



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 27th, 2010*

President's Column

Last week we welcomed Peter Wilson, who is the district representative (Vocational Service) for RESRA who gave us a good insight in the Rotary Emergency Service Recognition Awards project. We were also fortunate to have representatives from the local SES and the Ambulance Service in attendance so as to learn first hand of the award. Ian Johnson, our intrepid reporter, will report more fully elsewhere in the newsletter/website. The awards concept, on a separate night to our Police Officer of Year Awards night, will no doubt receive much consideration in the 2011-2012 year for possible implementation. Over to you Trevor!

This week/tonight we are host to the 2010 GSE outbound team, which went to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, earlier this year. The team was lead by PP David Ross (Parramatta City) and comprised:

Cate Robinson (sponsored by Strathfield)
Shannon Tonkin (Richmond)
Colin Wilkes (Springwood)
Suzanne Wright (Central Blue Mountains)

About the program - a reminder of what the GSE is all about:

Rotary's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. In a typical four-week tour, applicants participate in five

This Week's Meeting

Nova Scotia/Newfoundland GSE Team Report

Team Leader: David Ross

Introduced by PP Ted Ingall
Thanked by PDG David Croft

full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 club presentations, 10 to 15 formal visits and social events, two to three days at the district conference, three to four hours per day of cultural and site tours, and three to four hours per day of free time with host families.

The Spring Fair - the Rotary BBQ - Sunday 24 October - what a wet day!

In fine and sunny weather last year Strathfield Council's Spring Fair attracted over 15,000 visitors. This year it rained all day - and at best estimate no more than 1,000 people braved the weather. And that probably included the stallholders! The poor weather failed to dampen the spirit of the hardier Rotarian's - as evidenced by Rod McDougall's photographs on the day (he can't cook a sausage - but he does take a mean photograph!) (see page 4). The Rotary BBQ did reasonably well despite the extremely poor conditions. However, we still have significant carry-over stock for our next BBQ - at the Carols in the Park on 11th December. Surplus food, which couldn't be frozen, was donated to the Bill Crew's Exodus Foundation.

My thanks to Bradley Ayres and his committee - they did a sterling, even a cheerful, job under very difficult conditions.

President Pete

Cowboy logic

"Life is too short, ride your best horse first!"

Last Week's Presentation

Recorded by Ian Johnson

Rotary Emergency Service Recognition Awards

Our guest speaker was Peter Wilson who spoke to us about "Rotary Emergency Service Recognition Awards". Peter is the Vocational Service Director at the Holroyd Club and was the Vocational Service Chairman in Harley's year as District Governor. Peter was introduced by PP Raymond McCluskie.

Peter noted that the Rotary Police Awards started about 25 years ago in a Darwin club and then extended to other clubs throughout Australia. The purpose of Peter's talk was to convince us that such recognition should extend to other emergency services such as the Ambulance service, the Fire Brigade and the SES. Peter then went on to detail the type of work done by each of these services.

The Fire Brigade, apart from fighting fires and minimising their impact, also assist in rescues, deal with hazardous materials and run prevention programs. Peter advised us that the NSW Rural Fire Service was the world's largest with 70,000 volunteer

members and that they provide emergency services to 95% of NSW. Apart from dealing with emergencies they are also involved with hazard reduction.

The Ambulance service was set up in 1895. At first manually operated stretchers and carts were used. The first horse drawn ambulance came into operation in 1899. This was followed by the car in 1912 and the air ambulance in 1967. There are currently over 800 ambulances in NSW. The ambulance service is dedicated to bringing high quality clinical treatment to sick and injured people in the community. This often involves officers being placed at risk such as when attending motor vehicle accidents or treating drug addicts.

The SES was set up in 1855 in response to devastating floods which occurred in NSW at that time. There are now 226 units across NSW. They provide speedy assistance to people affected by floods and storms. They also perform most of the rescues carried out in country areas of the state.

In conclusion Peter stated that emergency service workers should be included in award presentations as the qualities we look for in police nominations are also present in emergency service workers. Peter was thanked by Anuradha Kamkolkar.

Last Week's Statistics

Attendance: Rotarians: 34 Visiting Rotarians: 1 (Peter Wilson) Visitors: 4 (Lynn Wilson, representatives from the local SES and Ambulance services) Partners/Family: 0
Total: 39

Make-up:

Apologies Received: Peter Foss, Connie Galletta, Allan Teale, George Hallworth, Naveed Chaudhry, Ted Ingall, Janelle Watson

Non-apologies: 6+

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

Raffle: \$245.00

Sergeant: \$113.50

Total: \$358.50

Meriden Interact Changeover

District Governor Marilyn Mercer attended the Meriden Interact Change Over lunch on 19th October. She congratulated the outgoing Board and Interact members on their most wonderful year (2009-2010) during which they donated over \$9000 to community and International causes. DG Marilyn presented a certificate of merit to the outgoing team and wished the incoming Board a successful and enjoyable year.



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Kevin Beltrame

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

3rd November (Wednesday) <i>Australian Rotary Health - One Man's Dream</i> Terry Davies	17th November (Wednesday) <i>Centurion Programme</i>
10th November (Wednesday) <i>Rotary Down Under</i> Mark Wallace	24th November (Wednesday) <i>Suicide Prevention</i> Wesley Mission

Rosters

Meeting Date	Attendance	Fellowship	Introduce Guest Speaker	Thank guest Speaker
27th October	Godfrey Isouard	Angelo Franco	Ted Ingall	David Croft
3rd November	Shirley Del Prado	Kevin Freund	Peter Manenti	Joseph Kim
10th November	Anuradha Kamkolkar	George Hallworth	Harley Tarrant	David Martin
17th November	Shirley Del Prado	Ted Ingall	Angelo Franco	Trevor Duxbury
24th November	Joseph Kim	Godfrey Isouard	Rod McDougall	Terry Rohan

Calendar

Date	Event	For Information
01/12/2010	AGM	Peter Smith
11/12/2010	Carols in the Park	Bradley Ayres
08/12/2010	Rotary Christmas Party	Peter Smith
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	Kevin Beltrame
04/05/2011	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	Wedding Anniversaries	Rotary Anniversaries
28 th October, Warren Abbott 29 th October, John Watkins 2 nd November, Sharon Saad	None	1 st November, George Hallworth, Richard Horwood, Janelle Watson

Commitment Sheets

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
RYDA, Penrith,
16 November, Kevin Beltrame

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.

Strathfield Spring Fair, Sunday, 24th October



Lots of empty chairs



Lots of rain



Lots of sausages and onions



And lots of smiling faces.

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