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Meeting Tonight 6.15 for 6.30 pm

## ***April is Magazine Month - Have you explored the rich world of Rotary Media information?***

### ***Tonight's Meeting***

#### ***Engineers Without Borders – Patrick Austin***

Patrick is 23 years old and an undergraduate of Sydney University who has been studying a Bachelor of Civil Engineering and Commerce. Whilst at university he had some work experience with a surveying company, where he experienced a lot about surveying techniques, computer skills, including AutoCAD and use of various surveying equipment.

Last semester he studied Steel Structures. Some of the major projects he was involved in at university include the analysis and design of reinforced concrete beams, columns and slabs, design and analysis of steel portal frame. Also, the design of a water filtration system for a remote indigenous community as part of the "Engineers Without Borders" program.

### ***Last Week –***



Whilst there was no formal meeting last Wednesday, on Friday morning our club hosted a breakfast and an ANZAC day service at Cape Cabarita for 90 people, attended by Rotarians and residents of Cape Cabarita.

The proceedings included a reading by Steve Taylor which told us about his father's career in the British merchant navy service and his subsequent war service. Steve also had a model of the ship on display his father served on during the war.

Our thanks to David and Margaret Croft for planning and coordinating the event.



#### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

***After many years Bronte Industries will no longer be accepting apology/guest advices.***

***For apologies in future, see above for new contact details.***

#### **President Suzanne Freund**

The Strathfield Rotary Music Festival "Horizon Festival" will be held at the Australian Catholic University, Strathfield on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

Strathfield is a unique community with a broad multicultural population and a large number of school age students. In recognition of this, Strathfield Rotary club is organising "the Horizons Music Festival" aimed at showcasing young musicians "on The Horizon and presenting varied musical genres and styles – inviting the community to enjoy a unique local experience – and "Broaden Their Horizon" on what constitutes enjoyable music.

We hope that this event is the first of what might become an annual Rotary event bringing the community together in a relaxed environment at the Australian Catholic University, as it expands each year. In this first year it will be a daytime event, and funds raised will support a variety of Rotary projects including the donation of resources aimed at highlighting Youth

Mental Health and Well Being in local schools

We will highlight our exceptional local talent, introduce a line up of musicians who will present a varied program of musical styles and give everyone a chance to experience a true community event. Bring a blanket or buy some food – free admission – and great entertainment.

Commitment by members to this event is required to make it successful.

#### **2014 BowelCare Program:**

- **Saturday 26 April to 24 May 2014**  
*Pharmacy Sales (official dates):*
- **Saturday 7 June 2014**
- *Last pharmacy pathology collection*
- **Friday 20 and Saturday 21 June 2014**  
*Return stock to Murray Farm Primary School*

*This year the Guaiac Kit is being used again and the price remains at \$10.00 per kit.*

#### **Call for Volunteers**



Rotary Club of Concord need help with Marshals for the 3K Polio walk/run on Saturday morning 31st May. Concord has 4/5 people but it will require about 20 Please circulate your members.

**End Polio Now – Make History Today**  
**3K Walk** during the Rotary Convention in Sydney on Saturday, 31 May.

This is your chance to walk down the historic Olympic boulevard, experience the beautiful parks surrounding Sydney Olympic Park and start and finish the walk at the Olympic Flame Cauldron, all while raising awareness about the fight to end polio. Rotary International President Ron Burton will kick off the walk with a few words of inspiration.

Bring your family and friends, and help kick off the convention with this exciting event!

#### **DETAILS**

**Date: Saturday, 31 May 2014**

**Place: Cathy Freeman Park**

**Start Time: 10.00 am**

**Entry Price: A\$30 per person**

#### **Secretary Allan Petersen**

1. All members mailed a projects/commitment sheet for upcoming Club Events.
2. A poster on the "Cooee March" was shown to the meeting, Allan advised that Cooee means come here so all members should hear the call.

#### **Peter Smith**

1. A Commitment sheet for the Red Shield Appeal on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014 was circulated.

#### **Tony Lanzafame**

1. Applications for RYPEN received from 2 Meriden Students and 2 Homebush Boys High Students.

#### **Kevin Freund**

A Commitment sheet for the BBQ at Ashfield Infants Home on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014 was circulated.

#### **Grahame True**

A Commitment sheet for the Hospitality Night on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 as part of the International Convention was circulated.

