



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.  
District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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## APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

### PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

At the last board meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> some final decisions were made for this Rotary year – all is on track.

Our information night held last Wednesday was a great success thanks to Ray and his group of knowledgeable speakers. Our guests and current Rotarians left the meeting well informed and hopefully we gain new Rotarians.

Thursday I attended the fund raiser for junior golf – I am pleased to say that Ray and his golf buddies raised in excess of \$11,000 – what a great effort.

A big thank you to PDG David Croft and the Cape Cabarita crew for a moving ANZAC day commemoration. Reflections from Margery Foss, readings by Les Norman and David Brimfield's stirring rendition on the trumpet all topped off with a wonderful breakfast. Fellowship between Strathfield Club, Breakfast Point Club and Cape Cabarita community made for an excellent morning. On a lighter note I trust that Jackie Ruston and Peter Foss have recovered from their little dip!

Tonight's Youth Achievement Awards in conjunction with Strathfield Council, will see our youth being recognised for their accomplishments; it is good to be able to highlight the positive aspects of our young people – we have many of them in our community.

It is the last night for you to return your nomination form for our Service Above Self Awards, if you have forgotten to bring it this evening see Secretary Allan for a form. In the mail this week the club received information from the Rotary Club of Berry – Gerringong about the Celtic Festival on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The proceeds of this day will go to the Shoalhaven Linear Accelerator Appeal. This cause is close to our family as my sister in law has had to travel from the Shoalhaven to Wollongong for radiation therapy – a machine is much needed in this area.

My final note: I am so disappointed with the lack of response to date for our Bush Dance. When this idea was first mooted the indication from club members was quite positive so PP Peter has spent much time and energy organising a great night – small costs, lots of fun to be had. If the response has not improved by the end of tonight's meeting the Bush Dance will be cancelled and the club will be out of pocket for the cost of the band.

**Remember - Fun and Fellowship in Rotary**

**President Grahame**

### TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

**Youth Achievement Awards.**

Tony Lanzafame & Strathfield Council

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### BIRTHDAYS

2/05/2009 **Ian Johnson**  
4/05/2009 **Fred Haddon**  
6/05/2009 **Sal & Rita Tosto**

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4/05/2009 **John & Sue Leftwich**

#### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 May **Haddon, Frederick**  
1 May **Khu, Eric**  
1 May **Taylor, Alan**  
1 May **Vince, Roger**  
4 May **Driver, Brian**

### LAST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

Last meeting was a Rotary Information Night. Six members spoke at the meeting to inform prospective members of aspects of Rotary and to provide information on our Club, Speakers were:-

**Paul White** *Being a Rotarian*  
**David Croft** *Rotary International*  
**Rod McDougall** *Youth & Vocational Service*  
**Bert Houston** *Club History*  
**Peter Manenti** *Why I am a Rotarian*  
**Ray McCluskie** *Community Service*

Paul White noted that members of the club covered a wide range of occupations and a wide range of interests. Paul had found that fellowship is a significant aspect of being a Rotarian. He also enjoys the guest speakers at the weekly meetings. Paul noted that Rotary is an international organisation. Whilst in Nashville Paul had attended a local club meeting and had been made most welcome. Paul noted that at every Rotary function there is a raffle to assist with fund raising. Paul said that the key to his Rotary experience was "community engagement" with schools, youth and industry. In conclusion Paul stated that he was happy to contribute what he could to the club and noted that what people got out of Rotary was closely related to what they were prepared to put into it.

David Croft spoke about "Rotary International". He noted that Rotary was the first service club. Rotary had grown



## COMING EVENTS

**30<sup>th</sup> April 2009. (Thursday)**

**RESTAURANT NIGHT,**  
Korean BBQ Restaurant,  
George Street, North Strathfield. (Old Arnott's Site)

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009. (Saturday)**

**ROTARY RACE DAY (ARHRF) AT ROSEHILL**

**9<sup>th</sup> May 2009. (Saturday)**

**BUSH DANCE AT STRATHFIELD TOWN HALL**  
\$25 pp, bring your own basket

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2009. (Sunday)**

**DISTRICT 9690 FAMILY OF ROTARY PICNIC DAY**  
"Casuarina" Picnic Ground. Nurragingy Reserve,  
Doonside. 10:30am-3:30pm. Contact Marilyn  
Mercer,  
[hawkesbury@rotarnet.com.au](mailto:hawkesbury@rotarnet.com.au)

**24<sup>th</sup> May 2009. (Sunday)**

**RED SHIELD APPEAL**  
Strathfield Town Hall

**26<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (Friday)**

**CHANGE OVER NIGHT**  
Strathfield Golf Club

**4<sup>th</sup> July 2009. (Saturday)**

**DISTRICT CHANGE OVER** 6:30pm for 7:00pm  
Penrith Panthers. \$30pp

## TO THE LADIES OF ROTARY

**INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT  
HEATHER WILSON, INNER  
WHEEL CLUB OF PARRAMATTA  
INC.**

You are cordially invited to our meeting on  
Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May. Morning tea will be provided  
at The Workers' Club, George Street,  
Parramatta (entrance Purchase Street) 10.30 for  
11am. \$10 per person.

