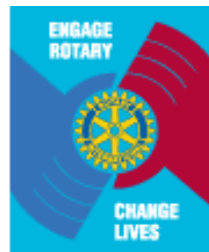




# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

*The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.  
District 9675, New South Wales, Australia*



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6.15 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

## September is New Generations Month

### President Suzanne's Report

Another week of Strathfield Rotary presence in the Burwood Scene. On the front page we saw features on the Graffiti Removal Project and also the Police Officer of the year award presentation. We sincerely thank Belinda Noonan and her team, for their support.

#### GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROJECT

Rotarian Peter Smith and just a small band of members attended the Graffiti Clean-up at Flemington last Sunday but we are desperate to expand the number of volunteers, who might form teams who could alternate shifts, to support this project.

We have two Graffiti Removal days planned for Sunday 29 September and also the National Graffiti Removal Day on 20 October. Please consider your availability and speak with Peter

#### WORTHY COMMUNITY AND ROTARY PROJECTS

Last week's speaker certainly gained our respect and attention as he highlighted the work of ROMAC (Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children). The members silence after his presentation definitely indicated the impact on all present as we considered how the lives of the children shown were changed by the interventions by a remarkable team of Rotarians and medical personnel. ROMAC is a humanitarian program of the 29 Rotary Districts of Australia and New Zealand, whereby children are brought to Australia and New Zealand, because of the complex nature of

many of the cases often come from remote areas, where treatment is not available. What it highlighted to me was that we can become involved in these Rotary projects, not just by contributing financially, but also by giving of our time and effort to support the families of the children during their stay in Australia –as they await the completion of medical procedures and admissions. If you or your family would like to know more about this project, please collect a brochure from the sign in, desk at our meetings.

#### ANZAC RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Another impressive speaker to our club was Professor Derek Hart, who joined us several weeks ago to present information on the Research project at Concord Hospital, which is working on cancer research which has enormous potential to influence future cancer treatments.

Again this also gained our interest and we will be highlighting the opportunity to join Burwood Rotary club, as they organise an International Dinner to support this project. Watch this space for more details.

**There are many ways as Rotarians -to both support our community and the other many projects that make a difference.**

*Suzanne*

## **TONIGHT'S MEETING**

**Pat Drummond –**

**Singer Songwriter**



Pat Drummond is an Australian Singer / Songwriter. His highly original music crosses the genres of country, folk and rock and roll and his musical career spans three decades. Based at Leura in the Blue Mountains near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, his style is a cross between song writing and journalism. His well-documented songs about real people and places are drawn from interviews gathered on his erratic tours across Australia and present a composite picture of that country and her people.

### **Meriden Interact**

Also attending tonight are representatives from Meriden Interact Club to provide us with an update.

### **Last Week**



Rotarian Rob Wilkinson told us about the ROMAC story by way of video and several slides and the incredible success being

achieved through the efforts of a lot of very dedicated people.

ROMAC arranges medical procedures for approximately 30 – 40 children 15 years of age and younger per year. Since 1988, 300 children have been treated.

The ROMAC organisation is always looking for volunteers to assist. Some of the ways a volunteer can assist ROMAC are collecting a patient on arrival from the airport, taking a patient to an appointment, visiting a patient in hospital or making an arrangement for a patient to go on a recuperation trip to the country. There are other ways as well. If this interests you, the best way to follow up is to contact ROMAC <http://www.romac.org.au/>

### **The Police Officer of the Year Awards**

Further to the successful POTY awards held on 28 August the following email was received which just confirms what we do is appreciated and all worthwhile.

**"From:** *Philippa Lord*

**To:** *info@strathfieldrotary.org.au ;*

**Sent:** *Monday, September 02, 2013  
1:56 PM*

**Subject:** *Thank You!*

*To Rotary Club of Strathfield President Suzanne Freund & members, Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas, Assistant Commissioner Frank Mennilli, Detective Superintendent Mark Jones, Detective Inspector David Miller and Strathfield Minister of Parliament Charles Casuscelli,*

*I would like to pass on my gratitude and heartfelt thanks to everyone who was involved in and attended the Rotary Club*

*of Strathfield Police Officer of the Year awards night on Wednesday 28 August, 2013.*

