



The Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc

District 9690, NSW. Australia

Newsletter



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President Peter Smith
Secretary Roger Vince
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August
Membership & Extension Month

The President's Column

The Police Officer of the Year Awards dinner, last Wednesday, was a great night – and my thanks to Doug Potter, Keith Byrn, Peter Manenti, Peter Foss and Terry Rohan for putting the evening together in such a professional manner.

The attendance of Commissioner Andrew Scipione and his wife Joy was evidence of the high esteem that the Awards hold throughout the Police Force. Our club – our community – can be proud of the 400+ police in our area who 24/7 help to maintain an orderly society while meeting the criteria of the awards by performing "outstanding acts of courage, kindness, understanding, compassion, courtesy and devotion to duty".

Congratulations to Detective Senior Constable Denise Bozikis (Burwood) and Detective Senior Constable Michael Egan (Flemington) who were the worthy recipients of the Police Officer of The Year awards for 2010.

The night wouldn't have been possibly without a lot of help on the night – my thanks to Rotarians Keith Stockall, Darrell Slater and Allan Teale who all worked the front desk. The Raffle King, David Martin, was successful in extracting \$775 (which was later topped up to \$1,000) as a donation for Police Legacy. Also, my thanks to Suzanne Freund - for kindly providing the table flowers and the after dinner gourmet nibbles.

The success of the evening would also not have been possible without our sponsors – all who were listed prominently in the program – 8 of whom contributed \$250 each and 2 others who contributed (more) "in kind" - to the success of the evening.

Last weekend Marlene and I were fortunate to be able to attend the **Australian Rotary Conference** in Canberra. Titled "Towards a Stronger Australian Rotary" - the emphasis was naturally on membership retention and growth. The organisers

had assembled a strong team of RI, NZ and Australian Rotary speakers, headed by **Ray Klinginsmith Rotary International President** and supported by:

Stuart Heal	(R.I. Director)
John Thorne	(Past R.I. Director)
Rob Crabtree	(Rotary Coordinator)
Rob Wylie	(Rotary Coordinator)
Richard Garner	(Rotary Public Image Resource Group)
Peter Ochota	(Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator)
Jenny Horton	(Polio Eradication)
Chris Joscelyne	(Rotary eClubs)
Alana Wilson	(President, Rotaract Australia MDIO)

And they were informative, enthusiastic and passionate about the future of Rotary.

As bulletin space is limited it is my intention, over the next few newsletters, to summarise all the main points coming out of their individual presentations. There were some good and construction suggestions that will help every club.

I was alarmed to learn (among others things) that while we have 1.2 million members world wide – we have "lost" 1.6 million Rotarians over the last 6 years. Clearly retention is a major issue.

Cowboy Logic – RI President Ray used "cowboy logic" in much of his various presentations – much to the amusement of the audience – and particularly me! So much so that I will in future sign off each week with one the "cowboy's gems. Here are 2 examples to kick off –

"Don't squat with yer spurs on!"

And I know this won't be the case at our Ryde TAFE dinner this week –

"Always take a good look at what you are about to eat. It's not so important to know what it is, but it's critical to know what it was!"

President Pete

This Weeks Program:

Visit to RYDE TAFE
"Ambassador Restaurant"

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER:

Our guest speaker was Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione. The Commissioner was introduced by PP Doug Potter.

The Commissioner told us that he attends many awards nights during the year and that he found our Club's award night to be friendly and warm. He said that it was a privilege to be in the company of serving officers and their families and friends. He was pleased that the night was so well attended and this was indicative of the level of support from the community for the police. The Commissioner advised us that the first state wide Police Officer of the Year Awards would be presented on 13 November 2010.

The Commissioner said that like Rotary the principle of "service above self" was a foundation block for the police force. Police face challenges in their jobs every day and do need the ongoing support of their family, friends and the community.

The Commissioner then noted some of the current activities of the police in the local command areas. In Burwood police are meeting with representatives of the local Chinese, Korean and South Asian communities to hear of their concerns so that they may be addressed. In Flemington the Domestic Violence Liaison Officer has arranged open days to promote the services available and to promote greater reporting of this insidious crime.

The Commissioner noted that the future will throw up fresh challenges which he is confident the force will be able to meet with the support of the community it serves.

In conclusion the Commissioner congratulated the nominees and wished them well for the future. The Commissioner was thanked by PP Terry Rohan.

