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6.15 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

February - World Understanding Month
*emphasising Rotary's goal of world understanding and
peace.*

Tonight's Meeting

Lynne Cairncross –

The Botanic Gardens, a 200 Year History.

The history, highlights and horticulture of
Sydney Royal Botanic Gardens, the oldest
scientific institution in Australia.



Lynne will be introduced by Keith Byrn and
thanked by Bradley Ayres

Last Week - WestConnex

Construction of the WestConnex motorway between Parramatta and Haberfield will commence in 2015.

Sara Olivier, senior communication and consultation specialist and **Alison McLaren** Government Relations Manager working with the 10 Councils in the Parramatta to the City corridor provided a presentation and information outline of the WestConnex project.



Alison McLaren, President Suzanne and Sara Olivier

Sara and Alison were introduced by Chris Virgona and Grahame True provided a vote of thanks on behalf of club members present.

Club Secretary Report on the February 5 Club Assembly

- Further to the comments made by President Suzanne in last week's Club Newsletter I submit the following as an abstract of the decisions taken as a result of the brainstorming process that took place on the night.

Introduction:

- There was more than a fifty percentage attendance of members on the night (i.e. 29 Rotarians)

It was recommended during the Assembly that some sort of communication be made with the entire Club membership following the meeting (i.e. 2unction2aire by email)

Outcomes:

- Members present were supportive of the "club's operation": (i.e. Venue and day of week) there was "no problem" encountered in this respect
- President elect Allan Teale presented the position: "Are we doing the Basics of Rotary Membership" (i.e. Providing service to community and beyond)
- Past President Steve Taylor recommended that meeting procedure revert to saying Rotary Grace and not attempting to sing "The National Anthem"

Concerns:

- The documented roles of members by Club Directors are not well communicated to them. Hence the Committee Membership procedure is not implemented fully
- As a consequence, Members' networking inside and outside the Club falls short of expectations and therefore benefits to all concerned
- As a further consequence, Director's networking and follow-up reporting from District personnel is not communicated proactively
- Deadlines are not being met as a result of the first three concerns (as listed above)
- Declining Club membership deserves appraisal by all active members, though the point was made emphatically that District Clubs of 20-30 active membership are providing quality programs and support. This appraisal was supported by the evidence that:
- Present day business people are not living in the District as they did forty years ago

- Cultural nature of the Strathfield District is not what it was twenty years ago
- Cost of membership annually, for a prospective young professional is in the function of \$3 000 and is a prohibitive amount to be met, as there is an indifference in some quarters because of family commitments and subsequent time factors and present day lifestyle
- Complacency needs addressing in offering support of Club initiatives
- Club Projects are needed by the membership, and the Graffiti Project as an example of same, is not being fully supported.
- Watch this SPACE for follow-up and implementation throughout the Club membership.

*Allan Petersen
Club Secretary
19 February, 2014*



President Suzanne Freund

1. Thank you to Peter Smith and Graffiti Removal team last weekend
2. Restaurant Night at Ryde TAFE for Wednesday 26th Feb 2014 is now fully booked
3. The summary of last week's Assembly is included in tonight's bulletin
4. The Catholic University has agreed to holding the Strathfield Rotary

Music on their premises on 22nd
May 2014

Rotarian Janelle Watson has tendered her resignation from the position of International Director of our Club due to personal reasons that involve her in regular travel away from home. At the same time, the President announced that Rotarian Paolo Giammarco had accepted the position International Directorship position for the remainder of this Rotary year. Janelle was especially thanked for her commitment and service at the 2013 December Board Meeting.

Secretary Allan announced the following:

1. That the Board has accepted the invitation of the International Rotary Hospitality Group to host an Australian themed function at the Strathfield Golf Club on the evening of **TUESDAY 3 June**. This will necessitate no meeting being held the following night Wednesday 4th June. The Club Service Director, Grahame will be seeking the support of all members to make our guests welcome and informed of our country and Club. MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW
2. Word has been received from the District Secretariat that nominations are now being called for nominations for the position of District Governor for the 2016-2017 Rotary Year. The Club Secretary has all the necessary information that can be distributed to interested Club members in this significant leadership position.
3. There are only three months and three weeks to go before

the International Rotary Convention commences on June 1st. With this thought in mind we are being asked to consider action as Volunteers at places such as Sydney Airport, Railway Stations; and the Olympic Park venues. With our living proximity to the Olympic Park venue it is the intention of the Club Board to strongly encourage members where possible to make themselves available to assist. CAN YOU?

