



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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March is Literacy Month

TREV'S TIDINGS

"I think it will be a clash between the political will and the administrative won't."

Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn, Yes, Prime Minister, BBC TV

This week, we welcome representatives from Strathfield Council. The General Manager, David Backhouse, will be accompanied by Operations Director, Robert Bourke, and Technical Services Director, Patrick Wong. They will reveal what the future holds for the municipality and it should be of interest to everyone, whether they live in, work in, or even just travel through, the area.

Last Tuesday we had another great restaurant night, this time at the Torque Restaurant. I thank PE Ray Wilson for organising the event. The food was excellent and the service impeccable. I am looking forward to our next one, which is being organised by PP Peter Smith and is set for Tuesday April 3, at La Piazza at Bankstown Sports Club. Thank you, Paul White, for your presentation last week. A touchy topic at the present time but handled extremely well.

Isn't it great to be associated with Meriden Interact. They exuded so much excitement and enjoyment last week when they told us about their trip to Cambodia, one they will remember for a long time. I wish I could muster enough energy to laugh as much as they did.

Sunday was Clean-Up Australia Day and we provided the finishing barbecue as usual. The weather was quite remarkable, considering that of the previous week. My thanks to Connie Galletta, Tony Lanzafame, Rod McDougall, Chris Virgona and Peter Smith for setting it up and feeding the masses, and to Bradley Ayres for organising it and being part of it.

Jan Clark, co-ordinator of the Expo at this year's District Conference, wants to remind us that all members, family and friends, even if not attending the Conference at Penrith Panthers, are invited to have a look at the exciting Public Expo being staged on Friday 23rd March from 1.00pm until 6.00pm. ENTRY IS FREE. The aim is to showcase to the public all the aspects that Rotary has to offer both in service and recreation. There will be a mini M.U.N.A on stage from 1.30-2.30pm with students from Penrith Selective High School which promises to be entertaining. Further information from Jan on 47391327 or 0419215793 or jrclark2@iprimus.com.au.

Next week the after-dinner presentation will be by Geoff Seymour from the Australian Mushroom Growers Association. It is a partners' night and I look forward to seeing everyone there. Regarding future meetings, Rod McDougall puts in a lot of effort to publicise upcoming events. Open his emails and have a look.

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
President Trevor

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Council on the Move

Strathfield Council Representatives

Introduced: Peter Smith Thanked: Trevor Duxbury

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

7 Mar **Chris Virgona**
8 Mar **Kate Teale**
14 Mar **Strathfield Rotary (1971)**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10 Mar **Bradley and Cheryl Ayres**
13 Mar **Keith and Sue Byrn**

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

9 Mar **Umesh Kamkolkar, Anuradha Kamkolkar**
14 Mar **Raymond McCluskie, Ronald Thurgar**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Trevor Duxbury

- Rotary Foundation Lunch on 7/3/12 @ Parramatta Leagues Club
- Polio Plus Pins available @\$3 ea.
- Commitment Sheets
 1. 04/03/2012, BBQ for Cleanup Australia Day in Airey Park
 2. 17/03/2012, St Patrick's Day at 'Broughlea'
 3. 18/03/2012, BBQ at Henson Park Marrickville
 4. 21/03/2012, BBQ for 'Harmony Day' Airey Pk,
 5. 30/03/2012, BBQ at Homebush West Primary School

Treasurer Peter Smith

- Reminder for payment of half-yearly dues.