*As a junior officer, the nomination alone was most unexpected and an honour in itself, but I was humbled and most taken aback to walk away as the recipient of the Police Officer of the Year Award. From a young age I aspired to be a 'cop' and I am proud to now be a New South Wales Police Force Officer. I am truly grateful for this unexpected recognition.*

*In particular to Rotary, on behalf of my fellow nominees and my brothers and sisters in blue, thank you for your continued support of the New South Wales Police. Your support, kindness and generosity are most greatly appreciated.*

*Thank You!*

*Constable Philippa Lord  
Burwood Local Area Command  
New South Wales Police Force*

**Strathfield Girls High - Literature  
Extension Program – Book Council  
Awards**

**Nicki Mills has advised the following;**

*"Dear Rotarians,  
The annual Children's Book Council Awards have been announced. Our girls were correct in their prediction of the runner up, which was Friday Brown, by Vikki Wakefield. However, this year their prediction for the winning novel did not match, with Sea Hearts taking the prize (which, interestingly, came last in the criteria the girls developed!). Better luck to them next year.  
Once again, thank you for a wonderful*

*evening and the fantastic opportunity for the girls to participate in such a beneficial program.*

*Nicki Mills"*

**Announcements**

**Grahame True**

- Reported the program selling at the Muscle Car Masters was considered a success and raised \$1,478.00. There was good support from club members, family and friends. Next year we might renegotiate the commission percentage on sales.

**Kevin Freund**

- Thanked all who helped out at the Strathfield Spring Fair. Whilst BBQ sales were below expectations our exposure in the community was high.

**Allan Petersen**

The following correspondence has been received:

- Thankyou letter from Chalmers Road School acknowledging donation of \$10,000.
- Strathfield Girls High, Invitation to attend school dance.

**Tony Lanzafame**

- As September is New Generations Month, your Youth Director is proposing a Challenge.
- During the month of September, if any Rotarian from our Club can make contact with a ROTARACT Club and supply proof in the form of a Banner, pin, badge or signed certificate from the President, the Rotarian in question will be given a free row of Raffle Tickets. Furthermore if any Rotarian from our Club can organise & confirm a member of a ROTARACT Club as a

Guest Speaker at our Club, at some stage in this Rotary year, the Rotarian in question will be given a Free Dinner

- Planning for the “Great Debate” on 16 October is well in hand, however topic is still to be confirmed.
- Reported no second hand clothes will be collected for the clothes drive.

#### **Ray Wilson**

- Reported his recent Cochlear surgery has been successful and is now enjoying the benefits.

**Congratulations to those who have birthdays and anniversaries next week:**

#### **Birthdays**

14 September George Helou  
16 September Paolo Giammarco

#### **Anniversaries**

Nil

#### **Rotary Anniversaries**

Nil

<b>MEETING STATISTICS</b>	<b>4 Sep 2013</b>
Members present	27
Partners	0
Guests	1
	<b>28</b>
Leaves of Absence	4
Apologies	8
No apologies	10
Make-Ups	0
Raffle	\$201.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$126.40

#### ***FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>11/9/2013</b>	Meriden Interact – Anastasia Yule
<b>18/9/2013</b>	Beyond Blue – Craig Hamilton
<b>25/9/2013</b>	Job Talk – Trevor Duxbury
<b>2/10/2013</b>	Partner Talk – Jan Barrett
<b>9/10/2013</b>	Travelling Con Men – David Rosenberg
<b>16/10/2013</b>	The Great Debate – St Patrick’s College Strathfield & Homebush Boys High
<b>23/10/2013</b>	Arnott Biscuits History – PP Claude Bennie
<b>30/10/2013</b>	Teacher Training in Nepal – Dr Anne Prescott
<b>6/11/2013</b>	Partner Talk – Denise Taylor
<b>13/11/2013</b>	Pride of Workmanship
<b>20/11/2013</b>	NSW Small Business Commissioner – Yasmin King
<b>27/11/2013</b>	Salvo’s Street Level – Mitch & Robyn Evans

#### ***FUTURE CLUB EVENTS***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>13/10/2013</b>	BBQ – Beyond Blue Mason Park
<b>20/10/2013 (Sunday)</b>	Graffiti Removal Day (NSW Wide)
<b>26/10/2013</b>	BBQ – Ashfield Infants Home
<b>18/11/2013</b>	Rotary Foundation Dinner – meet RI President Elect 2014/2015 Gary C K Huang 6.30 pm Epping Club

### **Homebush West Public School**

Fellows, we supported the Homebush West Public School's "Wrap with Love" project in PP Trevor's year. We donated funds for purchase of materials for the children to make wraps for those in need. Chris Proutty was a driving force behind the project. Please see her "update" email following. Very sad to hear that she is ill.

