



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

Isn't it good we can always call upon a Rotarian to fill in where needed. On the 11th we were lucky to have Trevor as our guest speaker, the programme speaker was unable to show. Trevor stepped in with a wonderful presentation of "Broughlea" his magnificent Victorian Italianate style home restoration.

Several of our Rotarians were able to view Broughlea first hand at the 'Dinner at the Duxbury's on our Valentines day social get together. What a fun evening with wonderful food in wonderful surroundings and wonderful company – a big thank you to Trevor and Nanette (\$500 added to the coffers).

Peter Smith and I attended the District Presidents meeting on Friday 13th. Vocational and youth were the focus of discussions, we are fairing well in both of these. There was also talk on the upcoming District Conference.

The District Conference – the themed dinner is "Your favourite movie star". I hope you all have your thinking caps on- talk to Ted.

Penny and I attended the G.S.E presentation at Burwood Club. The presentation of the Brazilian team was most enjoyable, but something we should note when we have visitors, please make sure we go out of our way to make them feel part of the group.

At last Tuesdays board meeting it was decided Peter our vocational chair would investigate an involvement with the Men's Shed. It was also resolved that following our \$1000 donation to the Bush Fire Crises through district 9710 in Victoria we would wait to decide what further aid we will give.

Last Thursday was a BIG DAY, the efforts from Niall and all concerned was EXTRAORDINARY. The Trish Foundation will have an additional \$50,000 to help with its research. Well done everyone!!

Shirley has just had a short stint in hospital and I am pleased to report she is back home again and will be attending tonight's meeting. On the tables tonight is a little reminder about our mystery car rally on the 22nd March. I hope you have all kept that day free for the "Magical Mystery Tour".

Remember - Fun and Fellowship in Rotary

President Grahame

TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

Weird and Strange Weapons

Paul Martin

Introduced by Steve Taylor Thanked by Tony Brown

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

27/02/2009 **Brian Driver**
6/03/2009 **Maria Kowalski**
8/03/2009 **Kate Teale**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2/03/2009 **Bert & Carol Houston**
Umesh & Anuradha Kamkolkar
3/03/2009 **Warren & Sue Abbott**
10/03/2009 **Bradley & Cheryl Ayres**

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Mar **Warren Abbott**
1 Mar **George Helou**
9 Mar **Anuradha Kamkolkar**
9 Mar **Umesh Kamkolkar**

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

Our programmed guest speaker was Margit Kent who was to speak on "Embrace Life and Get Results". Margit was unable to attend, so our guest speaker was Rotarian Trevor Duxbury who spoke about 'Broughlea'. Trevor was introduced by President Grahame.

'Broughlea' is a two storey Victorian Italianate style house which is owned by Trevor and his family and is located at 82 Abbotsford Road, in the Strathfield Municipality.

Trevor purchased the property in 1996 and began a lengthy restoration of the property soon after. In 2001 the house won a Strathfield Council Heritage Conservation Award and is one of the important historic properties which contribute to the character of the Abbotsford Road heritage conservation area.

To start with Trevor gave us the background to the area in which the house is located. In 1878 the section of the Underwood Estate known as the Homebush Village was subdivided. This area includes Abbotsford Road, Burlington Road, Bridge Street, Coventry Road, Meredith Street, The Crescent and Homebush Road.

'Broughlea' which is one of the few remaining two storey brick Victorian Italianate style houses in Abbotsford Road was built in 1882 for Horatio Aylward who was a Sydney based solicitor. When Aylward built the house it was called 'Rhodanthe' Trevor highlighted the various owners up until the time he purchased the property in 1996. In recent times these included in 1968 Don Talbot, the then Australian swimming coach and more recently Dr John Mason with whom former Rotarian Brian Hennell was in partnership.

When Trevor purchased the property it was not in the best condition and had been modified and altered in many ways including a stucco finish. Removal of the stucco revealed much of the original building and the styles which were in vogue at the time of the original construction. Trevor with aid of photos and drawings and the assistance of an architect and capable tradesmen has been able to restore the property to what is now current. After questions from the members Trevor was thanked by President Grahame

Reference: www.strathfieldhistory.org.au/Broughlea

Last Club Meeting's Statistics

VISITOR: - Darryl Slater (Campbelltown Rotary)

Attendance: 33 *Apol:* 10 *Non-Apol:* 16

LOA: *Suzanne Freund:* till 31 May, 2009

Brian Driver: till 30 April 2009

Peter Harries: till 15 April, 2009.