Director Kevin Freund (New Generations)

- Youth Achievement Awards on 18th April 2012
- MUNA on 25th – 27th May 2012.
- RYPEN on 25th – 27th May 2012

HAT DAY FOR MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

Rotary has declared Friday May 18th 2012 "Hat Day For Mental Health Research". The Red Hat ladies have taken up the challenge of setting a record for the most red hats in one place at the same time, in Martin Place, Sydney. Anyone in a red hat is welcome to join them at 1.00 pm on Friday 18 May.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

DATE	PRESENTATION
14/03/2012	Mushrooms in a Changing World Geoff Seymour, General Manager, Australian Mushroom Growers Association
21/03/2012	No meeting District Conference transfer
28/03/2012	Community Banking Robert Chittick, Regional Manager, Bendigo Bank
4/04/2012	Across Cultures Darion Akins, Management Officer, United States Consulate General
11/04/2012	TBA
18/04/2012	Youth Achievement Awards In conjunction with Strathfield Council
25/04/2012	Anzac Day - No meeting. Cape Cabarita Anzac Day Breakfast transfer
2/05/2012	TBA
9/05/2012	Membership Evening Organised by Chris Virgona Prospective members welcome

CLUB STATISTICS (from Club Meeting 29/02/2012)

Attendance:-	27 members
Apologies:-	12
Non-Apologies:-	12
Visitors:-	1 (Kevin Glavin, ACU, Guest of P. White)
Guests:-	4 (Meriden)
85'ers:-	3
LOA:-	2
Raffle	\$220.00
Sergeant	\$163.60



*Karinne Bedingfield & Meriden Interact Representatives
with President Trevor*



**Chris Virgona, Peter Smith and Trevor Duxbury share the Clean- Up Australia Day
joy with volunteer collectors at Airey Park.**

FUTURE EVENTS

17/03/2012 Saturday	St Patrick's Day at Broughlea Hosted by Trevor & Nanette Duxbury
18/03/2012	BBQ at Henson Park Marrickville for the Reclink Australia Games for the Disadvantaged
21/03/2012 Wednesday	BBQ for Strathfield Council 'Harmony Day' Airey Pk, 3:00pm-5:30pm
23/03/2012	2012 District Conference Penrith Panthers. Including Rotary Expo with over 30 stalls.
30/03/2012	BBQ at Homebush West Primary School
25/04/2012 Wednesday	Anzac Day Breakfast Cape Cabarita (Transfer Meeting)
11/05/2012	Meriden Interact Dance
12/05/2012 Saturday	Strathfield May Fair Strathfield Square 10am to 4pm
18/05/2012	Hat Day For Mental Health Research The Red Hat ladies, in Martin Place. Anyone in a red hat is welcome to join at 1.00 pm
May 2012	Strathfield Rotary Club Charity Golf Day
29/06/2012 Friday	Club Changeover

Humour From Our Members

Warning: Scam Against Older Men

A 'heads up' for those men who may be regular customers at Bunning's, Mitre 10, or even K-Mart. This one caught me totally by surprise.

Over the last month I became a victim of a clever scam while out shopping. Simply going out to get supplies has turned out to be quite traumatic. Don't be naive enough to think it couldn't happen to you or your friends.

Here's how the scam works:

Two nice-looking, university-aged girls will come over to your car or ute as you are packing your purchases into your vehicle. They both start wiping your windshield with a rag and Windex, with their breasts almost falling out of their skimpy T-shirts. (It's impossible not to look). When you thank them and offer them a tip, they say 'No' but instead ask for a ride to McDonald's.

You agree and they climb into the vehicle. On the way, they start undressing. Then one of them starts crawling all over you, while the other one steals your wallet.

I had my wallet stolen March 4th, 9th, 10th, twice on the 15th, 17th, 20th, 24th, & 29th. Also April 1st & 4th, twice on the 8th, 16th, 23rd, 26th & 27th, and very likely again this upcoming weekend.

So tell your friends to be careful. What a horrible way to take advantage of us older men. Warn your friends to be vigilant.

K-Mart has wallets on sale for \$2.99 each. I found even cheaper ones for 99c at the two dollar store and bought them out in three of their stores.

Also, you never get to eat at McDonald's. I've already lost 11 pounds just running back and forth from Bunning's, to Mitre 10, to K-Mart etc.

So please, send this on to all the older men that you know and warn them to be on the lookout for this scam. (The best times are just before lunch and around 4:30 in the afternoon.)