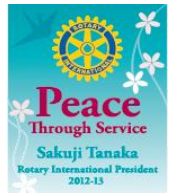




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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Wednesday, 22 May 2013

May is International Convention Month

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Welcome to all our guests and visitors to our membership information night. Our special guest speaker is **Damien Tudehope**. Damien is the chief of staff to the Attorney-General of NSW. "Current challenges in Corrective Services"

Damien commenced as Chief of Staff to the Hon. Greg Smith, the NSW Attorney General, in April 2011. Prior to that time, having been admitted as a solicitor in 1979, Damien had practiced in partnership at O'Hara and Company at Strathfield for 30 years moving his practice to Glebe in 2010.



Youth Awardees

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Last week we enjoyed another successful Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards evening in conjunction with Strathfield Council, during which 7 awardees received recognition for their individual achievements.

President Ray together with Councillor Gulian Vaccari, Mayor of Strathfield, presented the awards:

| Awardee | Category |
|--|--|
| Charles Carrall | Arts and Culture |
| Leonardo Pane & Zacariyya (Zac) Sheikh | Community Service |
| May Wong | Environment, Science and Technology |
| Se-Bom Lee | Junior Individual Sports |
| Nicholas Dang | Senior Individual Sports |
| Fadi El Sayah | Rotary President's Encouragement Award |



**Councillor Gulian Vaccari
Mayor of Strathfield**



President Ray with Leonardo Pane who moved a vote of thanks on behalf of awardees.

Meriden Interact Dance Runs Smoothly

Over 400 12 to 15 year olds enjoyed this year's Meriden Interact School Dance, on Friday 17 May, with a team of Strathfield Rotary chaperones once again in attendance.

Led by PP Roger Vince the team ensured a safe evening at Meriden School – in cold conditions.



Janelle Watson and P/P Roger Vince

This is a great annual event with many of the kids enjoying their first parent-free social night out. It is a very successful fundraiser for the Interact club.

Roger expressed his thanks to Kevin Freund, Suzanne Freund, Rod McDougall, Peter Smith, Keith Stockall and Janelle Watson for their assistance, promising a warmer night next year!



Kevin Freund, Keith Stockall, Peter Smith and Suzanne Freund looking to “escape” the cold conditions

Announcements Last Week:

President Ray Wilson

A number of Commitment Sheets were circulated:

- Membership night 22 May
- BBQ at Bunnings Lidcombe 25 May (7.00 AM to 5.00 PM)
- Salvation Army Red Shield appeal 26 May.
- Men’s shed 29 May – opportunity to see wood working machine donated by the club.
- Visit to Alvaro’s in Bowral 2 June.
- Korean night 12 June

Believe it or not there are no birthdays or anniversaries during the next week so therefore no one to congratulate. (Sorry sergeant no fines)

Birthdays

Nil

Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

Thought for the Week:

*Experience is what you get.....,
whenever . . . you don't get what you want.*

| CLUB STATISTICS | 15/05/2013 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Members | 23 |
| Apologies | 11 |
| Silent - no apologies | 10 |
| LOA | 5 |
| 85'ers | 2 |
| | 51 |
| Partners | 2 |
| Guests | 35 |
| TOTAL ON NIGHT: | 61 |
| Make-Ups: | |
| May Fair/Graffiti | 7 |
| Raffle | \$300.00 |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | \$168.00 |
| | \$468.00 |

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

| Date | Topic |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 29/5/2013 | Transfer Meeting – Strathfield Men’s Shed |
| 5/6/2013 | <i>Fellowship evening – “State of Origin”</i> |
| 12/6/2013 | <i>Partners Night – “Korean Banquet” \$35 p/p</i> |
| 19/6/2013 | <i>Trivia Night</i> |
| 29/6/2013 (Saturday) | Club Changeover night <i>Strathfield Golf Club 6.30 PM for 7.00 pm)</i> |

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

| Date | Event |
|------------------|---|
| 25/5/2013 | Rotary BBQ Bunnings Lidcombe (7.00 am to 5.00 pm) |
| 26/5/2013 | Salvation Army – Red Shield Appeal |
| 2/6/2013 | BBQ Lunch with Domenico & Joanne Alvaro in Bowral |

ANZAC Research Institute - Concord Hospital

Belinda Noonan, editor of the Burwood Scene newspaper thought we would be interested to

know there is a team at Concord hospital working on an important research project. Belinda’s message is reproduced below for the information of members and guests.