The Sergeant raised \$69¹⁰

Last Week's Raffle by Keith Byrn

(The raffle raised \$198⁰⁰)

1st Prize Box of Fruit & Nuts Niall King

2nd Prize Two DVD's Joe Saad

3rd Prize French Chocolates Trevor Duxbury

4th Prize Bottle of Wine Carino (Bar)

COMING EVENTS

28th February 2009.

Jazz at the Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls

6th – 8th March 2009.

District Conference

Cypress Lakes Resort, Hunter Valley

21st March to 10th October 2009.

"Great Aust. Bike Ride" Nine Stages from Melbourne Around Australia

Stage One & Two (Melb-Hobart-Melb 21-29 Mar)

Stage Three (Melbourne to Sydney 21st Mar) and

Stage Four (Sydney to Brisbane 19th April).

Register as a rider or sponsor at

www.greataustralianbikeride.org.au

25th April 2009. (Saturday)

ANZAC DAY Breakfast at Cape Cabarita,

Organised by David Croft & Bert Houston

17th May 2009.

District 9690 Family of Rotary Picnic Day

"Casuarina" Picnic Ground. Nurragingy Reserve,

Doonside. 10:30am-3:30pm. Contact Marilyn Mercer,

hawkesbury@rotarnet.com.au

LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Grahame True

- One minute's silence observed for the victims of the Victorian bushfires. Raffle proceeds and sergeant's fines from tonight's meeting to be donated to the Victorian bushfire victims with the amount to be made up to \$1,000 from general funds. Donation is to be forwarded to Rotary District 9790 for distribution.
- PP Brian Johnson is recovering at home and will be back at work next week.
- President of Burwood Club has advised that the GSE team from Brazil will be making a presentation on 16 February at their club. It is a partner's night and the cost is \$25 per head. Time: 6-15pm for 6-30pm.
- Allan Teale is recovering from a knee operation and hopes to be able to attend meetings soon.
- Board meeting next Tuesday to consider how to support the local Men's Shed.
- Commitment Sheets for Dinner at the Duxbury's on 14 February and for the Sergeant's Dinner on 18 March.

From Director Niall King

- Trish Golf Day on 19 February. Reminder to return player's sheets by Monday and raffle tickets.

From Director Trevor Duxbury

- Dinner on 14 February will start at 5pm and end at midnight. Swimming and tennis are optional.

From Ray Wilson

- Organising another Rotary Information Night for the 22nd of May. Members are asked to provide Ray with the name and address of potential members for a mail-out.
- Guests will attend on this night free of charge
- Nominations required by 18th March.

From Sergeant Terry Rohan

- Requested names and addresses of past members of the Club in relation to the Sergeant's Dinner on 18 March. It will be a partner's night and the cost will be \$30 per head.

'JAZZ AT THE GRAND VIEW HOTEL'

FEATURING KEVIN BROWN AND BAND IN
AID OF VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL
ON SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

FROM 6.00PM TO 9.30PM

ENTRANCE BY DONATION

- GREAT MUSIC
- DANCING
- GREAT FOOD (DINNER BOOKINGS ADVISED)
- GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON
- COME ONE COME ALL AND SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF VICTORIA

GRAND VIEW HOTEL 174 GREAT WESTERN
HIGHWAY

WENTWORTH FALLS

PHONE (02) 47571001

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

4th March 2009

NO MEETING

Transferred to District Conference

11th March 2009

Polio Plus Program

Valda Bray

Introduced by Niall King Thanked by Ray McCluskie

18th March 2009

Sergeant's Dinner PARTNERS' NIGHT

Doug Potter

25th March 2009

RYLA presentation

Maria and Vanessa

Introduced by Peter Van der Sleen Thanked by Bradley Ayres

1st April 2009

St Mary's House

Sister Josephine Brimo

Introduced by Janelle Watson Thanked by Brian Driver

8th April 2009

Elizabeth Farm Visit PARTNERS' NIGHT

Bronwyn Alcorn

Introduced by Janelle Watson Thanked by Brian Driver

15th April 2009

An evening at OTEN College

Wentworth Road, Burwood

22nd April 2009

Rotary Information Night

Membership Promotion by Ray Wilson

29th April 2009

Youth Achievements Awards Night

Tony Lanzafame & Strathfield Council

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

Rotarians give service to their club and to the community in many different ways. Some serve actively in high profile roles such as officers of the club, chairs of committees or event organizers while many others give outstanding service, support and assistance in less obvious and unobtrusive ways. Last year the Rotary Club of Strathfield introduced a "Service Above Self Award" to be presented annually to the club member who is judged to;

- put the Rotary Ethic ahead of their own personal considerations
- always put in that extra effort for Rotary in serving the community
- go beyond the norm in representing Rotary to the community.

