



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.
District 9675, New South Wales, Australia



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Wednesday, 4 December 2013

December is Family Month

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since we are coming to the end of the year it is again a time to reflect on my Presidential year.

It was invigorating inducting a new member into our club last week – especially a person of such vast experience in the Strathfield community. My hope is that Gulian Vaccari will inject his commitment and also his experience in project management into our clubs culture.

In regard to future plans I am hopeful that by working collaboratively with Pat Drummond, we may still be able to initiate a Strathfield Music Festival, early next year, which might develop into an annual Rotary event providing a regular fund raising opportunity for a number of years.

Currently I have invited Emmanuel Vatalis and Peter Manenti to form a committee to work with me on this and would welcome any other interested members to also join us.

Past Actions

My aim in the past few months has been to include visits to schools and organisations that have programs that would benefit from our support.

Some of the funds which will be raised at the Carols in the Park will go to buy musical instruments for a new children's symphony – Symphonie Jubilate and other education projects within Strathfield.

Future Events

We are also planning our Christmas celebrations and also support of community projects for those who would appreciate our thoughts and assistance at this time of the

year. Please consider sponsoring a child with a gift this Christmas as we support the Salvation Army gift drive.

In order to capitalise on these new contacts I encourage all members to invite anyone whom they invited or linked up with at these events, to consider recontacting them and inviting them to our Christmas Party, as I guarantee this will be an enjoyable event and it will cement friendships already established.

You are also welcome to bring family and friends to our Christmas Party on the 11th December – as we will have a live entertainer and lots of fun planned for the evening. And our children's Christmas Party is always fun for grandchildren, family and friends.

Please also consider contributing a gift for the Salvation Army Children's gift appeal.

Last year Strathfield Council ran collection points at the Central Library and the Service Centre but you can also bring donations to our meetings from next week and we will donate them to the Cape Cabarita Reverse Christmas Tree

These will be displayed at the Carols by Candlelight and all the toys/gifts will be taken to the Salvation Army's Children's Christmas Day Party, at Redfern, on Christmas Eve.

President Suzanne

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be chaired by **David Croft**. Club officers for the 2014-2015 Rotary year will be elected.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guest Speaker – Mitch Evans

Introduced by **Peter Smith**, Mitch told the amazing story of the Salvation Army's Streetlevel Sydney project.

He overviewed his own background as an IT consultant and his decision to join the Salvos. He described the Streetlevel facility in Surry Hills, and how it operates, highlighting the fact that there are no clients, only community members.

He introduced community member Nina who talked about how the mission had changed her life.

Mitchell was thanked by **Peter Manenti** who reflected on an inspiring talk by a truly dedicated contributor to the Salvos excellent work.

New Member Induction

Last week President Suzanne inducted **Gulian Vaccari** as our newest member.

Nominated by **Rod McDougall** who spoke about Gulian's enthusiasm for the ideals of Rotary.

Gulian along with his wife Sim have two daughters and have lived in Strathfield for many years. They are both pharmacists with their business in Ashfield. Gulian is a current Strathfield councillor and former mayor.

In acknowledging his induction Gulian told the club he was now at a stage where he could give time to the community through Rotary.

He thanked **Grahame True** 'his old neighbor' for being his mentor and is looking forward to happy times in Rotary.



President Suzanne pins our newest member, Gulian Vaccari

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

| Date | Topic |
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| 11/12/2013 | Members Christmas Party |
| 18/12/2013 | Childrens Christmas party |
| 22/1/2014 | Fitness sitting Down Domini Stuart |
| 29/1/2014 | Splice the Mainbrace Alan Mclean |
| 5/2/2014 | Club Assembly |
| 12/2/2014 | WestConnex Faye Woodward |
| 19/2/2014 | Lynne Cairncross (TBC) |
| 26/2/2014 | No Meeting |
| 19/3/2014 | Partner Talk Jan Barrett |

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

| Date | Event |
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| 7/12/2013 (4.00 p.m.) | Carols in the Park Strathfield Park |
| 15/1/2014 (TBC) | Croquet Social Evening |
| 1/3/2014 | District Conference Homebush |
| 1 – 4 June 2014 | Rotary International Convention |

MEETING STATISTICS – 27.11.13

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| Members present | 24 |
| Partners | 0 |
| Guests | 2 |
| | 26 |
| Leaves of Absence | 5 |
| Apologies | 9 |
| No apologies | 12 |
| Make-Ups | 1 |
| Raffle | \$170.00 |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | \$90.50 |

PACKAGE TO AFRICA

Peter and Anne Manenti have just returned from a very exciting safari in Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe and the Mala Mala / Sabi Sands bordering on Kruger Park in South Africa.

During their stay at Sushi and Chuma Lodge near Livingstone, Victoria Falls they had the wonderful experience of visiting the Nakatindi Community School and Village.

The school educates 650 children of primary school age, 250 of these children are orphans due to having lost both parents to aids and are cared for by other relatives.

The school provides one main meal at lunch time – funds are being created by the generosity of some charities.

Peter and Anne were very moved by their visit and wanted to donate something that would give

the children some comfort and joy and would reach some of them if not all at the one time.

With the help of **Tony Lanzafame**, **David Croft** and **Peter Revelos** they sent 300 items of badly needed children's clothing.

At considerable financial cost, Peter and Anne arranged for the package to be air freighted, their concern being that by ship there was no guarantee the package would leave Durban and arrive safely in Livingstone.

The parcel has now arrived and they are anxiously waiting for it to clear customs.

This is a very generous humanitarian - and financial - gesture. Thanks to Peter and Anne, and to Tony, David and Peter Revelos for clothing donations.



Peter and Anne with children from the school



Rotary Friendship Exchange



The Rotary Friendship Exchange program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to host and visit Rotarians around the world.

In addition to experiencing other cultures and making lasting friendships, an exchange provides a strong foundation for carrying out other international activities and service projects.

In 2011 a number of us participated in a Friendship Exchange on route to the New Orleans Convention staying in Houston Texas. I

can speak from experience that it was a fantastic opportunity.

I am putting together a register of Rotarians from our District that may wish to participate in the experience. If you are interested would you please send me an email to express your interest.

Regards

Graham Wilson

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KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

18 DECEMBER 2013

5:30 FOR 6:00 PM

SANTA ARRIVES AT 7:00 PM

BRING YOUR GIFTS FOR
SANTA TO HAND OUT

DANCE PANTS KIDS DISCO
WILL KEEP EVERYBODY BOPPIN

PARTY FOOD FOR ALL

GREAT WAY TO END ROTARY 2013

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BUT MAYBE IT WAS STREET ART?

The graffiti team of Rotarians **Peter Smith**, **Suzanne** and **Kevin Freund**, **Richard Horwood**, **Tony Lanzafame**, **David Martin**, **Rod McDougall**, and **Grahame True**, together with **Cr Raj Datta** and Rod's granddaughter **Holly** and community volunteer **Tim Cooke** were busy last Sunday morning.

They cleaned up 5 Gould Street (again) and two private properties in Dean Street.

Richard won the best dressed graffiti cleaner award. **Connie Lanzafame** provided wonderful short black coffees for all.

Later Dave and Peter did a foreign order for Richard Horwood at his property. **Sergeant please note.**

David and Peter then enjoyed an ale at the Palace Hotel.

Only emergency jobs now until 2014!

