

Diary

Meeting Date	Topic	Guest Speaker	Special Notes
21 st July	Uganda	Rick Brown	
28 th July	Leaving of Liverpool	John Williams	Partners Night
4 th August	Westpac – Back to Basics	David Martin	
11 th August	Literature Extension Program	Strathfield Girls HS	Partners Welcome
18 th August	Police Officer of the Year		

Rosters

Meeting Date	Attendance	Fellowship	Introduce Guest Speaker	Thank Guest Speaker
21 st July		David Martin	Peter van der Sleeson	Harley Tarrant
28 th July		Doug Potter	Allan Teale	Allan Peterson
4 th August		Grahame True	Kevin Freund	
11 th August			Kevin Beltrame	
18 th August			Doug Potter	

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays Wedding Anniversaries Rotary Anniversaries

Last Week – Apologies from DS

Olga Potter (14/7) Charles & Olga Pitt (20/7)

This Week

Janice Vince (21/7) Nil Nil

Last Meeting Statistics

Attendance		Visitors	100% Club
Make-Ups	Nil	Nil	Club Members
Apologies	Nil		who are 100%
Attendance %	(I will need to work this out)		attendance
Raffle \$	Winners:		
Sergeant \$			

Apologies Notice:

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

Make up Option: www.rotaryclubone.org



Strathfield Rotary News

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

21st July, 2010.



The President's Column

Well my first Club Assembly, as President, last week provided much constructive criticism – in particular in regard to our membership numbers and the declining attendance at dinner meetings.

Elsewhere in the bulletin will be a more detailed report on the evening – the views and opinions expressed will give the Board a good idea in where our energies should be directed.

However, membership and participation should not be solely the responsibility of the President and/or the Board – we, as members of Strathfield Rotary, all have to take an active part in retaining members and finding and introducing new members to our club.

As mentioned, at the club assembly, it is proposed that we hold "theme" (for want of a better word) nights during the year. We will initially concentrate on an Accountants night where we will have a high profile professional from the accountancy or insolvency field – and then invite all the local accountants to attend (maybe be as our guests?). We would then perhaps have a solicitors night, a medico night etc. And why not a "neighbours night"? - where every member has to invite a potential member from their own street or near neighbourhood.

Also as explained last week the club's weekly bulletin has had to undergo a facelift – the bulletin as prepared and presented by Trevor Duxbury was a first class production – it was very professional and was extremely well received by the members. However, it was also time consuming to produce. Estimates will vary but I am confident that no less than 10 hours per week into its production (Trevor was ably supported by a number of sub-editors and reporting staff). Darrell Slater, our Club Services Director, having approached a number of Rotarians to undertake producing the bulletin, without success, had no other alternative but to produce it himself. Darrell will ensure that the bulletin will stay relevant and timely – albeit in a reduced format. However, if there is anyone out there who is prepared to help please put your hand up!

Our guest speaker this evening is Rick Brown who will speak on education in Uganda and in particular his hands-on role in building a much needed new school for the young Ugandans. Please make Rick welcome.

President Pete

DIRECTORS NOTICES / CLUB ASSEMBLY REPORTS:

Club Service - President Peter advised that the weekly bulletin will be reduced in size as no one is willing to take on the significant weekly task of producing the bulletin in its present format. Suzanne Freund will produce a periodic newsletter for partners. President Peter expressed disappointment that Darrell Slater has had to take on both the Bulletin and the Program. Noted that David Martin has agreed to assist with the Program in the future.

Community Service - President Peter noted that Bradley Ayres would be making arrangements in connection with the Spring Fair and the Christmas Carols.

President Elect - Trevor Duxbury advised that he would start planning his year from January 2011 and would welcome member's suggestions. He flagged that obtaining new members and fostering fellowship would be central considerations.

Vocational Service - Doug Potter advised that the Club would be putting forward a candidate, Miss Louise Lin, for the National Youth Science Forum. Planning was under way for the Police Officer of the Year awards night. The Pride of Workmanship night has been moved to March 2011. Doug hopes to arrange a workplace visit during the year.

Youth Service - Kevin Beltrame advised that planning for the year is well in hand with his team in place and his budget approved.

International Service - Ian Johnson advised that the GSE Team Leaders have been chosen for the two outward bound teams leaving in February 2011 for Taiwan and the Philippines. Applications for team members close on 13 August 2010. Shelterbox in Australia is to launch on 31 July 2010. The box donation amount has reduced to \$1000-00. A letter of thanks has been received from St Jude's School for donation of \$2000-00.

OTHER COMMENTS

Several members then spoke about their concern about declining membership attention and participation:-

1. Noted that in the Club's history the tide had come in and gone out at various times. At present the tide was definitely out.
2. Mention was made that the South Strathfield Bowling Club was closing soon. The club had been a meeting place for the Club in the past. It was suggested arranging a night at the club for a wake.
3. Felt the time had come for the board to formally request members who were non active to make their intentions clear. Leave of absence procedures were available for those not able to participate in meetings and projects and these should be more strongly enforced.
4. With an aging membership, the Club was less attractive to individuals seeking professional networking opportunities and supported the planned vocational theme nights which it was felt would be of interest to younger prospective members.
5. Club was active in the past but has become non active. Expressed the view that in general members must be active to wear the Rotary badge.
6. Reminded meeting that some members who seldom attend meetings do give generously to the Club if asked. Will this cause a dilemma for the Club in adopting a membership policy?
7. The view was expressed that the Club is in crisis. Even though we have 56 members only half that number or less turn up for our weekly meetings. The changing

demographic of the Club was noted. It was even proposed closing down the Club and starting afresh. It was time to set realistic goals and to do something about achieving them.

8. It was suggested a yearly album of photographs be presented to the outgoing President at the end of his/her year. Suggested holding an International Day to raise funds.

9. Expressed the view that non active older members were entitled to wear the Rotary badge in recognition of past service.

ROTARY NEWS

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- Ranfurly Library Book Aid
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- Walk for Life - Clubfoot Bangladesh