



STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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JULY IS NEW ROTARY OFFICERS' MONTH

PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

An in depth talk from Matthew Campbell last week has given us an insight into a part of our police officers education. – looking forward to this weeks speaker on “Life in a Shearing Shed”.

Fellows, don't forget to let your partners know of the upcoming guest speakers – they may find some of them to be of particular interest and of course they are most welcome to attend. Also could you make note of any specified partners nights as we would love to have fellowship with all.

Don't forget Eric Khu is still the one taking apologies, also if possible let him know of any additional guests. Late apologies now go to PE Kevin Freund.

We are going ahead with the BBQ on Sunday 27th July for National Tree Day. It will be run from 10am to 1pm at Hudson Park corner of Arthur St and Mitchell Rd, Strathfield. Could all those that are able to help contact either Shirley or myself. The council will be donating \$500 to us for our efforts (no outlay by us). The council has suggested we could put out a donation tin also.

Last Thursday we had our first real board meeting. I am happy to say the board is on track for the year.

Remember

Fun and fellowship in Rotary

President Grahame

TONIGHT'S MEETING

Life in a Shearing Shed

Don Burvall

Introduced by Janelle Watson Thanked by Roger Vince

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

16/07/2008

Silma Ihram

21/07/2008

Janice Vince

Wedding Anniversaries

20/07/2008

Charles & Olga Pitt

Rotary Anniversaries

NIL

LAST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker was Matthew Campbell whose subject was “Universities Meet the Police”.

Matthew was introduced by Niall King.

Matthew is an Educator in Doctoral Studies at the Catholic University in Strathfield.

Matthew works alongside Police and is involved in changing the nature of policing in the NSW Police Force. His work is part of a university program which is endeavoring to make the force a more professional organisation. The days of the big burly copper enforcing the law with his size 12's has gone – in some ways more the pity!

In the 2007 force law enforcement occupies only 10% of the police function. A substantial amount of time is spent working cooperatively with the community to reduce violence, crime and fear

One of the recommendations of the 1997 Wood Royal Commission was the instituting of a Code of Conduct for the force. This has resulted in members having clear guidelines of the conduct required to support the values of the NSW Police. These changes do not alter the expectations expected but allows them to be more clearly expressed.

Matthew spoke of the involvement of Charles Sturt University with the Police Academy at Goulburn which has resulted in changes in training procedures in as much

DISTRICT 9690 CONFERENCE 2009

Ted Ingall

District Conference Coordinator

I have received "expressions of interest" from 28 members in regard to the 2009 District Conference (Friday 7th and Saturday 8th March) in the Hunter valley.

We have subsequently booked rooms at the "**Grand Mercure Hunter Valley**" (formerly known as the *Tallawanta Lodge*) at Pokolbin.

Accommodation in the Pokolbin district is always little expensive. We looked at various alternatives - with the proviso that it had to accommodate us all at the same Resort, be in close proximity to the conference venue at Cypress Lakes and have disabled access etc. The cheapest was \$270 per night (3.5 stars at rear of Pokolbin Village) and the most expensive was Cypress Lakes Resort at \$440 per night. The Grand Mercure (4.5 stars) rate is \$314 per night.

Our contractual arrangement, with the Grand Mercure, is that we are required to progressively pay deposit moneys to ensure and maintain a valid booking. The Board has agreed to temporarily fund the initial deposit of \$40 per room (28 X \$40 = \$1,120) pending reimbursement from individual members. This money has already been sent. Further funds are required in November, December and February.

To secure your accommodation you will need to indicate rather quickly (first in best dressed) of your intention to attend - and to commit to the accommodation cost as mentioned above. To simplify payment you are being asked to pay as follows: \$157 by 31 July (includes the \$40 reimbursement to Strathfield Rotary)

\$157 by 30 January 2009 (but why not pay the combined July and January instalments, of \$314, to save the bookwork!). \$314 on arrival at conference

If you are a golfer and wish to play in the Friday event (10am hit off, lunch and 2.30pm "prize time" and sausage sizzle) you may need to book in for the Thursday night – or get away very early on the Friday morning.

Please email, or telephone, Peter Smith

(selectedfinance@optusnet.com.au or 9764 1082) to reserve and commit to one of the 28 rooms ASAP.

We already have firm commitments for 10 rooms - so it really is first in best dressed for the remaining 18 rooms.