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

##### **Birthdays**

2 May Ian Johnson

##### **Wedding Anniversaries**

4 May John & Sue Leftwich

5 May Rod & Lyn Rimes

##### **Rotary Anniversaries**

1 May Roger Vince  
Eric Khu  
Ted Ingall (as honorary member)

#### **FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS**

Date	Topic
7/5/2014	Meriden Interact – Sharna Kerr & Students
14/5/2014	Ice In My Veins - Belinda Noonan
21/5/2014 (Partner's night)	Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards 2014
28/5/2014	NO MEETING
3/6/2014 (Partners' Night)	Hospitality Evening - International Rotarians
4/6/2014	NO MEETING
27/6/2014	Changeover Night

**NOTE:** Partners are always welcome every week.

## FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event
3/5/2014	BBQ – Ashfield Infants Home Art Show
10/5/2014	Strathfield Chamber of Commerce Fun Fair
23/5/2014	Meriden Interact School Dance
24/5/2014	Pat Drummond / Strathfield Rotary Music Festival - Australian Catholic University
25/5/2014	Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal – Strathfield
1 – 4/6/2014	Rotary International Convention



## A moving doctor's office rescues women from breast cancer



Maryland, USA, Rotary members Christopher Puttock and Rachel Blair (left), pay a visit to the Mammobus last year to check on the project's status. With them are Dr. K.N. Srinivasan (far right) and Mrs. Vijayalakshmi, who coordinates the bus's schedule for the K Shantha Breast Cancer Foundation.

In Tamil Nadu, India, two doctors, both members of the Rotary Club of Srirangam, discovered an alarming trend in the remote city outskirts of Trichy, women dying of breast cancer.

Drs. K. Govindaraj and K.N. Srinivasan knew that much of the death and suffering could be avoided, and both were motivated by their personal experiences with the disease. Govindaraj watched his mother die of breast cancer a decade earlier, and helped found the Dr. K. Shantha Breast Cancer Foundation in her memory. Srinivasan, an oncologist, witnessed unprecedented growth in the number of younger patients coming to his clinic with advanced stages of the disease. According to the National Cancer Registry of India, 20 to 40 women per 100,000 are suffering from breast cancer. And because



Sydney will host Rotary International's 105<sup>th</sup> annual convention 1-4 June 2014, which is expected to attract more than 18,000 Rotary club members from over 150 countries.

Register online at [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)

many women lack the resources to travel to the city, or the \$50 fee for proper screening, the doctors needed a unique approach. During a trip to South Korea, Govindaraj saw a large van outfitted with X-ray equipment parked outside a mall, and thought a moving doctor's office and lab -- or "mammobus" -- could overcome the challenges they faced.

Through a Rotary global grant, the men were able to buy and outfit their own bus. Since April 2012 the Shantha Foundation's mammobus, supported by local Rotarians and the Rotary Club of Rockville, Maryland, USA, has administered 2,500 free breast cancer screenings. Early stage cancer has been detected and treated in six women, and thousands have been taught how to conduct regular self-exams, an important means of early detection.

"Women have started feeling that they have easy access to health without compromising their day-to-day work and earnings," Srinivasan says. "Women come out to our health workers with their health-related problems and discuss freely about various aspects of health and diseases, not just about breast cancer."

The mammobus cost \$34,000 and is equipped with a mammography machine, an ultrasound, and materials that teach the method and importance of self-exams. The Shantha Foundation maintains the vehicle and reaches out to nongovernmental organizations, women's groups, and employers to arrange visits. The bus stops anywhere a large group of women congregate, with priority given to rural areas. The Srirangam club also helps line up visits and widely promotes the bus through various media.

"More and more clubs and NGOs want to participate and are booking the mammobus well in advance," says Srinivasan. "We are already booked until the end of May."

Govindaraj says if something is detected during screening, the woman is given the choice to get a biopsy at the Shantha Foundation's affiliated

hospital, or to have the foundation arrange a biopsy with a local radiologist.

If a biopsy proves malignant, the woman is advised to undergo treatment in a hospital in her own city or, if willing, to receive treatment at the Shantha Foundation hospital. Either way, the procedure is covered by government insurance. The foundation provides follow-up support and counseling for patients and families.

Dr. Chenguttai Dheenan, a retired surgeon and member of the Rotary Club of Rockville, Maryland, USA, became involved in the project after he met a member from Tamil Nadu at Rotary's international convention. In addition to convincing his club to support the project, Dheenan, a lifelong member of the American Tamil Medical Association, secured a \$5,000 donation from the association.

"In many cases, this will be the first doctor these women have seen," says Dheenan. "This venture is bringing life-saving detection right to their doorsteps."

Rotary members have also been lining up volunteers to ride on the bus and talk to the women about HIV/AIDS awareness and other health issues.

Meanwhile, the doctors have been gathering medical data that will benefit universities in India and other countries, data that up to this point had not been available.

"I wish and pray for many more mammobuses in our country," says Srinivasan. "Healthy women are the backbone of a community."

Arnold R. Grahl  
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# ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST

# CAPE CABARITA