The Commissioner then presented the Police Officer of the Year awards. The winners were:

Burwood Area Command- **Detective Senior Constable Denise Bozikis**
Flemington Area Command- **Detective Senior Constable Michael Egan.**

Submitted by Ian Johnson

DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS NOTICES:

Keith Stockall (Treasurer) Club Dues (1/2 Yearly — \$200.00) are now overdue. Please contact Treasurer Keith as soon as possible

Darrell Slater (Club Service) The club program is almost full until February, 2011. There is still room for Guest Speakers. If you know of someone you would like to see included in our Program, please contact Darrell Slater 0438546025 or email the details to Darrell.Slater@AUE.salvationarmy.org

INVITE from Burwood Rotary

I am aware that for many years our two clubs have not had a successful club exchange night, nonetheless President Jack has given me permission to invite either individual Strathfield Rotarians or better still a transferred club meeting to our special guest speaker John Lees on the 8 Nov 2010.

Anyone that has heard John before will certainly be there; he is such a good after dinner speaker It will be a partner's night and also this is the meeting to invite friends to, they will be talking about it for a long time after.

John commands up to \$10,000 for a speech, depending on preparation and where it is - we get him for free.

The dinner fee on the night will be only \$25.

Regards , Walter Bock

LAST MEETINGS STATISTICS:		Sergeant:	\$ NIL
Attendance:		Raffle:	\$ 775.00
Make Ups:	2	Winners:	Too many to record
Apologies:	4		
Visitors & Guests:	Rotary Partners and Police Officers & Staff	NOTE:	The proceeds of the Raffle, rounded up to \$1000.00 by the Rotary Club, were donated to Police Legacy

OTHER NOTICES:



www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au

Bring your club, family and friends to the
**Australian Rotary Health
 Christmas Dinner**

on

Wednesday 8th December 2010

at **The Epping Club**, 45-47 Rawson Street, Epping
 for an interesting and entertaining night
 featuring many of *Our Sponsored Researchers* and

Professor Patrick McGorry

MC for the Evening Mike Bailey, former ABC Weatherman

\$60 per person *Cocktails 6.30 for 7pm Start*

Paul Harris Fellowship Luncheon

The Epping Club, Rawson Street, Epping 22nd November 2010 12pm - 2pm

Dear President

On behalf of our Rotary District 9690 Shelterbox representatives Tom Hickey and Peter Hartley, I am sending the attached information re **Shelterbox** assistance in Pakistan.

Many clubs have been holding funds collected for this purpose. It would be great if this money could be sent on now. The donation form and details are attached

More can be seen at the website <http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au>

Below is a report which I have put together from today's Associated Press news items

Assistance is urgently needed. Full cost of a **Shelterbox** is **AU\$ 1000** but any donation will be appreciated and will be combined with others to complete the cost.

Please contact District Shelterbox rep. Tom or Peter for more information

Thank you for your consideration

Marilyn Mercer

DG 9690

Diary

Meeting Date	Topic	Guest Speaker	Special Notes
01/09/2010	DG Visit	DG Marilyn Mercer	
08/09/2010	Boosting your brain	Dr Helen Popovic	
15/09/2010	Parkinson Support Group	Dick Babb & Alex Borey	
22/09/2010	Iceland	Cate Thomson	Meridan Interact Visit
29/09/2010	Rotary Emergency Services Recognition Awards	Peter Wilson	

Rosters

Meeting Date	Attendance	Fellowship	International Toast	Introduce Guest Speaker	Thank Guest Speaker
01/09/2010	Trevor D	Bradley A	Peter v d S		
08/09/2010	Peter F	Kevin B	Roger V	Connie G	Paul W
15/09/2010	Niall K	Angelo F	Harley T	Paolo G	Ray W
22/09/2010	Stephen T	Kevin F	Janelle W	Trevor D	Ian J
29/09/2010	Allan T	Keith B	Peter M	Doug P	Terry R

International Toast:

Rotary Club of Chicago, Ill. USA (Club No.1) District 6450, Chartered 23/2/1905, 158 members, Interact & Rotaract Clubs, Meets on Tuesday @ 12.00 noon in Union League Club of Chicago. President for 2010/11 is David L Durham (david.durham@ubs.com)

Major Project: Job1— In 2003, the Rotary Club of Chicago was looking for a vocational services program that would deliver significant community value and engage rotary members as well as the community it serves. With that, the Job1 Summer Internship Program was created. The Job1 Summer Internship Program provides job readiness training and summer jobs to qualified CPS high school students. Job1 is part of the city's KidStart Corporate Initiative, preparing CPS high school students for the workplace by providing substantive internship opportunities with local business' and firms in the Chicago land area

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays: Sue Abbott, Angelo Franco - 25 August

Wedding Anniversaries: Nil

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil

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. AMEN,

APOLOGIES or **Eric Khu** (by 4pm Tuesday)

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