The Grand Mercure Hunter Valley Gardens comprises 72 guestrooms, a selection of 4 1/2 star studio, gardens studio, spa, family rooms and suites designed to allow our guests to enjoy the ambience of relaxed luxury.

Each room is beautifully appointed and opens out to a private balcony or courtyard, taking in the wonderful Valley views and magnificent gardens surrounding the property. Guests can avail themselves of our tennis courts, resort-style swimming pool, sauna, spa, the Lodge library and many other facilities including the Hunter Valley Gardens Village and the recently launched display gardens.

All rooms have reverse cycle air conditioning, refrigerator, mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, remote controlled television, in-house videos, iron & ironing board, hair dryer and international direct-dial telephones. Disabled facilities are available in some of our deluxe rooms.

as the training is now undertaken by academics. Recruits undertake 6 months training followed by 12 months as a Probationary Constable in the field. When they are confirmed as a Constable they have an Associate Degree. Matthew commented about the fact that what is learnt at the Academy and what is learnt in the field in the first 12 months widely varies. There is nothing like on the job training!

Matthew was thanked by PP Joe Saad.

LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Grahame True

- Poor attendees will be asked to provide reasons why they should not be asked to leave the Club.
- Commitment sheet for Buddah Raska
- Burwood Club is having a speaker from COMSEC on 27th July. (No time to arrange a Transfer Meeting)
- Strathfield Council has requested the Club run a BBQ at Hudson Park for National Tree Day on Sun. 27th July, 10am to 1pm. Food to be given out
- Invoice for Half Yearly Dues issued by Shirley Del Prado who will also collect and issue receipts

From Secretary Allan Petersen

- Roger Vince will be the Relieving Secretary in Allan's absence

From Ray Wilson

- Golf Day and Lunch on 31st July 2008
- Lunch with RI President D K Lee at Rosehill on 15th July 2008. \$60pp

From Tony Lanzafame

- Thank you to Keith Byrn for jerseys sent to NZ with the Salvation Army.
- Two applicants for National Youth Science School (One to be sponsored by Breakfast Point if successful)
- Siemens applications open

From Ted Ingall

- Reminder of bookings for the District Conference 2009 (see article adjacent)

From Paul Giammarco

- Attending GSE Meeting next week to select Team Leader to Brazil
- Applications for team members now open
- GSE Team returning from New Hampshire will present to the Club on 6th August.

Last Meeting's Statistics

Welcome back David McGlynn

Apologies: 15

Last Meeting's Raffle

1st Prize Carry Bag

2nd Prize Red Wine

3rd Prize Dinner next week

4th Theatre Tickets

Shirley Del Prado

Niall King

Ted Ingall

Angelo Franco

COMING EVENTS

15th – 19th July 2008.

World Youth Day – Sydney

Home stays and Sausage Sizzle involvement by Rotary

27th July 2008.

National Tree Day, 10am to 1pm.

BBQ at Hudson Park Food to be given out

29th July 2008. (Tuesday)

Social Evening @ Buddah Raska.

31st July 2008.

Golf Day and Lunch. Strathfield Golf Club

\$40 pp. Contact Niall King

27th August 2008.

Police Officer of the Year Awards

6:30 for 7:00pm

Partners Night

3rd September 2008

District Governor's Visit

23rd October 2008. (Thursday)

District Championship Golf Day

Strathfield Golf Club

6th – 8th March 2009.

District Conference

Cypress Lakes Resort, **Hunter Valley**

Member Access, online service changes

Rotary International -- 1 July 2008.

In July 2008, Rotary International will implement a more comprehensive registration and login process for Member Access and other password-protected online services. The new system will improve security and provide self-service features.

When the new system is fully implemented, all registered users will be able to reset their passwords and update their e-mail addresses. In addition, the new system allows Rotary to increase and improve secure online content and service to non-Rotarian constituents.

Starting July 2008, both new and existing users will be required to register, or re-register, with a unique e-mail address, password, and a secret question and answer.

