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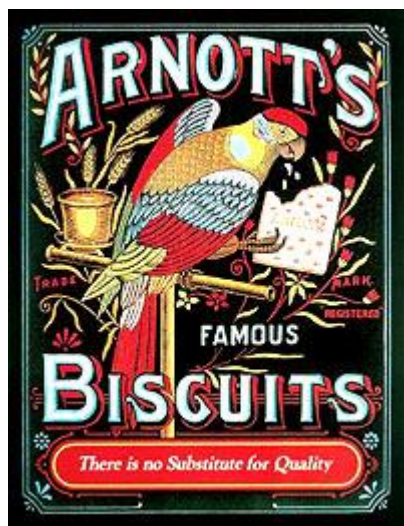
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6.15 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

October is Vocational Service month - emphasising Rotary's contribution to the second Avenue of Service

TONIGHT'S MEETING



Arnett Biscuits History
PP Claude Bennie

Last Week - The Great Debate



Introductions by "Chopper" Lanzafame



Students from St Patrick's College Strathfield and Homebush Boys High School Debated "Age is no barrier to success". All six Debaters delivered their arguments for and against the topic brilliantly and represented their respective schools in fine form.



Adjudicator, PP Joseph Saad in a close contest declared Homebush Boys High School the winners on the night over defending champions, St Patrick's College.



Homebush Boys High School was awarded the "Lew Wilson Shield".

Announcements

Tony Lanzafame

- A reminder good quality clothes are required for the St Vincent de Paul Society.
You can drop the clothes off at his home address (See Members directory).
If we are at home when you drop the clothes off you are most welcome to drop in for a coffee and a chat. Alternatively, you can contact Tony to arrange a pick up.
The clothes will be delivered to the St Vincent de Paul Society, on Thursday 14th November 2013.
- Soccer Club clothing for Vanuatu and/or PNG almost complete and ready for shipping.
- Pleaded with members to submit potential RYLA applicants.

Peter Smith

Reminded members of the Graffiti Removal Day - October 20.

This year NSW Government and Rotary Down Under will run the State-wide graffiti removal and prevention day with the support of a wide range of community organisations.

Our club in conjunction with Strathfield Council will base our lean up effort in the vicinity of Crossways Hotel, cnr. of Homebush and Liverpool Roads South Strathfield.

STOP PRESS – Strathfield Scene

Graffiti vandals given a spray as volunteers turn out for clean up

Article | Sun, 20/10/2013 - 11:27 | By [Joanne Tran](#)



Locals united on the corner of Homebush and Liverpool roads to rid Strathfield streets of graffiti at the weekend.

Over 20 residents slipped on protective coveralls, rubber gloves and goggles to scrub the municipality's graffiti hotspots clean. They cleaned up graffiti on the Crossway Hotel, Sun Tat Asian Cuisine and the Enfield McDonalds Car park on Liverpool Road. Councilor Andrew Soulos was among the participants of this joint initiative by Strathfield Council and Rotary.

It's his third time on the beat and he encourages more people to come. "We should encourage people to come because it's productive and it's good to be productive," he said.

Strathfield Rotary President Suzanne Freund said the day is particularly important on many levels.

"Graffiti isn't necessarily very attractive and it can detract from the feel of the community. But today is also an opportunity for people to work

together, such as council and rotary and volunteers who can come and contribute," she said.

Local resident volunteer David Cooke is glad to help improve the look of our streets.

"It's an opportunity to assist the local community in ridding streets of graffiti. It's ugly and it's a blot on our neighbourhood," he said.

Rotarian Peter Smith, who heads the event, said it was a fantastic turn out.

"The turn out is better than expected," he said.

"It's the best turn out statewide. Last year there were 100 sites and this year there were 250 planned sites," he said.

Council's Community Land and Services Manager Jocelyn Palmer congratulated Rotary for their work and encouraged residents and shop owners to continue to report graffiti incidences so Council can address pockets of graffiti when they do occur.

But ridding our streets of graffiti is not a one day job.

This event spearheads council's renewed effort to target vandalism as it happens.

A new policy outlines a plan to remove graffiti as soon as it appears on our streets.