*"Dear Strathfield Rotarians*

*I am sending you a photo of our latest "wrap with love" quilt that HWPS has made because of your financial support!*



*I've been diagnosed with breast Cancer as of June so I've been "out of action" as chaplain there this term, But we have a lovely staff member, Dee gribble who continues to encourage the students @ HWPS to continue to knit and care for those who need blankets. So this is our latest one! I thought you'd be encouraged how you are providing wraps for those in need But also encouraging our younger generation to care!*  
*Regards,*  
*Chris Prouty"*



**At our recent Club Assembly, there seemed to be some misunderstanding regarding the "85" Rule and the need to apologize for non-attendance.**

For clarification, an extract from an article by PDG David Croft in a February 2013 Club bulletin, modified to comply with recent Council of Legislation decisions, is repeated below;

#### **ROTARY MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE**

When we were invited to join our Rotary Club we committed, as members, to the formal requirements for continued membership which are detailed in the Club's Constitution and By-laws. Being present at club meetings is one of the basic obligations a member accepts upon joining a Rotary club. The constitutional rules emphasize that Rotary is a participatory organization that highly values regular attendance. When a member is absent the entire club loses the personal association with that member.

Our weekly club meeting is a special privilege of Rotary membership. It provides the occasion to visit with fellow members, to meet visitors we have not known before, and to share personal friendship with other members.

#### **Attendance**

Article 9 and Article 12 of the Constitution clearly lay down the attendance requirements for continued membership of our Club. Article 12 requires each member to "attend or make up at least 50% of club regular meetings in each half of the year". While some members, for business or personal reasons may have difficulty complying with this commitment during periods of their membership, the board

has the authority to consent to “non-attendance for good cause”.

Historically our board has been relatively generous in its consent to excuse poor attendance for “good and sufficient reason”. This has been in part possible because of the size of our club and the attendance level of members at weekly meetings. However with the current reduced membership and relatively low attendance at meetings, members need to be more conscious of their commitment to regularly attend.

### **Make up**

One rewarding way to maintain satisfactory attendance, not used nearly enough by our Strathfield members, is to make up by attending a Rotary meeting at another club. It can be an extremely rewarding experience being made genuinely welcome and enjoying the company of other Rotarians at meetings which are invariably different in character to our own.

Make ups for a missed meeting can be up to 14 days before or after the regular meeting and include:

1. Attending the regular meeting of another club
2. Attending a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club,
3. Attending a Rotary district conference, a Rotary district assembly, any district committee meeting.
4. Attend and participate in a club service project or a club-sponsored community event or meeting.
5. Attend a board meeting or, a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned,

Surprise, surprise, many of our Rotary activities count as make ups so please notify our attendance chairman at your next club meeting so that your (and the Club's) attendance can be properly recorded.

It is particularly important and common courtesy, to apologize in advance if you cannot attend a regular meeting.

### **Extended Absences**

The board may excuse a member's extended absence from the club for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient. Such excused absences cannot extend for longer than twelve months.

### **THE “85” RULE**

A member may also be excused from attendance by the board if the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more. The member must notify the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance.

Members of our Rotary Club who have formally applied for and been granted exemption from attendance under the “85” Rule are sensibly excused from being required to apologize each week, but are expected to notify the attendance officer in the event that they will be attending a meeting.

**All other members are expected to notify if they are not attending a meeting**

### **Hat Day**

Friday October 11 is Hat Day, the *fun*-raising day where you wear a hat and make a donation to help shine a light on mental health in Australia. 100% of money raised on the day goes to research into helping those affected by depression, anxiety, Alzheimer's, schizophrenia and many other illnesses.



Rotary Clubs have been our biggest supporters of Hat Day. This year marks our Hat Trick of Hat Days - let's make it HAT-TASTIC!