



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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



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*Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.”
Paul P. Harris*

11 November 2015

President Petersen’s Page

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Be a centurion for \$2 per week

Rotary Districts 9675 & 9685

What better day of significance, could there be than the eleventh day of the eleventh month of November, Remembrance Day, to reintroduce THE CENTURION PROGRAM to our members.

It is an Australian Rotary initiative whereby members make a \$100 donation a year to the Rotary Foundation and be enrolled a CENTURION.

The \$2 TOWER is an initiative of District 9675 of which our Club is a part. Fifty two dollar coins will fit in the tower of the kind that is being distributed to all our members. If 100 percent of our membership could see its way clear to contribute \$100 before the end of this Rotary Year we would be contributing more then \$4 000 to the RI FOUNDATION.

Won't your family HELP YOU

CENTURION PROGRAM UPDATE RI FOUNDATION

PP Roger Vince has been a longstanding member of the Centurion Program and has agreed to act as our Club contact for the Program. With the distribution of the towers tonight and later by post to those financial Club members we expect to be reaching the entire Club membership for an anticipated 100 percent return no later than 30 June, 2016.

Centurions will receive a certificate of membership and a lapel badge on receipt of his/her \$100, which will be processed through the Club Treasury. This novel means of contributing can be per week, as suggested, but considering the time of distribution of the towers, received only recently, it may be a challenge to contribute fully before the end of the financial year is expressed.

DO THE BEST YOU CAN!

This week
Immigration Law
Monica Gruszka

Statistics 4.11.2015 Members 19, Partner 0, Guests 2, LoA 9, Apologies 6, NA 14 Raffle \$135.00, Sergeant \$74.20, Community

Anniversaries this week

November 5:
Rotary: Arie Pappas
November 8:
Wedding: Ray and Anne Wilson
Rotary: Ian Johnson
November 9:
Birthday: David Croft
November 10:
Birthday: Jan Van der Sleen

A Message from RI President Ravi Ravindran



We are expecting that next week's Guest Speaker will provide more details on the means by which our membership will be able to support the END POLIO NOW project. Please remember to reply to the email request to indicate your attendance.

We need your strength to help fight this war until we have won.

This war of ours – which started as a war against polio but is also a war against hatred, against ignorance, against fear – this war will be won. It will be won soon. And when it is won, all of Rotary will have a story to tell – to the children, and the grandchildren, who will never see a leg brace or an iron lung, or know a world with polio in it.

Whether you are a Rotarian in Kano or Peshawar or Swat, in Seoul or Madrid or Chicago – you are a part of this story. Your part in it is one that only you can write. I ask you all to write it well – so that the story you will one day tell is one of which you will be proud.

**The Magic of Rotary District
Conference
4th to 6th March 2016**

**Wests
Diggers
Nelson
Bay**



Get ready for a great weekend of fun and surprises Why not take an extra few days or even a week or two and have break away in the beautiful Port Stephens. Planning for your District Conference started back in January 2014 when Helen and I inspected a number of venues within a few hours from our District and we decided that Wests Diggers at Nelson Bay provides the best value for money when it comes to the quality of the venue , the level of customer service, the location and the assistance provided to us by the Destination Port Stephens group. Shortly we will be releasing booking details and I am sure that you will be pleasantly surprised on what we

have to offer and at a very reasonable cost. I am hearing that a few of the accommodation venues are booking out so it may be an idea to look at your accommodation needs

Club Director Arie Pappas has complete details concerning the accommodation bookings already made in the name of our Club for those attending the conference.

**Rotary and the Working With
Children Check WWCC**

Secretary Peter has made a pertinent reference to this process in his distribution of the most recent District Newsletter to members: If you are not registered by April 2016, Rotarians will be unable to participate in any activity involving young members of the community. The process involved is clearly outlined in that District Newsletter.

**New South Wales
Police Legacy Fund**

You may not have heard that the return on the Guessing Competition held on the night of the Police Officer of the Year Award was \$1,000. The Club Board agreed to increase this by

\$500 for the outstanding support that this fund provides for families of deceased police officers. A further word of praise is due to Honorary Rotarian Arthur Crossan whose artwork was offered as prizes on the night and was well received by the fortunate recipients who had a wide choice of selection. Thank you Arthur.

**ROTARY CLUB OF STRATHFIELD
PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS**



A Rotary Vocational Service Project

**COST PER HEAD IS \$40:
INCLUDES CANAPES AND TWO COURSES
SOFT DRINKS INCLUDED. ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES AT BAR PRICES**

Your co-operation and support
for this year's
**PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS
EVENING** is appreciated for:

- Nominations to PE Stephen Taylor by Friday of this week, November 13
- Extending an invitation to your partner for the night, November 25
- Providing your notice of attendance for the night, November 25

**2015 \$2 REMEMBRANCE DAY
COIN, UNCIRCULATED**



This coin, introduced to the market today, is Australia's fifth full colour circulating commemorative \$2 coin. It is a poignant tribute to those who have served Australia during times of conflict, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Field" by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, 1915. This could be the coin that will commence your Centurion Tower Collection as some will be available for distribution tonight, on this REMEMBRANCE DAY, 2015, the day of their introduction to circulation.

In Flanders Fields



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.