



The weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc

District 9690, NSW Australia

Strathfield Rotary News



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Executive 2010/11

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**October
is
Vocational Service Month**

*Wednesday,
October 20th, 2010*

President's Column

Last week our guest speaker was Hayden Dando. Hayden spoke to us about **Operation Open Heart** and in particular about the medical team, of which he is the Perfusionist, who travel annually to Rwanda where they do about 15-20 open heart operations over about 5 days. Most operations are performed on young children. Ian Johnson reports more fully on page 2 of this newsletter

This week we welcome Peter Wilson, who is on the District Vocational Service committee, and who will talk to us about The Rotary Emergency Service Recognition Award project. Peter is a member of the Holroyd club (classification Law Enforcement - Administration). We also hope to have representatives from the Ambulance, Fire and SES organisations in attendance so they can also learn something of the award concept.

What a busy few days -

Monday 11th : PE Trevor Duxbury and I attended a dinner meeting at **Burwood club** where we heard a great speaker in John L. Lees (who members may have heard at the Newcastle District Conference).

Wednesday 13th : Strathfield Rotary dinner meeting.

Thursday 14th: Attended the Fellowship Dinner at **Dolce Café**, which was arranged by Steve Taylor. Twelve Rotarians and their partners enjoyed great food, wine and fellowship. Thanks Steve for a wonderful evening. (see page 4)

Friday 15th: Ian Johnson and I attended the **Presidents Meeting** at Penrith Panthers. An informative night with numerous International presentations - Safe Water, Save Lives - Rotarians

This Week's Meeting

**Rotary Emergency Service
Recognition Awards**

Peter Wilson

Introduced by PP Raymond McCluskie
Thanked by Anuradha Kamkolkar

Against Malaria, DIK, Interplast, etc.

Saturday 16th: 5 members - Umesh and Anuradha Kamkolkar, Trevor Duxbury, Roger Vince and I attended the Bigger, Better, Bolder **Membership day** at Penrith Panthers. Again a well structured day. With great professional presenters (two of whom had previously made presentations to RI Conventions) - with result driven workshop sessions.

Sunday 17th: We (Naveed, Anuradha, Trevor and I) went to Glenmore Park for a day long **Rotary Learning Institute course**. A long, but a worthwhile and informative day.

The 3 RLI courses, I believe, should be promoted more vigorously within Rotary. The facilitators are experienced Rotarians and the courses are presented in a friendly and inclusive manner. Well recommended.

Tuesday 19th: **Meriden Interact Changeover** which was attended by Kevin Beltrame and Roger Vince, Dudley Mercer, D.G. and yours truly. DG Marilyn presented the new Interact Board with their pins of office - and a RI certificate of achievement.

Tuesday 19th: the **October Board Meeting**. A full report will be provided next week.

Whew!

President Pete

Cowboy logic

" Always drink upstream from the herd"

Last Week's Presentation

Recorded by Ian Johnson

Operation Open Heart

Our guest speaker was Hayden Dando who spoke to us about "Operation Open Heart". Hayden is a perfusionist and is responsible for operating the heart/lung machine which is an essential part of open heart surgery. Hayden was introduced by PP Umesh Kamkolkar.

Hayden commenced by informing us that one Australian dies every ten minutes from heart disease and that by 2020 heart disease will be the world's biggest health problem.

Hayden showed us a photo of a heart/lung machine and explained how it works. During surgery the patient's heart is temporarily stopped and the machine pumps blood around the patient's body and oxygenates it. Two important parts of the machine are the "heat exchanger" and the filter that removes any air bubbles from the blood.

Operation Open Heart sends teams of 35-40 volunteers to needy countries to carry out heart operations. They take the necessary equipment with them. This equipment is obtained from hospitals in Australia when they

are updating their equipment.

Hayden advised us that they usually seek a commitment from the local hospital in the country they are visiting to develop their own program over time. Often the local surgeons are sent to India for the necessary training.

Prior to commencement the patients are assessed to determine if they are suitable for the program. Usually the operations are limited to straight forward procedures where the patients are likely to have a quick recovery time due to limited ICU facilities being available.