4. An application form is available on the Rotary International website, or a copy can be provided by the Club Secretary Allan.
5. The Rotary Club of Ryde will be holding a Charity Golf Day on Friday 28th March at the Ryde-Parramatta Golf Club and members are invited to register.
6. Registration and breakfast is from 6.30am, a shotgun start is at 8am and lunch will be served at 1pm. Prostate Cancer Foundation will be supported on the day.
7. Our Club will be allocated a space at the Strathfield Chamber of Commerce May Fun Fair on Saturday 10th May and we propose to have the Graffiti Trailer on display with members rostered to distribute Club promotional material, especially related to the forthcoming Strathfield Music Festival that is planned to be held at the Australian Catholic University site at Strathfield on **SATURDAY, 24 May**, the day before the Salvation Army **RED SHIELD APPEAL, SUNDAY 26**

May, which we strongly support each year. BOOK THIS WEEKEND NOW for commitment and personal assistance at both occasions: STRATHFIELD ROTARY WEEK-END.

Treasurer Rod McDougall

1. Still 18 members still to pay dues
2. Restaurant Night at Ryde TAFE for Wednesday 26th Feb 2014 needs to be paid now

Peter Smith

1. Circulated pictures of the Graffiti Removal both before and after the clean-up
2. The next Graffiti Removal project will be at Homebush Shopping Centre and latter a possible project at Strathfield Railway

Tony Lanzafame

1. Strathfield Youth Achievement Award Nominations are now open, nominations for the Strathfield Youth Business Award has been difficult to find in previous years. This award is ideal for a young person employed by a Strathfield business who goes above and beyond their day to day duties and perhaps exhibits an entrepreneurial flair. The award may also attract a young person starting their own business. The category is open to young people who work full-time, part-time or in a casual capacity within the Strathfield Municipality.
2. Application forms for RYPEN still awaited

Kevin Freund

1. The Big Ride at Olympic Park on 29th March 2014 has asked for helpers from Strathfield Rotary

Allan Teale

1. Thank you to Keith Byrn for arranging a contact for the Art Show at the RI Convention
2. Committee meeting tonight

Grahame True

1. Thank you to Keith Byrn for Membership Health liaison
2. Former member, Joe Campisi, is recovering from a kidney transplant from his sister

Ray McCluskie

1. The Club Facebook page is getting a number of viewings(hits) from the community

David Croft

1. Attended the funeral of Warwick Tester yesterday; former member Peter Kilkeary conducted the service
2. Lloyd Roever has offered to attend our meeting to boost the number of registrations for the RI Convention; currently only 2 registrations for our Club

Angelo Franco

Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards 2014

Strathfield Council and the Rotary Club of Strathfield are again sponsoring The Youth Achievement Awards for 2014. The awards are open to all people aged 12-25 who live, attend school or study, train or work in the Strathfield Municipality.

Teachers, coaches and business owners are encouraged to nominate young people or to recommend to young people to submit an application in a relevant category.

Awards are being presented in the following categories:

- **Strathfield Arts and Culture Award**
- **Strathfield Business Award**
- **Strathfield Community Service Award**
- **Strathfield Environment, Science and Technology Award**

- **Strathfield Individual Sports Award (Senior and Junior)**
- **Strathfield Team Sports Award**

Winners of awards will be presented with a plaque and prize. The winners will be announced at the annual Youth Achievement Awards Night presentation ceremony to be held at the Strathfield Rotary Meeting on Wednesday 21 May 2014 at Strathfield Golf Club.

Nominations close 5pm on Friday 11 April 2014.

For more information please contact Strathfield Council on 9748 9999 or visit www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au



*"Dear Editor Keith,
I confess that I was taken aback as a consequence of my reading of the unpublished version of Stephen Taylor's "opinion piece".
However the published version, which we have all had access to as an insert to last Wednesday's Club Bulletin sets the scene clearly as an AUDIT-a scrutiny that bases a response on the order of things. In doing this Steve has presented us with a clear picture of what we all know is the set of circumstances in which we operate here in the Strathfield Rotary Club.*

Read his audit again, while making a comparison with the report I have submitted for the activity of the Assembly.

Steve has not minced words, as one with such a wide and varied experience of Club Presidency and membership of two Rotary Clubs over a period of more than twenty-five years, his integrity in reporting as he has done, deserves our close scrutiny and ongoing implementation of the “major issues” that he has raised.

I already have a copy of his audited report filed in my Strathfield Rotary Club 2016-2017 folder as the incoming President Nominee of this service oriented Club. Regular reference to it and follow-up should be at the forefront of the thinking of all of us. ACTIVE-working towards a positive effect-membership is not the responsibility of A person is it? As Steve asks in paragraphs 5 and 6, p1: are you “prepared to be OPEN MINDED”, “based around the ideal of “CLUB IMPROVEMENT”? I am!

