



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.
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February is World Understanding Month

TREV'S TIDINGS

"Behind every successful man there stands an amazed woman."

Anon

Congratulations are in order. Last week we saw two of our members honoured in the Australia Day Awards. Both received OAM's in the General Division; PE Ray Wilson, for his contributions to the sport of golf and for his charity work, and Bala, for service to the Hindu community of Australia. Strathfield Rotary is proud to have them as members.

Last week we heard from Steve Keen about "Debunking Economics". A very interesting and different way of looking at world financial trends and those closer to home. A striking comparison Steve made, that left an impression on me, was the one between the world financial situation leading up to the Great Depression and the Second World War and what has been happening in more recent times. Scary!

Each week, DG David Cook sends out his Cookie's Communique. I urge everyone to have a look at it. It will let you know what is happening around the District as well as some of the more significant Rotary events around the world. PP Raymond always has a link in the electronic newsletter. Please make use of it.

This week sees our third Club Assembly of the year. I will give a progress report on our activities for the first part of my year, and then I would like us to discuss Recruitment and Participation. So far this year we have been involved in more fellowship activities and barbecues than in previous years but the participants have tended to be mostly of the "faithful few". The Board and I want to know how we can turn this around and have everyone wanting to be one of the "faithful many". Not only that, we want to know how we can increase our "many" to "more". The more we are, the more effective we can be, in our community and in our other activities, but only if the "many" and the "more" become more involved. We need everyone's input.

Then, on Friday, we board HMAS Sydney for our fundraiser in aid of The Infants' Home. With a full house it promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

Remember
Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

President Trevor

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Club Assembly

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

4 Feb **Peter Foss**
 5 Feb **Ted Ingall**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1 Feb **Peter and Marlene Smith**
 8 Feb **Ray and Ann McCluskie,**
Joseph and Grace Kim

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Feb **Peter Foss, Charles Pitt, Tony Lanzafame &**
Rod McDougall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Trevor Duxbury

- Susan Campbell has withdrawn her nomination for District Governor; Nominations for DG of District 9675 open till 8th Feb.
- Our Club is combining with Burwood Club to sell \$3, Polio-Plus pins at Burwood Westfield on Rotary Birthday (23rd February)
- Susan Freund looking for help with Bowel-Scan in 2012.
- Rotary Theme for 2012/2013 is "**Peace Through Service**"

Secretary Rod McDougall

- New Projector courtesy of Denis Taylor.
- New powered speakers courtesy of Susan Freund
- Harley Tarrant to give a talk on the Rum Rebellion.
- Speaker on the 15th Feb to outline Rookwood Cemetery
- New membership directory being prepared

Treasurer Peter Smith

- Rotary Subscriptions have been issued and are now due

Director Bradley Ayres (Community Service)

- Thank you to helpers at Homebush Bay BBQ
- Cheque to be presented to Chalmers Road from Carols Raffle
- Club BBQ to operate at Henson Park Marrickville on Sunday 18th March for the ReLink Australia Games for the Disadvantaged

Director Ian Johnson (International Service)

- Polio-Plus has recorded no cases of Polio in India one year
- Rotary International has raised the matching amount to Bill and Melinda Gates for Polio-Plus

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Our incoming President, **Raymond Percy Wilson**, was awarded a Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia last Thursday (Australia Day) for "service to the sport of golf, and to the community through a range of charitable organisations".


Another Club member, **Dr Appupillay Balasubramaniam**, or **Dr Bala** (as he is known to the Club), was awarded a Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia last Thursday (Australia Day) for, for "service to the Hindu community in Australia".

CLUB STATISTICS (from Meeting 25/1/2012)

Attendance: -	33 members
Partners:	3
Apologies: -	9
Non-Apologies: -	11
Make-Ups:	1(Cowra)
Guests:-	3
85'ers	2
LOA:-	0
Raffle	\$305.00
Sergeant	\$ 30.75

FUTURE EVENTS

- 3/02/2012 **Sunset on the deck of HMAS**
FRIDAY **Sydney** from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. \$100pp
- 23/02/2012 **Polio-Plus pins at Burwood Westfield**
- 18/03/2012 **BBQ at Henson Park Marrickville for**
the Reclink Australia Games for
the Disadvantaged
- 23/03/2012 **2012 District Conference**
Penrith Panthers.
Including Rotary Expo with over 30 stalls.
www.rotaryd9690conference.org.au




You're Invited!
Sunset on The Sydney
Fundraiser in support of The Infants' Home

Friday 3 February 2012 5:30 to 8:30 pm
Garden Island Dockyard, Cowper Wharf Road, Potts Point
Dress: Lounge / Cocktail
\$100 per person all inclusive

A rare opportunity to experience HMAS Sydney first hand as the guest of Captain Luke Charles-Jones and the crew.
Enjoy a cocktail party and a special sunset ceremony on the flight deck.
Tours of the vessel will be available.

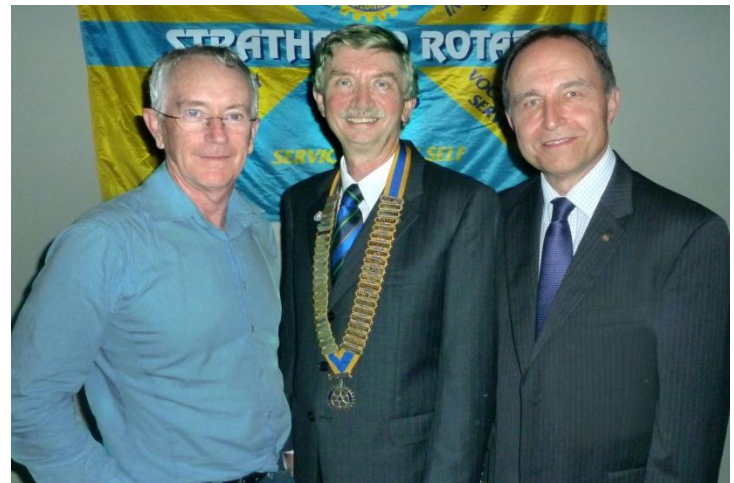
RSVP Monday 23 January 2012
Peter Manenti
0408 968 719 or peter@mq.com.au

The Infants' Home: Providing each child every opportunity
Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc



FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENTATION</u>
1/02/2012	Club Assembly
8/02/2012	Australia's Revolution Harley Tarrant
15/02/2012	Rookwood, "The Place to See <u>BEFORE</u> You Die" Robyn Hawes Partners' Night
22/02/2012	Adventures on the New Guinea Goldfields Michael Waterhouse



Last week's guest speaker, Steve Keen, from UWS on "**Debunking Economics**", with President Trevor and Godfrey Isouard.

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS



NOTICE!!!

Peter Manenti needs final numbers for "Sunset on The Sydney". Currently 97 commitments have been received.

A **BUS WITH 57 SEATS** HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO LEAVE FROM:-
ANGELO'S RESTAURANT, PHILLIP STREET, CONCORD AT 4:30PM SHARP ON
FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY.

BOOKINGS FOR THE BUS ARE ESSENTIAL.