

# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc. District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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(Before 4pm Tues):

# **November is Rotary Foundation Month**

#### **TONIGHT'S MEETING**

## Strathfield SES best in inner-west

The Strathfield State Emergency Service Unit was recently awarded the Volunteer Team of the Year in the Sydney Inner West region of this year's NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards. Strathfield SES now moves on to be considered for the state-wide team division of the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards on 5 December and we welcome them to our Club toniaht.

#### RAY'S PUTTS

Thank you to both, Suzanne and Anuradha for telling us "their story" last week. It was both entertaining and enlightening and very much appreciated by all members in attendance, congratulations.

Also, last week we heard from Fred Walker visiting us from the Rotary Club of Burwood to extend an invitation to all members, friends and to attend a special event at Carnarvon Golf Club, 6.30 pm. 21 November. Funds raised will help support prostate cancer and male health initiatives.

Club Service Director, Rod Rimes met with his portfolio team last week and his report on that meeting appears later in this Bulletin.

# President Ray

# **CONGRATULATIONS**

## **Birthdays**

9 November David Croft
10 November Jan van der Sleesen
12 November Suzanne Freund
18 November Devi Bala

Umesh Kamkolkar

#### **Anniversaries**

8 November Ray & Ann Wilson
12 November Kevin & Suzanne Freund
15 November Tony & Connie Lanzafame

Niall & Carol King George & Catherine

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20 November George & Catherine

Hallworth

#### **Rotary Anniversaries**

8 November Ian Johnson
15 November Andrew Kowalski
19 November Keith Stockall
Kevin Freund

Meeting Statistics Last Week	7/11/2012
Members	28
Apologies	11
Silent - non apologies	8
LOA	3
85'ers	3
	53
Guests:	
Fred Walker	1
Rotarian Partners	0
Total attendance on the night	29
Raffle	\$200.00
Sergeant	\$127.70
	\$327.70

#### **Apologies:**

Ted Ingall, Godfrey Isouard, Ian Johnson, Eric Khu, Joseph Kim, Andrew Kowalski, Raymond McCluskie, Peter Revelos, Emmanuel Vatalis, Roger Vince & Chris Virgona

#### Make-ups:

Nil Advised

#### **Last Week's Meeting Announcements**

**President Ray** reminded members of the upcoming AGM and to give serious consideration in nominating for key positions.

**Club Service – Rod Rimes** meeting with his Committee, commencing at 8.00pm. (Refer report on page 3)

**Vocational Service Director - David Martin** circulated commitment sheet for Prise of Workmanship evening on 21 November.

**Niall King** announced he was circulating a Commitment Sheet for "Carols in the Park" on 8 December 2012.

#### **Raffle Winners:**

Steve Taylor Bradley Ayres Peter Manenti



#### **FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS**

Date	Presentation
14/11/2012	Strathfield SES
21/11/2012	Pride of Workmanship Awards
28/11/2012	Club Assembly
5/12/2012	AGM
12/12/2012	Adults Christmas Party
19/12/2012	Children's Christmas Party

#### **FUTURE CLUB EVENTS**

Date	Event
8/12/2012	Carols in the Park Strathfield Park
9/1/2013	Croquet Club Evening
16/1/2013	Fellowship Dinner
30/1/2013	Normal Meeting format recommences
28/2/2013	Ray Wilson – Golf Day

## Rotarians respond in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy

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Top: Rotaractors at the Rotary-UN Day distributed 350 boxed lunches to the Bowery Mission in New York City on 3 November. Photo by Joe Clark Bottom: Members of the Rotary Club of Murray, Kentucky, USA, fill a truck with relief supplies. Photo courtesy of the Rotary Club of Murray

Rotary districts in New York and New Jersey have mobilized to provide relief for communities affected by Hurricane Sandy, which slammed into the northeastern United States on 29 October.

# CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT -- NOVEMBER 2012

Dear Mister President and members of Strathfield Rotary,

I am pleased to report an almost full attendance of the Club Service Committee members on 7<sup>th</sup> November and submit my report:

Bulletin. Keith Stockall and Angelo Franco report working well but it is difficult without input from members and our President. Keith writes 'Rays Putts'. President Ray advised difficulties reporting 'the last meeting' because he doesn't always hear what is said but will try to make a weekly report to members on matters generally. Angelo offered to report on the speaker's address. Members are asked to forward any other material before by the Sunday of each week. Secretary Joe is especially asked to select and forward any items for inclusion. Rod McDougall volunteered to do promotional materials for email to members for inclusion in Bulletin.

**Programs**. Suzanne Freund and Janelle Watson advised that they are now doing bookings for 2013 and have asked members to fill in their survey to identify areas of interests and contacts with interesting speakers. Will finalise Croquet night on 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Club Fellowship.** Graham True reported importance of socials outside of meeting nights and general opinion was that transfer meetings be increased.

**Members Talks.** President advised that only two more to go over and above any new members.

Membership Development. The meeting emphasised importance of this committee and Peter van der Sleesan acknowledged same and undertook to convene a meeting early next year with fellow committee members Paul White and Joseph Kim the President and yours truly.

Welfare. All present considered this important but depended upon members referring information to Keith Byrn, Connie Galetta and Charles Pitt. Agreed that whilst injury and illness relatively easy to respond to it's not so easy with respect to the very sensitive areas of bereavement and financial setbacks. However agreed Members should refer information anyway and leave to the good judgement of Keith and his members.

**Visitor Welcome**. Grahame True was commended for his performance.

**Photography.** Both Stephen Taylor and Bradley Ayres reported good coordination for the bulletin.

**Public Relations.** David Croft reported he has good contact with Strathfield Scene and The Courier and encouraged matters to be referred to him as both organs very keen to help us. So we have a good team of expertise in photography, design work (Rod McDougall) and publicity.

**Web Site**. Ray McCluskie is commended for his work. It is reported that Rotary Down under is offering all Clubs links in an omnibus website in course of design. Fees?

Members Records. Rod McDougall reported he has and maintains template and content for details of Boards etc. but is reliant on updates from members. Is to embark on update survey but hopes Directors will advise updates promptly. He will table documents at AGM.

**Presentation setups.** Rod McDougall does this as speakers require but encourages volunteers to assist him.

**Corporal at Arms**. Terry Rohan is now back from his extensive overseas studies and available as back up to the Sergeant at Arms Chris Virgona.

**Apologies**. Eric Khu is comfortably in command of this valuable function but there are still members who don't report apologies.

**Assistant Secretary.** Suzanne Freund is apprenticed to Joe Saad preparatory to investiture as President next year.

**Assistant Treasurer.** Rod McDougall reports that being in the shadow of Treasurer Peter makes this position almost redundant.

**Rotary Protocol/Rules.** Trevor Duxbury acknowledged that there is much to learn here and continues tutelage under our eminence grise.

**Club History.** Roger Vince reported that the History is proceeding well. He expects to be ready to publish in 2013 subject to his current research and funding.

**Public Officer** Rod McDougall reported that all reports and lodgements now up to date from six years arrears. Noted that the financial statements still to be audited and eventually 'lodged' with Fair Trading.

Child Protection Officer. Umesh Kamkolkar reported that he had the documentation/declarations that are legally required but unsure if all members have filled

them in OR have decided not to fill in. He will prepare a list which will be provided to the President and New Generations Service Director Allan Teale and will remain confidential. The importance of this documentation when the Club is in contact with children is of utmost importance. There is no Police check but members who have not completed the declarations will not be permitted to attend such functions as Carols in Park etc. where young children in contact.

Risk Management Officer. Peter van der Sleeson was not aware of Rotary's requirements but will receive the check list and insurance details from Past President Trevor as this important with respect to graffiti work recently agreed to.

**Changeover Bulletin.** Kevin Freund reported that the Bulletin is well in hand.

Yours in Fellowship,

**Rod Rimes** 

**Club Service Director** 

8<sup>th</sup> November 2012