Hayden told us of his trip to Rwanda for the program. The country is still recovering from the horrific genocide which occurred there in recent years. The plan for the trip was to operate on twenty patients over five days, fifteen of which were to be open heart operations. Hayden told us that the

patients generally have a very good immune system and seldom get infected. The patients rapidly recover and are soon able to support their families rather than being a burden on them.

In conclusion, Hayden advised us that each trip costs \$250,000 to \$400,000. The volunteers have to arrange leave from their jobs and pay their own fares.

Hayden was thanked by PP Rod McDougall.



President Peter with Hayden Dando

Last Week's Statistics

Attendance: Rotarians: 35 Visitors: 3 (Hayden Dando, David (Westpac) Martin, Therese Lauriola)
Partners/Family: 0 **Total: 38**

Make-up:

Apologies Received:, Paul White, Ray McCluskie, Allan Teale

Non-apologies: 9+

L.O.A.: Warren Abbott, George Helou, Doug Potter, Darrell Slater

Raffle: \$225.00

Sergeant: \$120.25

Total: \$345.25

Commitment Sheets

Strathfield Spring Fair BBQ, 24 October,
Kevin Freund

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

Melbourne Cup Night, Burwood RC, 1 November,
Peter Smith

Breakfast Point RC Cocktail Party, 4 November,
Peter Smith

GSE Interclub Meeting, 27 October, Partners Night,
Peter Smith

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

27th October (Wednesday) ▶ Partners Night ◀
Nova Scotia/Newfoundland GSE Team Report
Team Leader: David Ross

10th November (Wednesday)
Rotary Down Under
Mark Wallace

3rd November (Wednesday)
Australian Rotary Health - One Man's Dream
Terry Davies

17th November (Wednesday)
Centurion Programme

Rosters

Meeting Date	Attendance	Fellowship	Introduce Guest Speaker	Thank guest Speaker
20 th October	Ted Ingall	Trevor Duxbury	Raymond McCluskie	Anuradha Kamkolkar
27 th October	Godfrey Isouard	Angelo Franco	Ted Ingall	David Croft
3 rd November	Shirley Del Prado	Kevin Freund	Peter Manenti	Joseph Kim
10 th November	Anuradha Kamkolkar	George Hallworth	Harley Tarrant	David Martin
17 th November	Shirley Del Prado	Ted Ingall	Angelo Franco	Trevor Duxbury

Calender

Date	Event	For Information
24/10/2010	Strathfield Spring Fair	Bradley Ayres/Suzanne Freund
26/10/2010	District Golf Championships	Ray Wilson/Niall King
11/12/2010	Carols in the Park	Bradley Ayres
02/03/2011	Pride of Workmanship Awards	Doug Potter
18/03/2011	District Conference	Ted Ingall
13/04/2011	Youth Achievement Awards	Kevin Beltrame
04/05/2011	40 th Anniversary Celebrations	Harley Tarrant
01/07/2011	Changeover	Trevor Duxbury/Peter Smith

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays	Wedding Anniversaries	Rotary Anniversaries
None	21 st October, Bill and Mira Carney	None



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

Conference News

Remember to add your name to the commitment sheet now circulating.

For further information contact
PP Ted Ingall or Trevor Duxbury.

**Rock Rotary to its
Foundations**

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.

Fellowship at Dolce Café, Thursday, 14th October



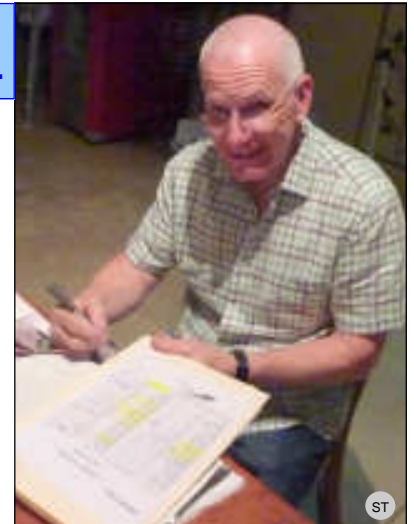
Connie, Angelo and Maryanne awaiting the next course.

Great to see Shirley back and in good form. Pity about Kevin nodding off.



Keith, The Collector.

Plenty of good conversation. Whatever David was talking about, it was obviously bigger than he expected.



True to form. Penny and Grahame smiling, as usual.

Hmmm!
Just good friends.



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