Offensive, racist and obscene graffiti will be targeted and usually removed within a day of it being reported.

Other graffiti will generally be removed within two days.

Under the policy, efforts will be made to keep track of vandals and work with police to catch culprits. Council workers will take pictures of graffiti which may help police track down reoccurring "tags" and identify graffiti prone areas. They will also maintain a Graffiti Register, which records any removal of graffiti.

Council officers are also stepping up patrols around the community to make sure they catch vandalism sooner and encourage residents to report any graffiti by calling Council.

Kevin Freund

- Reported on successful BBQ held in conjunction with a Beyond Blue fundraising event, held on 13 October. We understand approximately \$5,000 was raised for Beyond Blue.

- Thanked Keith Byrn for carrying out minor repairs to the BBQ trailer and subsequently facilitated registration renewal.
- Commitment Sheet for BBQ at Ashfield Infants Home on 26 October was circulated again.

Allan Teale

Advised early discussions have commenced and foreshadowed the possibility of an Indigenous Art Show being held during the time of the International Convention.

The poster is titled "Rotary" with the logo. Below it, "Save the Dates" is written in a large, cursive font. There are two main event sections. The first is "Pride of Workmanship Awards 2013" on "13 November". It mentions Vocational Services Director Paul White and his team, describes it as a partners night, and gives the date and time: "Wednesday, 13 November 2013, 6:30 for 7:00 pm, Strathfield Golf Club". The second section is "Membership Evening" on "20 November". It features "Yasmin King, NSW Small Business Commissioner" as a "Special Guest Speaker". It describes it as an outstanding opportunity to invite friends and colleagues, especially those in business, to learn about Rotary and to listen to and meet Yasmin King. It gives the date and time: "Wednesday, 20 November 2013, 6:15 for 6:30 pm, Strathfield Golf Club". At the bottom, it says "Rotary Club of Strathfield".

Congratulations to those who have birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

30 October Peter Revelos

Anniversaries

Nil

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

MEETING STATISTICS	16 October 2013
Members present	21
Partners	1
Guests	17
	39
Leaves of Absence	7
Apologies	11
No apologies	10
Make-Ups	1
Raffle	\$235.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$101.55

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
30/10/2013	Teacher Training in Nepal – Dr Anne Prescott
6/11/2013	Partner Talk – Denise Taylor
13/11/2013	Pride of Workmanship
20/11/2013	NSW Small Business Commissioner – Yasmin King
27/11/2013	Salvo's Street Level – Mitch & Robyn Evans
4/12/2013	AGM
11/12/2013	Members Christmas Party
18/12/2013	Children's Christmas party

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
26/10/2013 (Saturday)	BBQ – Ashfield Infants Home
26/10/2013	Burwood Rotary – Dinner in the Park- Concord Community Centre 7.00 pm – 10.00 pm
18/11/2013 (Monday)	Rotary Foundation Dinner – meet RI President Elect 2014/2015 Gary C K Huang 6.30 pm Epping Club

Four ex Strathfield Rotarians spotted celebrating Tony Neaversen's 80th recently.



Terry Rohan, Harley Tarrant, Peter Foss and Tony Neaversen

Editor's note: apology for picture quality, provider of the photo had also been "celebrating".



Rotary and UNESCO-IHE partnership leads to 16 new water scholars

17-Oct-2013

News Release

EVANSTON, Ill. (17 October, 2013) — Building on the success of the [Rotary](#) and [UNESCO-IHE](#) partnership to train future water leaders, the second group of students – 16 in total – began graduate studies this month at UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, the premier postgraduate water education institution in the world.

The first group of Rotary sponsored scholars, who began their studies in October 2012, successfully completed their first year of an 18-month Masters of Science degree program at UNESCO-IHE, a United Nations Institute in Delft, The Netherlands. They are now embarking on a six-month thesis period. After graduation in April 2014, the scholars' expertise will be put to work improving water and sanitation conditions in their own communities with projects the scholars and sponsoring Rotary members will design and implement together in their respective countries of Argentina, Uganda, Nigeria, Ethiopia, and Ghana.