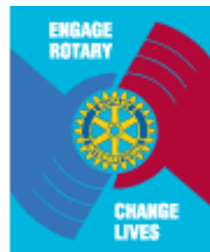




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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



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JULY - Literacy Month & the New Rotary Year Begins

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Member Talks –

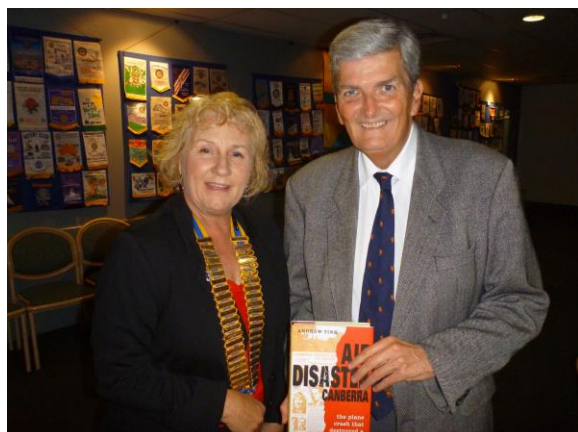
- PP Trevor Duxbury
- Bradley Ayres

Last Week

Andrew Tink, author, was introduced by PP Peter Smith and the vote of thanks on behalf of members and guests was provided by PE Allan Teale.

Andrew talked about a plane crash which took place on approach to Canberra Airport in August 1940 that destroyed a Government. The fatal disaster took place when a recently imported Lockheed Hudson bomber crashed on its approach to the aerodrome, killing all on board. Among the passengers were three cabinet ministers in the Menzies government: James Fairbairn, Geoffrey Street and Henry Gullett.

Andrew has written about the circumstances surrounding the disaster in a book "Air Disaster Canberra" which was published in April 2013.



President's Report

Just two weeks into the new Rotary year –there are already things to consider and projects to plan by all board members. The new board has held its first official meeting, and directors have already begun to work on some existing projects. We will hold our monthly board meeting on the first week of each month and I invite any member to raise issues, which they would like the board to consider - in the week prior to this meeting.

Our club has a strong existing strategic plan and ideas from the previous assembly, which will be utilised in conjunction with new ideas, to build our clubs profile within the community and develop some positive partnerships.

- In an effort to build links with other Rotary clubs I attended the Changeover of our sister club, Breakfast Point club and will attend Burwood changeover on the 22nd July.
- We are also preparing for a visit to our club – on the 24th July -by the new District Governor (Garry Browne) which will be a combined meeting with Bankstown, Marrickville and Revesby Warrimbirra Rotary clubs – to which partners are also welcome.
- At our first Partners Night -we were able to hear an excellent presentation by our guest speaker Mr Andrew Tink – barrister, author and past politician, who spoke with concise knowledge on an important event in Australian

history. This is the subject of one of his three books and we look forward to a future visit in early 2014, after the fourth book is complete.

Mr Tink was invited by Rotarian Peter Smith and has set an example of great presenters, who are experts on their topic. He praised the ambience of our club meeting and the hospitality of members - comparing it favourably to the many other clubs he has attended, as a past Rotarian and presenter.

Board Members Actions

- The past and current Vocational Directors – David Martin and Paul White have successfully co-ordinated the interviews of a record number of applicants for the National Youth Science Forum and have recommended three outstanding applicants, for consideration. Thank you to the interview panel.
- Preparations for the Police Officer of the Year awards have already begun also by both of these Rotarians and they may be seeking assistance from other members.
- Our Youth Director – Tony Lanzafame is investigating some project ideas and building school links.
- Kevin Freund - as Assistant District Governor and our Community Services Director – joined other club members, at the celebration to acknowledge the ending of a wonderful era in our history – as we amalgamate into the new District 9675.
- Grahame True has been working with members to establish committees and build enthusiasm amongst members.
- And President Elect Allan Teale is working with the new Interact club at Homebush Boys High.

Members News

- Immediate Past President Ray Wilson is recuperating from his cochlear implant and we wish him all the best with his continuing progress –especially in the coming weeks and months.

- Pat President Angelo Franco is also recovering from a recent health scare and we wish him a speedy recovery.
- Sue Byrn is recovering well following Achilles tendon surgery. Sue is up and about but still required to wear a “moon boot”

Announcements Last Week

Treasurer Rod McDougall

- Thanked those members who have paid their membership dues and encouraged others to do so.
- Distributed copies of the 2013-2014 District Directory.

