



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 24th, 2010

President's Column

This week we welcome **Rev. Paul Bartlett** as our guest speaker. Paul has varied background - a Meteorologist, a Uniting Church Minister, a fundraiser- and a lapsed Rotarian! Paul will speak to us about **Frontier Services** which is the descendant organisation of that begun by Rev John Flynn in 1912 as the **Australian Inland Mission** and later joined in this work by the Methodist Inland Mission. Initially this work was organised around providing pastoral support (patrol ministry) and medical services to all those who live in the Outback.

Annual General Meeting - with a difference!

AGM & Ramesh Ferris: Next week, 1 December, is of course our AGM - and in a break from tradition we will be having a guest speaker following the AGM. We are fortunate that **Ramesh Ferris** - who is in Sydney on a series of speaking engagements - has made himself available, at short notice, to speak to us - on his one free night.

Ramesh was born in 1979 in Coimbatore in India. He contracted polio at age six months and his legs were left paralysed for life. Ramesh's mother had no alternative but to



place him in a Canadian-founded orphanage. Soon after, Ron Ferris, the Anglican Bishop of Yukon in Canada, and his wife Jan began the lengthy process of adopting Ramesh and to take him back to Canada. After several operations, Ramesh learned to walk with crutches and braces for the first time - at age three.

In 2002, Ramesh returned to India for the first time to meet his biological mother and to visit the orphanage

where he once lived. During the visit, Ramesh learned of polio survivors who, without the necessary medical attention and supports, were forced to pad their knees with cut-up pieces of tyre and crawl on the ground. After much reflection about his visit to India, Ramesh was determined to raise money in order to make a difference to the lives of polio survivors.

In 2008, Ramesh cycled 7,141kms - coast to coast - across Canada. Along the route, he participated in 350 media interviews and made over 200 presentations at Schools, Rotary Clubs, Churches and various levels of Government. This campaign raised over \$350,000 and

increased the awareness of polio dramatically. Ramesh is a member the Whitehorse Rotary Club.

He also features on the speaking circuit in India, the United States of America, and throughout his home country of Canada, talking about his experiences of surviving the effects of polio and the need to end polio now. Most recently, Ramesh spoke of Polio Eradication at the RI Convention in Montreal. He also recently gave a speech at the United Nations in New York City as part of Rotary International Day.

President Pete

Cowboy logic

"The best thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow"

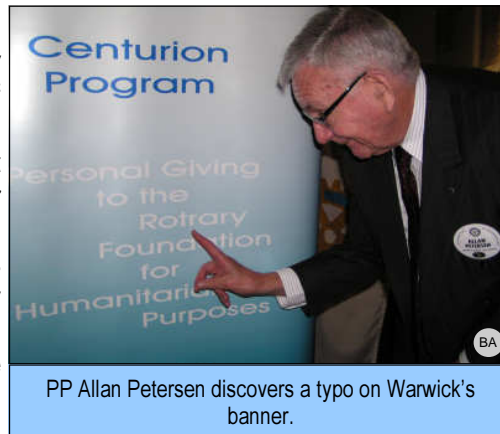
Last Week's Presentation

Recorded by Ian Johnson

The Centurion Programme

Our guest speaker was PDG Warwick Tester who spoke to us about the Centurion Programme. Warwick was introduced by PDG Harley Tarrant.

Warwick informed us that the Centurion Program was another way of giving to the Rotary Foundation apart from amounts contributed by members through their clubs. He said that "Every year the Rotary Foundation touches the lives of millions of people, bringing hope where there is despair, sight where there is blindness, shelter where there is homelessness, nourishment where there is hunger, literacy where previously no schooling existed and providing hope for a polio free world".



PP Allan Petersen discovers a typo on Warwick's banner.

Previously the required commitment was \$US100 annually and the payment was not tax deductible. Now the annual commitment is \$A100 and the payment is tax deductible. In our District well over \$20,000 is provided to the Rotary Foundation each year through the programme.

Warwick and his wife Lynne send out payment reminder notices to Centurions each year. The Rotary Foundation encourages participants to sign a direct debit authority. Warwick advised us that there are a number of "100% Clubs" in our District and he encouraged us to join that list.

Warwick informed us that the funds contributed are invested for three years and then half the funds are returned to the District. He also said that "With the new District Simplified Grants, 20% of the monies returned to our District can be used to assist our own communities". Warwick was thanked by David Martin.

We're not quite there yet!

Rotary responds to polio outbreak in Congo Republic

By Dan Nixon
Rotary International News

Rotary International and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative -- the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention -- are responding to a recent outbreak of wild poliovirus in the Republic of the Congo. Rotary is providing a total of US\$500,000 in emergency grants to WHO and UNICEF for immediate polio immunization efforts throughout the country.

At least 97 people have died in the outbreak, with 226 cases of acute flaccid paralysis reported as of 9 November. Most of the cases involve young people between ages 15 and 29. To date, four of the AFP cases have been confirmed as polio.

The outbreak is due to imported poliovirus that is related to the virus circulating in Angola. The Congo Republic recorded its last case of indigenous polio in 2000, and urgent action is required by government and partner agencies to again make the country polio-free.

Polio outbreaks highlight our global vulnerability to infectious disease," says Dr. Robert Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "It reinforces the fact that polio 'control' is not an option, and only successful eradication will stop the disease."

