

## STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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6.15 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

# September is New Generations month - emphasising Rotary's commitment to youth.

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

Mr Graeme Johnson – Bush Poet Extraordinaire.

Graeme has become one of the most widely respected & lauded poets participating in the genre of Australian Bush Poetry today. He is bound to entertain you with his skills and stories of the Australian bush.

#### RAY'S PUTTS

Thank you to Club Service Director, Rod Rimes, who gave a very concise summary of his working life in the Public Service, the legal profession and in between his many and varied community service roles.

Last week, our guest speaker, Murray Stone, delivered his presentation with genuine passion and in a most professional manner. Murray spoke of the wide number of areas in which research is being carried out and gave examples where research has resulted in positive outcomes for patients. We are so lucky that we have such places as the Kids Research Institute and the professionals that work within the Institute.

Last Tuesday I attended the Meriden Interact changeover together with Roger Vince and Rod McDougall

The Teacher who has coordinated the Meriden Interact club, Karinne Bedingfield, over recent years is expecting a baby and will be leaving Meriden at the end of term. Her replacement will be Sharna Kerr who will join a long list of very talented Interact coordinators who have achieved so much with the girls at Meriden over the past 30 years.

The incoming Meriden Interact Committee is;

President Anastasia Yule

Vice President Anagha Bidkar

Secretary Kristen Hantzis

Treasurer Zoe Spanos

### President Ray

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

14 September George Helou17 September Paulo Giammarco

#### **Anniversaries**

Nil

#### **Rotary Anniversaries**

Nil

Meeting Statistics Last Week	12/09/2012
Members	32
Apologies	11
Silent - non apologies	4
LOA	3
85'ers	3
	53
Guests:	
Murray Stone	1
Rotarian Partners	nil
Total attendance on the night	33
Raffle	\$210.00
Sergeant	\$143.85
	\$353.85

#### Make-Ups (3)

Suzanne & Kevin Freund and Richard Horwood Visit to Concord Rotary Club

#### Apologies:

Angelo Franco, Rod McDougall, Roger Vince, Bradley Ayres, Peter Revelos, Andrew Kowalski and Emmanuel Vatalis.

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

**Ray Wilson** announced another restaurant fellowship evening to be held 25 September at the Buddha Ruska Thai Restaurant. A commitment sheet will be circulated at the meeting on 19 September

**Peter Smith** outlined background to the Graffiti Removal Day on 23 September and said that our Rotary Club had been invited by Strathfield Council to work with them on the day and circulated a commitment sheet. Further details in respect of time and place would be known shortly.

**Suzanne Freund** reported that she attended a meeting at the Rotary Club of Concord to hear of a project being developed for children with a physical disability to become involved in sport.

Janelle Watson provided an update on the Ranfurly Book Aid program. The current requirements are for books written in English for infants and primary school age children. Dictionaries are useful as well as recently published world atlases. The material is collated in a building at the rear of the Old Rozelle Hospital each Thursday morning by a dedicated group of volunteers. The book boxes are packed and shipped to PNG and the South Pacific areas and transported to the rural villages. Contact Janelle for more details.

#### **Raffle Winners**

Romolo Adorna Raymond McCluskie David Martin

Program Director, **Suzanne Freund** and her assistant, Janelle Watson, are interested in finding out from you and your partner what subject/area of interest that you have, that you would like to have guest speakers discuss. We also plan to have the second Wednesday of each month as a dedicated partners evening starting next year.

#### **FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS**

Date	Presentation
26/9/2012	Joan Wells – Padstow Rotary The 2013 District Conference. Job Talk
3/10/2012	Mark Anns Psychology of Retirement
10/10/2012	Warwick Giblin Coal Seam Gas
17/10/12	TBA
24/10/12	Schools Debate between Meriden School & St Patricks College
31/10/12	Derek Frere Why do planes fly over Strathfield?
7/11/12	Clarrie Edwards Reminises
14/11/12	Strathfield SES
21/11/12	TBA
5/12/12	TBA
12/12/12	TBA
19/12/12	TBA
16/1/13	Strathfield Croquet Club

#### **FUTURE CLUB EVENTS**

Date	Event
23/9/2012	Graffiti Removal Day Rochester St Homebush 9.30 am
25/9/12	Restaurant evening Buddha Ruska
29/10/2012	BBQ – Homebush West Public School
8/12/2012	Candles in the Park Strathfield Park