



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

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PRESIDENT PETERSEN'S PAGE

"Voluntary work a casualty of Hectic Lives"

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"Troubling new figures indicate fewer Australians are putting up their hands to volunteer".

But for Rotarians, and Strathfield Club in particular who freely give of their time to deliver meals, umpire school matches, or act as a Director to achieve the benefits that are too great to be measured.

Volunteers are essential for what the Club does and actually achieves. This is their GIFT TO THE WORLD.

"But according to the Bureau of Statistics the number of volunteer has fallen for the first time since records began in 1995. In 2014 the proportion of people aged 18 and over volunteering dropped to 31% from a peak of 36% in 2010. According to the Bureau, those most likely to volunteer are in the age group 35-44 years.

"Volunteering Australia chief executive, Britt Williamson says the findings are "troubling" It raises questions about whether our social capital is being eroded, and if it is, why is that happening and how can we reverse the trend?"

Our Club Directors and Administrators of 360 Strategic Plan Programs will be keeping an account of time taken in each activity during August.

Graham Wilson

Rotary Club of Mt Druitt



Graham had a long career in the Telecommunications industry particularly in design and construction management and at executive levels.

Graham has been a Rotarian since 1995 and is a member of the Rotary Club of Mt Druitt and formally a member of the Rotary Club of Penrith Valley. At club level Graham is a Past President and has held most portfolios. At District level Graham has served as Chair of Club Administration, Vocational and International Service Committees and is also a Past Assistant Governor. Graham has been a Chair or member of numerous other sub-committees.

In 2009 Graham led a Group Study Exchange team to D4710 Brazil and he considers this as his most exciting experience in Rotary. Graham has attended Rotary International conventions in Brisbane, New Orleans and Lisbon.

Married to Helen who is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Holroyd, Graham and Helen have two children Alana and Trent. Both Helen and Graham are Paul Harris Fellows and are members of the Bequest Society of the Rotary Foundation. Graham and Helen were Youth Exchange councillors for four years and their family have hosted 10 exchange students as well as numerous GSE members, Pacific Australia Cultural Exchange students and members of Friendship Exchanges.

JODI MCKAY AND USHA SEEK DONATIONS

Strathfield MP Jodi McKay has been seen out and about at a Strathfield Rotary event with Rotarian Usha Garg. They are seen collecting money for the group's raffle draw.



DECISIONS TAKEN AT BOARD MEETING 15 JULY 2015

- Analysis of Survey Results**
There was insufficient interest to change the meeting night from Wednesday. The suggestion that the Newsletter be electronic only with no hard copy available at Meetings was not carried, and the Board agreed that the present arrangement be continued.
- Change of Meeting Venue**
Some discussion ensued on the possibility of a change of venue but not on a regular basis. The eventual move from the present location may necessitate a change of venue.
- Gift of Life Ball**
Numbers attending are estimated to be 250 presently including 90 from Lymphoma Australia. It is further estimated that 250 will be a break even number not including sponsors and raffles. Burwood Scene to advertise event on July 22nd and sponsors will be attending our Club Meeting of August 5 when Cheryl Ayres will be the speaker.
- Meal costs/Meal Reward**
Discussion ensued on the quality/cost benefit at present and a suggestion that some Members be “rewarded” for their consistency of attendance. This matter will be aired both at a Club Assembly and by the Board.
- Semi Annual Dues Increase for January-June, 2016**
A proposal by PP Peter Smith in this regard will be discussed further both at a Club Assembly and by the Board.
- Club Chocolate Wheel Use at Meetings**
It was agreed that a use by members should be considered for a weekly trial. Thoughts by members would be appreciated for consideration by the Board.

 <p>Burwood Council 1-17 Elsie St Burwood 9911 9911</p>	 <p>McDonalds, Enfield 9742 6334</p>	 <p>Richardson & Wrench - Strathfield 9745 2733</p>	 <p>Selectprint (NSW) Pty Ltd 16 The Crescent Homebush 9746 6434</p>	 <p>Strathfield Council Homebush Road Strathfield 9748 9999</p>
 <p>Homebush Community Bank 27 Rochester St Homebush 9764 6616</p>	 <p>Premier Panel Beating 65-67 Rosedale Ave, Greenacre 9790 6960</p>	 <p>Selected Financial Broking selectedfinance@oplusnet.com.au</p>	 <p>Strathfield Chamber of Commerce</p>	 <p>Strathfield Golf Club 9642 0326</p>

MEETING STATISTICS	15 7 15
Members present	21
Partners	0
Guests	2
Leaves of Absence	9
Apologies	8
No apologies	8

Make-Ups	0
Raffle	\$155.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$71.25

Community Service Hours	
None this week	0

A CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS

- Sun July 26:** Strathfield Council Tree Planting Day at Bressington Park
Homebush BBQ provided by members
- Fri July 31** “Christmas in July” Restaurant Fare at Tennyson Road Mortlake
- Sun Aug 2:** Club Graffiti Removal: PP Peter Smith provides details
- Wed Aug 5:** Lymphoma BIG EVENT LAUNCH: Meeting the sponsors
Mrs Cheryl Ayres Guest Speaker for visitors,
members and partners
- Wed Aug 12:** i. Strathfield Girls’ High School Literature Extension Program
An annual event introducing Book Week
- ii. Rotarian G. Vaccari introduction to Oxfam Walk Sponsorship
- N.B.** Fellow Rotarians to welcome an invited guest to next week’s meeting who may be a workmate, a neighbour, a relative, a friend. Following in the steps of Paul Harris: “EACH one BRING one”: BE A GIFT TO OUR CLUB!!
- Wed Aug 19:** PP Stephen Knightly, District 9675 Membership Co-ordinator to
Welcome visitors and encourage our membership drive
BOARD MEETING TO FOLLOW
- Sat Aug 22** “Gift of Life Ball” at the Great Hall of Sydney University .
Proceeds to Lymphoma Australia
- Wed Aug 26:** TBA