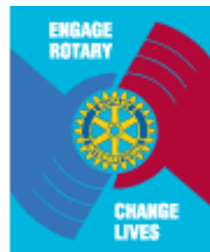




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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District 9690, New South Wales, Australia*



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6.15 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

JULY - Literacy Month & the New Rotary Year Begins

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Recap Meeting

Last Week's Changeover

One of the highlights of the evening was when President Ray presented a cheque for \$10,000 to Wendy Milburn, Principal of Chalmers Road School.



Wendy Milburn and President Ray

President Ray advised members present of a resignation letter received from Niall King. Whilst all members will miss Niall from the club all will understand the reason Niall has based his decision to leave the club.

President Ray thanked Niall King for his dedication and service to Rotary and confirmed Niall with honorary member status of the Rotary club of Strathfield.



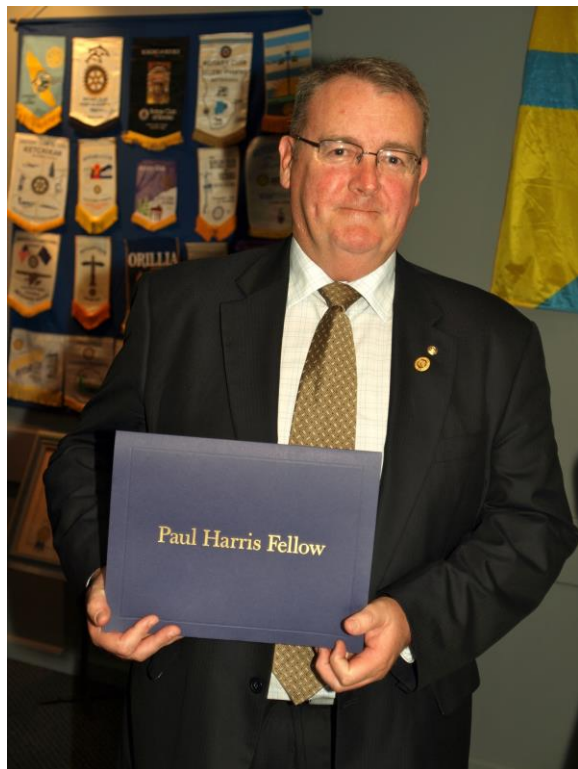
President Ray farewells Rotarian Niall King



Niall King "a Proud Rotarian"

President Ray also awarded long serving Rotarian, Ted Ingall with Honorary member status of the Rotary Club of Strathfield.

And yet another highlight of last week's meeting was a surprise for a delighted David Martin when President Ray awarded a Paul Harris Fellow.



David Martin "another Proud Rotarian"

CLUB STATISTICS	29/6/2013
Members	32
Apologies	8
Silent - no apologies	9
LOA	0
85'ers	2
	51
Partners:	23
Guests:	30
TOTAL ON NIGHT:	85
Make-Ups:	
Raffle	\$621.40
Sergeant-at-Arms	NA
	\$621.40

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

Date	Topic
24/7/2013	District Governor's visit. Three other Rotary clubs will also attend.
7/8/2013	Literature Extension Program
28/8/2013	Police Officer of the Year

Congratulations to the following for birthdays and anniversaries next week:

Birthdays

4 July Sue Byrn

Anniversaries

3 July Eric & Pauline

Rotary Anniversaries

1 July Grahame True



President Ray passes the chain of office to President Suzanne



President Suzanne & 2013-2014 Directors

President Suzanne's Inaugural Speech

This is an overview of President Suzanne Freunds speech at the Presidential Changeover.

"Every Rotarian in this room is here because he or she was invited to join Rotary AND then they made a conscious choice - to accept that invitation.

Since then we have also faced the ongoing choice – of whether to be just a Member of a Rotary club OR to be a Rotarian.

Being a Rotarian is a commitment that goes far beyond showing up at meetings once a week.

It means seeing the world – and our role in it – in a unique way.

It means accepting our communities as our responsibility and acting accordingly.

It also means taking new initiatives, thinking broadly and making the effort to do what's right for the broader community.

Sometimes that may not be easy

1. It can mean realigning personal priorities –so that we get involved in a project when we have our own individual commitments and interests.

2. It can mean giving to the many Rotary appeals – both local/national and internationally

3. And it definitely means giving of your time and energy.

I hope that during my year we can all work together – share our ideas -appreciate our individual skills and knowledge, while working together in projects which will raise our community profile.

What I believe that I bring to Rotary is an extension of the way that I have always lived my life –

- *Being involved in community issues*
- *Valuing the many diverse individuals who make up a community*
- *And seeking to consult with that community ON WHAT THEY SEE AS THEIR PRIORITIES*

It is because of these three FACTORS that I am delighted to announce that the theme for the 2013 – 2014 presidential years is - ENGAGE ROTARY AND CHANGE LIVES.

This theme invites us - both to engage with our community but also to engage with each member of our club. It aims to appreciate each member, ensure that we are involved in projects that recognise and utilise our skills and knowledge – so that we will want to stay engaged in Rotary.

I aim to focus on a broad area of need in our community under the umbrella of - Education, Literacy and Numeracy.

I hope to identify and support existing projects and organisation within our community who will benefit from our support. These will include the primary schools – the high schools AND other projects which focus on education for areas of special need. This will include children who have a Multicultural or CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) backgrounds, Chalmers Road School and also others which we may not have identified yet - through various groups including those focusing on cultural, sporting or creative interests of children and other community members.

We will achieve this through the ideas and networks of all Strathfield Rotarians -and by strengthening relationships with partners including Strathfield Council, Bendigo Bank, Bunnings (through their Rotarians and Friends @ work project) and also our adjoining Rotary clubs – especially Concord – Burwood and Breakfast Point. And by being more obvious in the community - we can enhance both the aims of Rotary and address the needs of the Strathfield community, and grow our membership base to reflect the community's diversity"