



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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## JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

### PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

Welcome back to all! I hope you had a Happy Christmas, restful break and a good start to 2009. It has been some time since the last electric lines – we had three enjoyable festive occasions in late December. First the clubs Christmas party, well organised by Kevin Freund and his crew. It was interesting to hear two overviews of a family Christmas. Thank you George and Bradley (the generation gap). It was a night of fellowship in funny hats.

Later that week we enjoyed Carols in the Park. Thanks to Niall, Tony etc etc etc – we all pulled together cooking, selling and show casing Rotary in the community (some money into the coffers as well). We have received a letter of thanks from Strathfield Council for our efforts.

The Children's Christmas party on the 17<sup>th</sup> was wonderful, watching them having so much fun with party food, entertainment and Santa to top it off – great night had by all thanks to Connie and her team. We received several invitations in December to attend presentation day assemblies at local schools and I would like to thank the Rotarians who were able to present the Citizenship Awards for us. I was able to attend Charmers Rd School and was made very welcome.

The literacy packs that were put together by a number of Rotarians at the end of last year were delivered to Sharon Bond our District Vocational Service Chair for distribution. Sharon received them with enthusiasm and has asked that I pass on her thanks.

We have had two informal nights this year – the Liu Rose restaurant on the 7<sup>th</sup> only a small group but great cuisine, thanks Steve. On the 14<sup>th</sup> seafood and bowls – starting the year with some 'exercise' thanks to Kevin Freund.

Tonight on the tables, courtesy of our recent exchange student extraordinaire Laura, are French chocolates. She sent Christmas Greetings; the card is on the Treasurer's table for you all to read.

It is a new year and I trust you have returned refreshed. To my surprise I have already passed the half way point in my term and I am still having fun. I would like to see if we could have full support in this next six months of activities.

- Try to attend weekly meetings
- Dinner at the Duxbury's' – 14<sup>th</sup> February
- Trish Charity golf day – 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Car trial "to an exotic destination" – 22<sup>nd</sup> March

We are putting our heads together to organise a 'Fun-raiser' at the Strathfield Town Hall on the 9<sup>th</sup> May so please keep this day free. We hope to organise a great night but we will need enthusiasm.

Unfortunately not too many Aussies in the tennis but definitely worth watching!

Game, Set, Match

**Remember - Fun and Fellowship in Rotary**  
**President Grahame**

### TONIGHT'S MEETING CLUB ASSEMBLY

### LAST MEETING'S AGM

At the AGM and Elections held at the final meeting for 2008, Peter Smith was elected President-Elect for the Rotary Year 2009/2010.

The final accounts for the Rotary Year 2007/2008 were accepted subject to auditing.



The members elected to the 2009/2010 Board of President-Elect, Kevin Freund, are:-  
Kevin Beltrame, Rod McDougall, Connie Galletta, Trevor Duxbury, Paul Giammarco.

## LETTER FROM LAURA FLEURQUIN

*Happy New Year everyone!!!*

I wish you all the best for this year and I hope everyone is going well and the family!!! I hope you had a good Christmas as well!

I hope some of you went to see the fireworks in the city!!! I remember last year, I was amazed that night!!! The fireworks were so beautiful, I don't know if we have better ones in France ... So this year I went to a friend's place and we did a little party for New Year's Eve, it was nice and fun !

I spent Christmas in Rodez with my family and we had a great time as well, we also had snow for a couple of days so we took my cousins to a place about an hour away from Rodez and we went skiing, it was good fun as well! Guess what!!! About 3weeks ago, I was looking at a house (my parents are looking for a holiday house not too far from Rodez) and I went with them and the woman who was showing us the house was Australian!!!! It was so good to speak a bit with her, she was from Melbourne and was speaking a very good French but with an Aussie accent!!!! So cute!! I don't know if we are going to buy the house but anyway that was something funny to tell you!

Oh and on Tuesday, Catalina a girl from Argentina is coming to Rodez for a year and she will be staying in our house for the first 3 or 4 months, it's really exciting! And I will have my school trials in a week which is not too good, but well I'll tell you!

Lots of love

*Laura*

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

**28<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

**Bushcare and Other Community Environmental Issues**  
Jeanie Muspratt, Environmental Projects Officer,  
Strathfield Council

**4<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**Men's Shed**  
Peter Sergeant

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**TBA**

**18<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**NO MEETING**

*Transferred to Trish Golf Day 19/2/09*

**25<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**Weird and Strange Weapons**  
Paul Martin

**4<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**NO MEETING**

*Transferred to District Conference*

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Polio Plus Program**  
Valda Bray

**18<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Sergeant's Dinner**  
Doug Potter

## LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

***From President Grahame True***

- Reminder of Carols in Strathfield Park
- Trivia Night was a success
- Thank you to Bert Houston for organising Trivia Night.
- Next week will be the Xmas Party with the Children's Party the following week

***From Secretary Allan Petersen***

- Donation of \$500 to Meals on Wheels for Xmas hampers.
- Thank you from a number of schools for the Rotary Citizenship Awards of \$100
- Strathfield Council seeking nominations for the Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year for presentation on Australia Day 2009
- Annual Report of ARHRF available

***From Director Janelle Watson***

- Dinner for Outbound GSE team on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. at Panthers Penrith.
- Future of donations to 'World Vision' to be discussed by the Board

***From Bert Houston***

- The Trivia Night raised \$4028
- \$3118 donated to Chalmers Road Bus
- Thank you to Peter & Margery Foss for Fruit Basket gifts on Trivia night.

***From Niall King***

- Members to advise him or Tony Lanzafame if unavailable for Carols on the 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.

***From Warren Abbott***

- Final night for collection of Xmas Cakes, etc.

### Last Club Meeting's Statistics

**Attendance:** 38      **Apol:** 14      **Non-Apol:** 10  
**Exempt Members:** - 5  
**LOA:** 6

The Sergeant raised \$89<sup>40</sup>

### Last Club Meeting's Raffle

*(The raffle raised \$225<sup>00</sup>)*

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	CD Pack	Neil Kennan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	DVD Pack	Rod McDougall
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Red & White Wine	Doug Potter
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Dinner Next Week	Eve Dutton