Thank you Steve for this timely STOP and THINK message.

*Rotarian of a mere 18 years,
Allan Petersen”*

MEETING STATISTICS	12 February 2014
Members present	29
Partners	0
Guests	3
Leaves of Absence	2
Apologies	6
No apologies	11
Make-Ups	7
Raffle	\$215.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$109.35

Congratulations to those who have birthdays and anniversaries during the next week:

Birthdays

22 February

Anne Manenti

23 February

Rotary (1905)

Bradley Ayres

25 February

Ross Brown

Wedding Anniversaries

NIL

Rotary Anniversaries

22 February

Emmanuel Vatalis

Apology:



The Bulletin 2 weeks ago (5 February) advised Anne and Raymond McCluskie would celebrate their wedding anniversary on 8 February. The editor was not aware and therefore failed to inform the members it was their 50th wedding anniversary, so a big congratulations to Anne and Raymond.



The Editor.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
26/2/2014	Ambassador Restaurant – Ryde TAFE
5/03/2014	Disability, where we are today & why – Betty Stampoulis-Lyttle
5/3/2014	NYSF - a report re the 2014 forum – Jenny Xu
12/3/2014	W.C. Wentworth – Andrew Tink
19/3/2014	Partners Talk – Jan Barrett
26/3/2014	Di Stevens and Yhanni Anthis – Tali Gallery – Arts & Craft display at the RI Convention
2/4/2014	Your local Federal MP – Craig Laundry
9/4/2014	Lady Convicts – 1800's- Suzanne Voytas
16/4/014	TBA
23/4/2014	TBA
30/4/2014	Engineers Without Borders – Patrick Austin
21/5/2014	Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards 2014
3/6/2014 (Tuesday)	Australian Rotary Theme Night

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
23/2/2014	Graffiti Removal – Rochester Street Homebush
1/3/2014	District Conference – Homebush
2/3/2014	Clean up Australia Day – BBQ Cooke Park
16/3/2014	Graffiti Removal Day

25/4/2014	ANZAC Day
29/3/2014	The Big Ride – Sydney Olympic Park
24/5/2014	Strathfield Music Festival - Australian Catholic University
25/5/2014	Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal – Strathfield
1 – 4 June 2014	Rotary International Convention



SHIFT2014

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District 9675 Conference

Sydney Olympic Park, 1 March 2014 will be a POWERHOUSE of business advice and tools that can be implemented immediately - in your projects and your business all for \$325.00.

THE FORMAT IS FAST PACED:

- 16 Remarkable speakers
- 4 Essential business success areas
- 1 Opportunity for extraordinary insights, powerful inspiration and practical tools needed to survive and thrive in our ever-changing, global & online environment.

We are in the midst of a redefinition of the way organisations function, connect with their customers and create profit.

This new world of opportunity requires us to rethink what we do and how we do it.

SHIFT2014 presents a one day POWERHOUSE of inspirational content from 16 of Australia's best thinkers, creators, innovators and doers.

MC Melissa Doyle will guide the day featuring Myer's Bernie Brookes, our new Governor-General Peter Cosgrove, ABC TV The Gruen Transfer's Dan Gregory, economist Ross Greenwood, Forbes Magazine's #5 social media influencer Gihan Perera and other talented individuals.



Rotary to bring the world to Sydney

Sydney will host Rotary International's 105th annual convention 1-4 June 2014, which is expected to attract more than 18,000 Rotary club members from over 150 countries. The always-colorful Rotary convention will transform the Sydney Olympic Park into a kaleidoscope of energy, color and excitement as Rotary brings together its global network of volunteer leaders – men and women from all walks of life to engage in a full agenda of plenary sessions, workshops and a lineup of world class keynote speakers.



HOW DO I REGISTER?

Register online at www.riconvention.org.

If you are an active user, your account will be ready for immediate use; otherwise, you'll need to create a new user account with a unique email that is not shared by another Rotarian. Visit www.rotary.org.

WHY REGISTER ONLINE?

Our new and improved online registration system is fast, easy, and secure:

- Confirmations (with letter of invitation if necessary) will be sent to you as soon as you complete your registration!
- We now accept credit card payment online.

AFTER I'VE REGISTERED, HOW CAN I MAKE CHANGES?

You can log into your account and update your registration:

- Edit your contact information and update your membership record.
- Add or cancel guests, RI luncheons, preconvention meetings or your registration.
- Send yourself a new copy of your confirmation (and letter of invitation) after making any edits.