PDG Harley Tarrant
Thanked by David Martin

Tonight we also welcome back **David  Martin**. As members will know David has been sponsored by Strathfield Rotary and has been selected as a team member of the GSE team which is going to the Philippines and Taiwan in 2011. However, tonight David is not on GSE business but is bringing a few visitors with him - his entire Westpac Strathfield team! If you ever wanted a low rate loan, or a high rate deposit, tonight's the night! Welcome guys.

Do YOU enjoy Rotary??

If so, why be selfish and keep the enjoyment to yourself? Invite a friend, business colleague or acquaintance to one of our meetings. You know they will be made to feel very welcome - and our Guest Speakers are always informative and fun. We should be very proud of our club and of Rotary in general, and be pleased to share it with others. And that's a sure way to grow our membership list too....some visitors may just be interested enough to consider taking another look.

It's a challenge for each of us!

President Pete

Cowboy logic

Good judgement comes from experience and a lotta that comes from bad judgement"

Last Week's Presentation

Recorded by Ian Johnson

Rotary Down Under

Our guest speaker was Mark Wallace. Mark is an associate editor for Rotary Down Under (RDU). Mark spoke to us about "Rotary Down Under". Mark was introduced by PP Angelo Franco.

Mark commenced by stating that we should read each edition of RDU. He pointed out that if we don't know what is going on in the Rotary world how can we tell prospective Rotarians what Rotary does.

One thing that Rotary does is contribute greatly to the fight to eradicate polio. Mark advised that we are very close to achieving the goal of a world free of polio. Mark advised us that there is now a single vaccine for both of the remaining types of polio.

Mark said that we could attend all the Rotary assemblies to find out what is going on in Rotary or

we could read about it in RDU. For example, what is Rotary doing to provide clean water to people in developing countries? The provision of clean water has follow on effects in relation to health, schooling and other benefits to the community.

Mark advised that RDU can now be read online. Soon we will be able to click on videos bringing the stories to life.

Mark also advised us that a new Rotarian Life and Leisure section is planned containing information on health and lifestyle, travel and finance issues. A section for professional and trade services listings is also planned. It is also proposed to include a list of available guest speakers.

Mark concluded by saying that RDU contained plenty of information to enable us to come up with our own individual "elevator speech"- the short speech we can use to convince non-Rotarians that being a Rotarian is worthwhile. Mark was thanked by PP Joe Saad.

Conference News



Rock Rotary to its Foundations

District Conference, Bathurst, 18th-20th March, 2011

It's time to think about next year. Nay, it's time to act.

**Register now
for the District Conference.**

Why?

Support President Peter.

Take your partner on a weekend holiday.

Support the Australian economy.

We are the largest club in the district so let's have a good showing.

Remember to add your name to the commitment sheet now circulating.
Save money - early bird registrations only until the end of November

For further information contact
PP Ted Ingall or Trevor Duxbury.

To err is human,
To forgive takes restraint;
To forget you forgave
Is the mark of a saint.

To err is human; to forgive, unusual.

Anon.

Always forgive your enemies - nothing annoys them so much.

Oscar Wilde (attrib.)

Last Week's Statistics

Members Present:	33
Visitors:	6 (Mark Wallace, Catherine Hallworth, Harry and Val Burness [Strathfield Probus], Peter and Helen Bourke [South Strathfield Probus])
Apologies:	9 (Peter van der Sleesen, Shirley Del Prado, Godfrey Isouard, Doug Potter, Peter Manenti, Terry Rohan, Connie Galletta, Harley Tarrant, Janelle Watson)
Silent:	Too many
L.O.A.:	4 (Warren Abbott, George Helou, Doug Potter, Darrell Slater)
Raffle: \$235.00	Sergeant: \$110.00
	Total: \$345.00

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

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

Meetings

24th November (Wednesday)
Frontier Services
Rev Paul Bartlett

8th December (Wednesday)
Rotary Christmas Party

1st December (Wednesday)
AGM

15th December (Wednesday)
Rotary Children's Christmas Party

Rosters

Meeting Date	Attendance	Fellowship	Introduce Guest Speaker	Thank Guest Speaker
17 th November	Naveed Chaudhry	Ted Ingall	Harley Tarrant	David Martin
24 th November	Chris Virgona	Godfrey Isouard	Rod McDougall	Terry Rohan
1 st December	Chris Virgona	Anuradha Kamkolkar		
8 th December	Chris Virgona	Raymond McCluskie		
15 th December	Chris Virgona			

Calendar

Date	Event	For Information
01/12/2010	AGM	Peter Smith
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	Peter Smith
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 th 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

18th November, Devi Bala
18th November, Umesh Kamkolkar

Wedding Anniversaries

20th November,
George and Catherine Hallworth

Rotary Anniversaries

19th November, Keith Stockall,
19th November, Kevin Freund
22nd November, Godfrey Isouard

Commitment Sheets

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

Carols in the Park, 11 December,
Bradley Ayres

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.



A Service for Rotary

Probus clubs serve a growing population of retired leaders. They have no formal ties to Rotary International and little name recognition in big swaths of the Rotary world. But Probus clubs comprise the fastest-growing Rotary club-sponsored organisation today, attracting a burgeoning population of retired and semi-retired business and professional people.

The first Probus (professional and business) club was formed by an English Rotary Club in the mid-1960's to allow retired professionals to meet together for fellowship. The first Australian Probus club was Hunters Hill in 1976.

Although sponsored by Rotary clubs, Probus clubs enjoy autonomy once they have been established. Clubs meet monthly but have no attendance or service requirements, and membership fees are nominal. Members may and do belong to other organizations, including Rotary.

Some Rotary clubs retain ties with the Probus clubs they have sponsored, but the ties are informal. While Probus has minimal organization, centres in at least half a dozen countries staffed by volunteers provide advice on getting started and issue newsletters or directories to clubs. Rotary International commends the role of Probus centres in administering Probus clubs in their areas and encourages those centres to register with Rotary International.

The involvement of a Rotary sponsoring club with a Probus club varies. Rotary clubs typically



PP Allan Petersen and PP George Hallworth with Val and Harry Burness (Strathfield Probus) and Peter and Helen Bourke (South Strathfield Probus).

approach retired or semi-retired candidates in their community and organize the formation of a club. Once established, the club becomes an autonomous organisation and its members take over leadership. Potential Probus members are not required to be past members of Rotary. Fewer than 10% of Probus members are former Rotarians.

Since 1985, the Rotary International Board has encouraged Rotary clubs to initiate projects that address the needs of a growing senior (over age 60) population. At subsequent meetings, the RI Board reaffirmed its commitment by urging Rotarians to organize and support Probus clubs as a commended community service activity.

The founding of Probus was begun by Rotary sponsorship and thousands of Rotary Clubs worldwide have followed suit by the simple process of providing a "HOW TO" manual and acting as sponsor.

Hats off to Rotary ...

Of life's many troubles, I've known quite a few:
Bad plumbing and earaches and troubles with you,
But the saddest of all, when it's all said and done,
Is to look for your socks and find only one.
Garrison Keillor, *'The Solo Sock'*, *We Are Still Married*, 1989

On Prohibition

Prohibition makes you want to cry into your beer and denies you the beer to cry into.

Don Marquis, *'certain maxims of archy'*, *archy and mehitabel*, 1927.

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