

# 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

#### 14 October 2015

### PRESIDENT PETERSEN'S PAGE

We took the time at the Club Assembly last week to review the S.W.O.T. Analysis which had been derived from a number of previous sources provided by members over the past six months. We also had the summary details of the recent visit to our Club of PP Stephen Knightley, the District 9675 Membership and PR contact at our disposal.

Stephen had reported that: "Your Club certainly has a good vibrancy and progressive initiatives in your mix of activities". Moving forward with last week's findings at our disposal, members present have indicated that our Membership Development Plan should include attributes that:

- Provide Leadership Skills for newer Rotarians
- These skills are to include a capacity to deliver community service
- Member experience gives strength in organizing community projects
- Our Club has the authority to serve under the umbrella of RI and District
- We serve in a non- political, non- religious environment.

The foregoing aspirations are noted, Strathfield Club members also pointed out that:

- There is a predominance of older age, faithful members in our Club
- This has the effect of fewer members, fewer activities and less excitement
- We acknowledge that members in full-time work can devote less Club time
- The "Burden" of financial support falls upon a smaller group of attendees

- Rotarians appreciate routine and the necessity of a venue change presents a challenge especially if suitable parking is not available
- All financial members should be aware of the Club activities at all times.
- A total preoccupation with increasing membership can be counterproductive.
- We should always appreciate the solid, loyal membership we have now.

Stephen Knightley writes: "The future of Rotary is in the strength of its Clubs moving forward. Rotary, whilst still large worldwide, is shrinking in the western world. With its declining and aging, membership, it is considered that there is a cliff edge coming for RI in 5-10 years. It is worth being aware of our members becoming inactive or soon to retire and instituting positive, strengthening measures immediately"

Thanks you to those of you who contributed to these discussions

As we "Grow the Future" at Strathfield Rotary Club, do not hesitate to keep your Directors informed of further matters to be brought to their attention for Board Meeting Agendas. The next Board Meeting is on October 21.

#### Allan

Strathfield Rotary
President 2015/2016



#### Anniversaries this week

October 15 Peter Manenti, birthday October 17 Arthur Crossan, Rotary

**Statistics 7.10.2015** Members 22 , Partners 0, Guests 1, LoA 6, Apologies 7, NA 12 Raffle \$145.00, Sergeant \$82.95, Community Hours



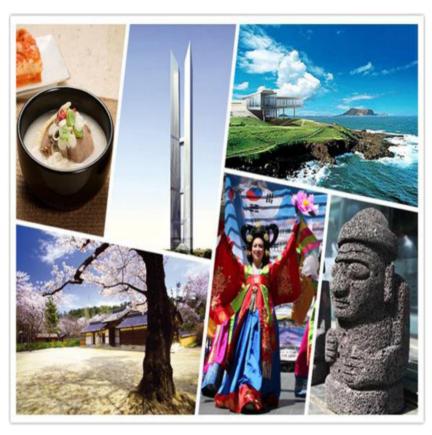


# 23 Days Korea and Japan Tour incl ROTARY WORLD CONVENTION \_\_\_\_ in SEOUL South Korea



13 May - 3 June 2016

Travel with PDG Barry Antees 0413 880 267





## **Program for October 2015**

Wednesday Oct 14 Friday Oct 16 The Nepal Earthquake, Mother Nature at Work Chalmers Road School "Comedy for a Cause" at Club Burwood

**Sunday Oct 18** 



# **ROTARY GRAFFITI REMOVAL DAY**

Community members invited to assist

The commitment sheet is poor; we can do better than this ed

Wednesday Oct 21

The Making of Gelato with Joe Di Mara of Pure Gelato BOARD MEETING Members should contact a Director with any suggested agenda items

Thursday Oct 22

5-6 to 9pm, in 2 shifts, Northshore Sporting Car Club (NSSCC) at Eastern Creek Raceway. Last year Strathfield Rotary were given the opportunity to run the BBQ ,courtesy of race car driver Keith Byrn, with the car club providing food and drinks and with Strathfield Rotary simply providing the labour (\$500 per night, \$3,000 for the series). Suttons Subaru Chullora provide the BBQ trailer and 2 helpers. Last year we had two shifts in attendance, including Rotarians Raymond McCluskie, Rod McDougall, Richard Horwood, Allan Teale, Peter Smith, Anuradha Kamkolkar, Keith Stockall. Dave Martin and Andrew Kowalski

Wednesday Oct 28





Flemington and Burwood Local Area Command
Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas Guest Speaker

Friday October 30

3 to 5pm, Homebush West Public School, Halloween BBQ for the students. Last year we helped the school by proving BBQ facilities with the school P&C providing sausages and drinks. Last year we had Rotarians Arie Pappas, Roger Vince, Keith Stockall, Rod McDougall and Peter Smith in attendance, with a cameo appearance by Peter Foss. This is a community, youth service event without any monetary benefit to Strathfield Rotary but with a great feel good factor.If you are able to help at either or both events, you please let Peter Smith know as soon as possible.

Saturday Oct 31: Halloween