Grahame True

- Encouraged members to provide material for publication in the weekly bulletin. Material should be sent to the Bulletin Editor by Sunday of each week.
- Our 2 welfare officers are PP Keith Byrn and PP Terry Rohan.

PDG David Croft

- District 9690 End of Year Party after 40 years of service was attended by David and Margaret Croft, Roger and Janice Vince and Kevin Freund together with approximately 160 other Rotarians.
- Strathfield received 3 presidential citations.
 1. Strathfield Rotary Club
 2. Meriden Interact Club
 3. Homebush Boys Interact Club

Peter Revelos - Raffle Prizes

- A call for all members to provide one item each, appropriate to be put towards the weekly raffle draw. Each member to bring an item to our Wednesday meeting and give to

Peter Revelos or drop off to Peter at the Homebush Post Office 23 Rochester Street Homebush. Peter hopes to receive all donations within one month which he believes is ample time to arrange a prize item.

Message from PP Steve Taylor - Member Talks

*"PP Graham True has asked me to organise regular job talks this year. I thought that talks might be more like... **"what am I doing now"** or **"let me tell you about something important in my life"** or **"let me tell you about my interests"** or **"what's happening in the world that affects my business...."** I'm sure all of us have some interesting stories to tell; other than the traditional 'job talk'*

*Our first two speakers this week will be **Bradley Ayres and PP Trevor Duxbury.***

So, fellows, and newer members particularly, please contact me and line yourself up for the coming weeks, because if you don't I will be calling you, and I don't take no for an answer.

Remember, everyone has an interesting story to tell".

A fine on Sergeant Kevin

Another item to note resulting from attendance at the District 9690 end of year party. Kevin Freund was the lucky winner of the table centre piece which was a vase of fresh flowers.

Kevin left without his "prize", although David Croft took the flowers into his care and delivered them 72 hours later.



Fresh flowers looking a bit limp after 72 hours in David Croft's car

Meeting Statistics	10/7/2013
Members present	28
Partners	8
Guests	1
	37
Leaves of Absence	0
Apologies	8
No apologies	14
Make-Ups	None
Raffle	\$235.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$91.95

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
24/7/2013	District Governor Garry Browne's visit. invitations extended to members from Marrickville, Revesby, Warrimbirra and Bankstown Clubs
31/7/2013	Robin Gasiorowski – Anzac Research Institute
7/8/2013	Literature Extension Program
14/8/2013	Fellowship Evening - Il Locale Restaurant 94A Ramsay St, Haberfield
21/8/2013	Club Assembly

28/8/2013	Police Officer of the Year
4/9/2013	ROMAC - Rotarian Rob Wilkinson

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
25/8/2013	Unity walk for Parkinson's Sydney Olympic Park
1/9/2013	Strathfield Spring Fair Strathfield Park
1/9/2013	Eastern Creek

Congratulations to those who have birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

21 July Janice Vince

Anniversaries

19 July Peter and Maria Revelos

20 July Charles and Olga Pitt

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil



Rotary International District 9675



***Garry Browne,
District Governor - 2013/2014***

Garry Browne is the CEO/Managing Director, of Stuart Alexander & Co which has been successfully marketing and distributing some of the world's favourite household brand names for over 125 years. Some of the brands include Guylian, Mentos, Tabasco, Chupa Chups and Fisherman's Friend.

From an early age he has been focused on community service. He has a long involvement with The Rotary Club of Sydney, both as a Director from 2004-2006 and a President from 2007-2008 and has been honoured with a Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire award. From 2008-2010 he was the Chairman, Marketing & PR for Rotary District 9750.

Garry is the Director of the S'Team Foundation (developing underprivileged youth in our community - Youngcare, The Smith Family and the Australian Children's Music Foundation). He is a Director and Treasurer of the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife and a Director of Outcomes Australia.

His family is very important to him, his wife Robyn is his great "stabiliser", Garry is the proud father of 2 young men of 21 and 19 respectively. In his spare time, he enjoys both mental and physical challenges — previous challenges include climbing mountains, participating in athletic events, testing himself both against others and his own aspirations.

District Governor, Garry Browne is excited to be the inaugural governor for the newly formed District 9675, and home to 72 clubs and approximately 2000 members.

A new vision

The establishment of a new district provides an exciting opportunity to shake things up a bit and revitalise the clubs in our group. While Rotary is as much about having fun and connecting with people, our ultimate objective is to raise money to support vital projects and volunteer our expertise to achieve amazing outcomes.