According to WHO, at least three national vaccination campaigns are planned to combat the outbreak, with the first targeting three million people of all ages in the Congo Republic and parts of neighboring Democratic Republic of the Congo and Angola on 12 November and 18-22 November. Subsequent campaigns are planned for 3-7 December and 26-30 December.

"Every man, every woman, every child will be immunized irrespective of their past immunization status," says Dr. Luis Sambo, WHO regional director for Africa. "This way we can be assured that everybody is reached, including young adults, whose immunity may be low."

Outbreaks of imported polio cases are not uncommon during eradication efforts, underscoring the critical need to stop transmission of the virus in the remaining polio-endemic countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

"Our experience shows that where polio transmission has been stopped before, it can be stopped again," Scott says. "A fast, large-scale, high-quality immunization response using the [new tools](#) at hand, along with strong surveillance, is absolutely critical."



A child receives oral polio vaccine during a National Immunization Day in Nigeria. The perseverance that has reduced the incidence of polio in Nigeria by 97 percent is also being applied to the current outbreak in the Congo Republic. *Photo courtesy of WHO*

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

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

Meetings

1st December (Wednesday)

AGM

Cycle to Walk

Ramesh Ferris

15th December (Wednesday)

Rotary Children's Christmas Party

8th December (Wednesday)

Rotary Christmas Party

22nd December (Wednesday)

Fellowship Night

Rosters

Meeting Date	Attendance	Fellowship	Introduce Guest Speaker	Thank Guest Speaker
24 th November	Chris Virgona	Godfrey Isouard	Rod McDougall	Terry Rohan
1 st December	Chris Virgona	Anuradha Kamkolkar	Doug Potter	Peter Foss
8 th December	Chris Virgona	Raymond McCluskie		
15 th December	Chris Virgona			
22 nd December	Shirley Del Prado	Joseph Kim		

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

28th November, Rod McDougall

29th November, Eric Khu

Wedding Anniversaries

25th November, Roger and Janice Vince

30th November, Allan and Kate Teale

Rotary Anniversaries

29th November, Trevor Duxbury,

30th November, Gurcharan Singh,
Eve Dutton, Terry Rohan,
William Carney

Commitment Sheets

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

Carols in the Park,
11 December, Bradley Ayres

Children's Christmas Party,
15 December, Connie Galletta

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.

Rotary Leadership Institute

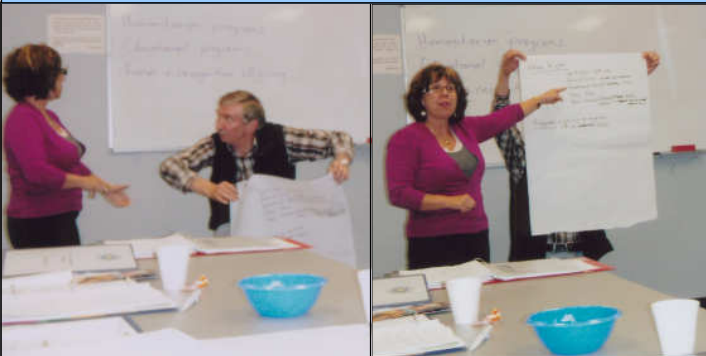
Recently, President Peter, PE Trevor, Anuradha Kamkolkar and Naveed Chaudhry attended Stage 1 of the Rotary Leadership Institute training course at Glenmore Park. A great day was had by all and is highly recommended to all Rotarians who want to learn more about Rotary and how it works.



Above: The group with facilitator Ian Scott.

Below: It can be difficult getting the AV aids at the correct height when PDG Jennifer Scott is involved!

Photos courtesy of Anuradha Kamkolkar



To Give of Oneself

Rotarians are all too familiar with the concept of giving, particularly of themselves, their time and money. Recently, President Peter's wife, Marlene, gave her 100th blood donation. That means she has indirectly saved and/or improved the lives of 300 people.



Marlene donating blood, with still enough strength left to smile!

How to make fake blood

Trev's Trivia

There are various ways of making stage/screen blood, and different lighting and actors' complexions can require different shades. The best way is to experiment and find what works best. For example, for the shower scene in the film *Psycho*, Alfred Hitchcock found that red didn't look red on black and white film, so he used *Bosco* chocolate syrup instead. You might like to try the following recipe but be careful, it may stain and may not be edible, keep away from eyes and mouth.

Ingredients: Chocolate Angel Delight (powdered dessert mix), Chinese bright red food colouring. Add water and the food colouring to the Angel Delight, experimenting with different amounts of water for different thicknesses. If you add a little green dishwashing detergent it will help when washing the blood out of clothes, but don't add too much or you'll find bubbles and lather everywhere!

Inverne's Stage and Screen Trivia

Last Week's Statistics

Members Present: 37
Visitors: 13 (PDG Warwick Tester [Guest Speaker], David [Westpac] Martin and 11 members of his Westpac Team)
Apologies: 4 (Tony Lanzafame, Paul White, Chris Virgona, Rod McDougall)
Silent: Too many
L.O.A.: 4 (Warren Abbott, George Helou, Doug Potter, Darrell Slater)
Raffle: \$325.00 **Sergeant:** \$123.70 **Total:** \$448.70

Strathfield Mensed

TV corner: Try and watch Channel 7 on Friday 26 November at 7.30 to see the final episode of the year of "**Better Homes and Gardens**", which was filmed inside the Strathfield Mensed. Jim Windshuttle said the men were excited to be included in the program as a way of showing the viewers what their shed was doing in their community.

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