‘Hi all,

Many of you would be aware of the substantial stories we have run in Burwood Scene regarding the amazing work being done at the made ANZAC Research Institute at Concord Hospital (located in the Bernie Banton Centre), led by Professor Derek Hart.

Professor Hart’s team of brilliant doctors and researchers is on the cusp of a vaccine to cure cancer. (yes – really!). By way of background, Professor Hart’s lifetime of research and discovery at Oxford, before returning to Australia and then setting up the ANZAC Research Institute, helped to corroborate the discovery of the “dendritic cell”, for which Professor Ralph Steinman was awarded a Nobel Prize a few years ago, three days after his death from pancreatic cancer.

Meeting Professor Hart almost one year ago was a profound experience for me when his team decided it was time to ‘get the message out’, and there will never be a more important story that Burwood Scene can cover. If anyone would like back copies of the stories published (electronic), please let me know. “

*For further information contact Mr James Zagarella, Business Manager **Dendritic Cell Biology and Therapeutics Group (DCBTG), ANZAC Research Institute.***

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Harnessing the power of our local community to help raise the \$5million to go towards clinical trials would benefit the world – and that’s a big statement.

Thank you for your time

Kind regards

Belinda Noonan

www.burwoodscene.com.au



Red Shield Appeal – Sunday 26 May 2013

Members of the Strathfield Rotary assist in collecting money for the annual Red Shield Appeal.

The Red Shield Appeal is one of Australia's most respected charity events. Every year, members of the Club assist the local Salvation with door knocking. Monies raised assist the Salvos with their much needed community work.

Volunteer drivers/team leaders are urgently required to help, for 2-3 hours, on Sunday morning the 26 May. Please contact Peter Smith 0412 232 753 if you are able to help.



Former Australian Rotary Youth Exchange student designs a backpack bed for the homeless

By Megan Ferringer

The Rotarian -- June 2013

During Australia's colder months, emergency shelters often fill to capacity. Many homeless people searching for a warm bed are turned away, handed a piece of cardboard and a blanket for the night.

Tony Clark, an IT entrepreneur, 1992 Rotary Youth Exchange student, and the founder of the Melbourne-based nonprofit Swags for Homeless, offers an alternative.

In the past year, his organization has distributed more than 3,000 swags, or portable sleeping units, to charities and shelters throughout Australia, New Zealand, Germany, and the

United Kingdom. The Backpack Beds, which Clark and his wife, Lisa, designed, are made of a lightweight fabric and have a built-in, 6-foot foam mattress and mosquito netting. But most important, they offer warmth with their waterproof, windproof design. The entire assembly weighs only 6.5 pounds and rolls into a backpack.

Clark was inspired to start the nonprofit when he questioned why so many shelters didn't provide homeless people with proper outdoor bedding. He immediately began working on designs for the versatile bed.

"I thought to myself, 'How would I like to be treated if I slept on the street?'" Clark says.

"Homeless people suffering from frostbite, hypothermia, and trench foot are common in wealthy countries. A Backpack Bed is an interim crisis measure – one that can save the lives of those without shelter."

The bed, which can be purchased with a A\$68 donation, has won four international honors, including the Australian International Design Award and the German Red Dot "Best of the Best" award – one of the most prestigious accolades in the product design world.

The innovative beds offer more than physical comfort, say those who have used them – they also provide a renewed sense of dignity.

"Until people are faced with living on the streets, they have no idea of what is involved. Just getting a shower, finding a toilet, or trying to wash clothes becomes a big event," says

Matt, a young homeless man in Australia. The success of Swags for Homeless throughout Australia and Europe has encouraged Clark to bring his Backpack Beds to the United States.

Rotary clubs in District 9800, which includes Melbourne, funded and transported 100 beds to Baltimore and parts of New Jersey and New York to help the region's homeless and those displaced by Hurricane Sandy. District 7500 (New Jersey) worked with Australian Rotarians to coordinate the effort. Swags for Homeless also donated 60 beds for distribution in Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles.

"Thanks to Rotary, this is an important moment: It will be the first time Backpack Beds will be distributed to street-sleeping homeless and disaster victims in the USA."