Our guest speaker is from 'Miracle Babies'.  
**RSVP 30.4.09** Please contact Caroline Flynn  
on 0410 476 211 if you would like to attend.

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**Cochlear Awareness Network**

Faye Yarroll  
Introduced by Bradley Ayres      Thanked by Joe Saad

**13<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**Deborah Ng and Eve Dutton**

Introduced by Peter Smith      Thanked by Keith Stockall

**20<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**"Ranfurly Library Services"**

Peter Bourke  
Introduced by Janelle Watson      Thanked by Paul White

**27<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**"Using Acupuncture to Treat Depression"**

Kirk Wilson  
Introduced by Ray Wilson      Thanked by Suzanne Freund

**3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009**

**Wheelchair Sports**

Kylie Gauci

**10<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**Lost Words**

Gunilla Denton Cook

**17<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**"What Life Dishes Out"**

Richard Dabinett

**24<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**NO MEETING**

**TRANSFERRED TO CHANGE OVER**

**26<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (Friday)**

**Change Over Night**

Strathfield Golf Club

**1<sup>st</sup> July 2009**

**Child Protection and Sexual Harassment**

Frank Portelli

**8<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**Barnardos Children's Family Centre**

Rosemary Hamill

**15<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**Office of Fair Trading**

Joe Puntillo

**22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009**

**Job Talks.**

Doug Potter, Suzanne Freund, Godfrey Isoard

**29<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**House With No Steps**

Dennis O'Reilly,  
General Manager Fund Raising & Community  
Relations

# HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

## **THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT**

My flight was being served by an obviously gay flight attendant, who seemed to put everyone in a good mood as he served us food and drinks.

As the plane prepared to descend, he came swishing down the aisle and told us that 'Captain Marvey has asked me to announce that he'll be landing the big scary plane shortly, so lovely people, if you could just put your trays up, that would be super.'

On his trip back up the aisle, he noticed this well-dressed and rather Middle-Eastern looking woman hadn't moved a muscle. 'Perhaps you didn't hear me over those big brute engines but I asked you to raise your crazy-poo, so the main man can pitty-pat us on the ground.'

She calmly turned her head and said, 'In my country, I am called a Princess and I take orders from no one.'

To which the flight attendant replied, without missing a beat, 'Well, sweet-cheeks, in my country I'm called a Queen, so I outrank you. Tray-up, Bitch'

## **WHO IS SMART**

From Peter Smith

Wall Street hedge fund managers, derivatives traders and mortgage loan officers could have learned something from this kid! Sometimes less really is more!!!

A young boy enters a barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer, 'This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you.' The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, 'Which do you want, son?'

The boy takes the quarters and leaves the dollar.

'What did I tell you?' said the barber. 'That kid never learns!'

Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store & says; 'Hey, son! May I ask you a question?'

Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?'

The boy licked his cone and replied, 'Because the day I take the dollar, the game's over!'

## **WRONG DAY**

From Peter Smith

Paddy met Mick in the street and Mick said, 'Paddy will you draw your bedroom curtains before making love to your wife in future?'

'Why?' Paddy asked.

'Because', said Mick 'all the street was laughing when they saw you making love yesterday.'

Mick said, 'Silly buggers - the laugh's on them. I wasn't home yesterday!!!'

## **IMPORTANT QUESTIONS??** From Peter Smith

1. Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
2. Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?
3. Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?
4. Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
5. Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
6. Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?
7. What is the speed of darkness?
8. Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?
9. Are there specially reserved parking spaces for 'normal' people at the Special Olympics?
10. If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?
11. How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
12. Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
13. Why do toasters always have a setting so high that could burn the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
14. Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?
15. Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their bum when they ask where the bathroom is?
16. Why does your Obstetrician, Gynecologist leave the room when you get undressed if they are going to look up there anyway?
17. Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!
18. If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?
19. If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?
20. If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
21. Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?
22. Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?
23. Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?
24. Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?