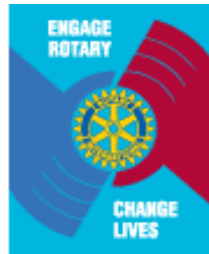




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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September is New Generations Month

President Suzanne's Report

Last Wednesday we had another inspiring speaker with Craig Hamilton, sharing details of his how he lives his life with a mental illness. It was impressive because he spoke so eloquently and normalised the fact the many people still achieve their professional goals and can look at life differently, once they educate themselves about the impact of such an illness, and how to harness a lifestyle to work with the condition. We were joined by several guests on that evening and I congratulate our members who invited them.

Rotary is acutely aware that membership is a major concern - in every copy of the Rotarian lately you can read about strategies to increase our numbers and our board highlighted this at a recent board meeting too. We need to grow to survive BUT in addition to just getting people through the door we need to ensure that every Rotarian has a meaningful job. What projects would you like to see us involved with?

Current Projects

Our youth director is enthusiastically consolidating some plans for the club – including distribution of sports uniforms through Donations in Kind and seeking nominees for the RYLA camp next year.

A small group of members – including Keith Stockall, Rod McDougall, Peter Smith and Kevin Freund provided a barbeque for Strathfield Girls High School students on Thursday, to celebrate their diamond jubilee,

60th anniversary of their founding. Well done gentleman!

Future Plans for Our Club

While a small committee has been formed to look at the format of our meetings and consider recommendations towards improving Strathfield Rotary, I would like to invite our committees to meet and look at their area of focus and especially consider membership, community projects and fundraising as priorities.

We also have the possibility of some fund raising through barbeques at Bunnings and Masters –if we had at least two teams to rotate and promote this activity.

Our great Graffiti Removal Project is seeking regular commitments from members. Please discuss with Peter Smith.

Although in its early stage we are working toward organising a music festival to be held for the first time early next year in the Strathfield Community, together with Pat Drummond.

Future Rotary Happenings

Burwood Rotary club is organising a Multicultural Feast with funds to support The Anzac Research Institute. We could support this and have a great night with other local Rotarians.

October is the date set for the Annual Hat Day to raise funds for Rotary Health projects. Anyone interested in a Mad Hatters Tea Party? Strathfield Musical Society is holding a performance of "The Music Man" in October

maybe we could have a restaurant evening and a show!

We will also be looking for volunteers for **World Polio Day – 24th October 2013**. Do you have time to consider selling badges for this Rotary Project?

There are many great projects to support and you can be involved.

President Suzanne

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Member Talk - Trevor Duxbury

Spotted below playing with his toys in Burwood Park.



Last Week

Craig Hamilton - Beyond Blue

When Craig started telling his story, you don't want him to stop. He was honest, insightful and spoke with great passion and conviction.

His presentation had something in it for everyone. He was able to reflect on his personal experience with mental illness, his role in the media and his experience writing his first and second book.



Craig Hamilton & President Suzanne

Announcements

Peter Smith - Graffiti Removal

We plan on being back at Flemington on Sunday 29 September - hopefully we will have 2 teams so that we can:

- Paint the wall at 4/26 Henley Road (the Big Ben Computer shop). We have a signed consent but I will discuss with proprietor colour and scope)
- 11 Henley Road (Best taste Dim Sim). Graffiti removal prior to a later paint job – again we have signed consent form.
- 8D/2-8 Henley Road (Cosway Seafood) – remove graffiti off brickwork – no consent as yet but will obtain this week.

Steve Taylor

- **Walk for Parkinson's**

Steve thanked those Rotarians who Joined him on the walk on 25 August and also those who supported him with donations. Total amount raised was \$700.00.

- **Ashfield Infants Home**

The new *Early Education and Care Centre* was officially opened in August 2013 at a cost of \$8.0 million. Steve encouraged members to visit and inspect the new facility.

- **Strathfield Golf Club**
Strathfield Council has approved a development proposal to utilize the area of land currently used as a practice fairway. The proposal is to build residential apartments.

Congratulations to those who have birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

28 September Joe Saad

Anniversaries

20 September Chris & Toni Virgona

Rotary Anniversaries

Nil

Meeting Statistics	18 Sept 2013
Members present	29
Partners	6
Guests	4
	39
Leaves of Absence	4
Apologies	6
No apologies	10
Make-Ups	0
Raffle	\$255.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$84.10

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
2/10/2013	Be Happy Be Rich – Eric Stanley
9/10/2013	Travelling Con Men – David Rosenberg
16/10/2013	The Great Debate – St Patrick's College Strathfield & Homebush Boys High
23/10/2013	Arnott Biscuits History – PP Claude Bennie
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

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
29/9/2013	Graffiti Removal - Flemington
13/10/2013	BBQ – Beyond Blue Mason Park
20/10/2013 (Sunday)	Graffiti Removal Day (NSW Wide)
26/10/2013	BBQ – Ashfield Infants Home
18/11/2013	Rotary Foundation Dinner – meet RI President Elect 2014/2015 Gary C K Huang 6.30 pm Epping Club

Sydney International Convention

Sydney is hosting the 2014 Rotary International Convention and we will have a unique opportunity to attend and also be involved in welcoming Rotarians from around the world to our beautiful Olympic Park. Registrations are being sought now to assist the organising committee gain some valuable funds.

Think about this – they will also need volunteers and home billets – we can extend some hospitality. Maybe we can organise an event locally for overseas visitors to attend.

Come join us at the Convention at Sydney Olympic Park, June 1-4, 2014.





Learn how to strengthen Rotary's image in the new Tell Rotary's Story - Voice and Visual Identity Guidelines for Rotarians.

What is Rotary? Have you ever struggled with an answer to that question? You're not alone. How do you describe an organization that is so many things to so many different people? It turns out that we had the answer all along.

In research conducted over the past two years, we heard the same message from our members: Rotary brings together friends, family, and community leaders to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world.

To help carry that message into the 21st century, a fresh, modern look and inspiring and inviting voice was created. You can see these changes in Rotary's redesigned website and publications like Connect for Good and Rotary Leader. It includes a new signature (logo) and specific fonts and colors for digital and print media. Our voice is more action-oriented focusing on the why rather than the how: The next step is incorporating our new visual identity into our club and district communications. You'll find everything you

need to update your website, newsletters, and brochures in Tell Rotary's Story voice and visual identity guide. Our new signature and mark of excellence are available for download. And more tools and resources are being planned.

We know these changes won't happen overnight, but every little thing we do – from Facebook posts to fundraising posters – that presents a cohesive, consistent, and contemporary Rotary story will help strengthen Rotary's image and our ability to engage the public and our members.

Rotarian Action Group helps countries grow indigenous crops



Bruce French at a market in the Solomon Islands, where Learn Grow launched a local foods project.

Australian Bruce French has been eating locally for 35 years— long before it became a culinary trend. Now he's working with Rotary members to help countries struggling with food security do the same.

French founded the not-for-profit Food Plants International, which maintains a database of 25,000 edible plants that includes descriptions, lists of countries and climates where they grow, photos and drawings, and cooking methods.

Thought for the week:

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.