The recipient of this award is chosen by secret ballot of all members of the club; not by the President or the Board which makes the award all the more meritorious because the winner is recognized and rewarded by his/her peers. The first recipient of the Service Above Self Award was Ray Wilson who was presented with his award at the Club Changeover.

In April we will be calling for nominations for this year's award. So start thinking now about who you will nominate for this very special recognition

OUR BUSHFIRE RESPONSE PROVIDES COMFORT

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd praises ShelterBox aid in Kinglake

ShelterBoxes containing the dome tents, multi-fuel cookers, thermal blankets, tools and other basic equipment have been gratefully accepted by many survivors of the worst natural disaster in Australia's history ... Black Saturday. Inspecting the area yesterday, the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, Victorian Premier John Brumby, Victoria Police Commissioner Christine Nixon (who will soon head up the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority) and head of the Australian Defence Force, Air Chief Marshall Angus Houston stopped to talk with recipients and ShelterBox Australia General Manager Jenni Heenan and SRT members. "The Prime Minister was keenly interested in the ShelterBox response, and praised all Rotarians for their selfless commitment and help at this critical time," Jenni said. Deployments of ShelterBoxes have been coordinated by the Department of Human Services, in conjunction with Victoria Police and the ADF. ShelterBox Response Team [SRT] members and local Rotarians continue to provide committed assistance. The Army is taking 10 boxes to Flowerdale today and SRT Eb Friedrich will be working with them.



HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

The Gamble

From Grahame True

Finally, someone has cleared this up. For centuries, Hindu women have worn a dot on their foreheads.

Most of us have naively thought this was connected with tradition or religion, but the Indian Embassy in Washington has recently revealed the true story.

When a Hindu woman gets married, she brings a dowry into the union. On her wedding night, the husband scratches off the dot to see whether he was won a convenience store, a gas station, a donut shop, a taxi cab, or a motel in the United States.

If there is nothing there, he must remain in India and answer telephones and provide us with technical assistance.

The Golden Phone

From Peter Smith

An American Decided to write a book about famous churches around the world.

So he bought a plane ticket and took a trip to Orlando, thinking that he would start by working his way across the USA from South to North.

On his first day he was inside a church taking photographs when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read '\$10,000 per call'.

The American, being intrigued, asked a priest who was strolling by what the telephone was used for.

The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God.

The American thanked the priest and went along his way.

Next stop was in Atlanta. There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same golden telephone with the same sign under it.

He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in Orlando and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was. She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God.

'O.K., thank you,' said the American.

He then travelled all across America, Europe, England, Japan, and New Zealand.

In every church he saw the same golden telephone with the same '\$US10,000 per call' sign under it.

The American, decided to travel to Australia to see if Australians had the same phone.

He arrived at the Gold Coast, in Australia and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read '40 cents per call.'

The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign.

'Father, I've travelled all over the world and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in all of them price was \$10,000 per call.

Why is it so cheap here?'

The priest smiled and answered, 'You're in Australia now, son - it's a local call'.

How Hot Is It In HELL

A thermodynamics professor had written a take home exam for his graduate students. It had one question: "Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)?"

Support your answer with a proof."

Most of the students wrote proofs of their beliefs using Boyle's Law (gas cools off when it expands and heats up when it is compressed) or some variant. One student, however, wrote the following:

First, we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So, we need to know the rate that souls are moving into Hell and the rate they are leaving. I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving.

As for how many souls are entering Hell, let's look at the different religions that exist in the world today. Some of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell. Since there are more than one of these religions and since people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all people and all souls go to Hell. With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially.

Now, we look at the rate of change of the volume in Hell because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay the same, the volume of Hell has to expand as souls are added.

This gives two possibilities.

#1 If Hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter Hell, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose.

#2 Of course, if Hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until Hell freezes over.

So which is it? If we accept the postulate given to me by Ms. Therese Banyan during my Freshman year, "That it will be a cold night in Hell before I sleep with you," and take into account the fact that I still have not succeeded, then #2 cannot be true, and so Hell is exothermic.

The student got the only A.

OLD NOTEBOOK

COMPUTERS WANTED

The School for Seniors is looking for old notebook Computers. If you are updating, Fred Haddon would like to have your old Computer.

Contact Fred on 9746 9500