If you use spam blocking software, we recommend you add secure@rotarymailings.org to your approved sender list. This will ensure that you receive e-mails that support the new self-service features.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

23rd July 2008

A Whistle-Stop Tour with an International Rugby Referee

George Ayoub

Introduced by Peter Manenti Thanked by Doug Potter

30th July 2008

The Exodus Foundation

Brian Odgers

Introduced by David Croft Thanked by Steve Taylor

6th August 2008

Group Study Exchange Team (GSE)

Introduced by Paul Giammarco

13th August 2008

The Literature Extension Program

Gabrielle Corry, Strathfield Girls High School

Introduced by Peter Van der Sleenen

20th August 2008

Clemente Australia,

“Opportunities for the Disadvantaged”

Associate Professor Peter Howard

Introduced by Keith Stockall Thanked by Tony Lanzafame

27th August 2008

Police Officer of the Year Awards

PARTNERS' NIGHT 6:30 for 7:00pm

Introduced by Peter Smith

3rd September 2008

District Governor's Visit

Introduced by Harley Tarrant

10th September 2008

Loyal Staff and Loyal Customers

Two Problems with One Solution

Matt Balogh (McNair Ingenuity)

Introduced by Neil Kennan Thanked by Raymond McCluskie

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

The Lie Detector

From Grahame True

John was a salesman's delight when it came to any kind of unusual gimmick. His wife Marsha had long ago given up trying to get him to change. One day John came home with another one of his unusual purchases. It was a robot that John claimed was actually a lie detector.

It was about 5:30 that afternoon when Tommy, their 11 year old son, returned home from school.

Tommy was over 2 hours late.

'Where have you been? Why are you over 2 hours late getting home?' asked John.

'Several of us went to the library to work on an extra credit project,' said Tommy.

The robot then walked around the table and slapped Tommy, knocking him completely out of his chair.

'Son,' said John, 'this robot is a lie detector, now tell us where you really were after school.'

'We went to Bobby's house and watched a movie.' said Tommy.

'What did you watch?' asked Marsha.

'The Ten Commandments.' answered Tommy.

The robot went around to Tommy and once again slapped him, knocking him off his chair once more.

With his lip quivering, Tommy got up, sat down and said, 'I am sorry I lied. We really watched a tape called Sex Queen.'

'I am ashamed of you son,' said John. 'When I was your age, I never lied to my parents.'

The robot then walked around to John and delivered a whack that nearly knocked him out of his chair.

Marsha doubled over in laughter, almost in tears and said, 'Boy, did you ever ask for that one!'

You can't be too mad with Tommy. After all, he is your son!'

With that the robot immediately walked around to Marsha and knocked her out of her chair.

Cannon Balls

From Allan Petersen

It was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls near the cannon on old war ships. But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck was the problem. The best storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon.

There was only one problem -- how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, called a Monkey. But if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make Brass Monkeys.

Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.

The Pope and the Rabbi

From Peter Smith

Several centuries ago, the Pope decreed that all the Jews had to convert to Catholicism or leave Italy. There was a huge outcry from the Jewish community, so the Pope offered a deal.

He'd have a religious debate with the leader of the Jewish community. If the Jews won, they could stay in Italy; if the Pope won, they'd have to convert or leave.

The Jewish people met and picked an aged and wise rabbi to represent them in the debate. However, as the rabbi spoke no Italian, and the Pope spoke no Yiddish, they agreed that it would be a 'silent' debate.

On the chosen day the Pope and rabbi sat opposite each other.

The Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers.

The rabbi looked back and raised one finger.

Next, the Pope waved his finger around his head.

The rabbi pointed to the ground where he sat.

The Pope brought out a communion wafer and a chalice of wine.

The rabbi pulled out an apple.

With that, the Pope stood up and declared himself beaten and said that the rabbi was too clever. The Jews could stay in Italy.

Later the cardinals met with the Pope and asked him what had happened.

The Pope said, 'First I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up a single finger to remind me there is still only one God common to both our beliefs.'

'Then, I waved my finger around my head to show him that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground to show that God was also right here with us.'

'I pulled out the wine and wafer to show that God absolves us of all our sins. He pulled out an apple to remind me of the original sin.'

'He bested me at every move and I could not continue.'

Meanwhile, the Jewish community gathered to ask the rabbi how he'd won.

'I haven't a clue' the rabbi said. 'First, he told me that we had three days to get out of Italy, so I gave him the finger.'

'Then he tells me that the whole country would be cleared of Jews and I told him that we were staying right here.'

'And then what?' asked a woman.

'Who knows?' said the rabbi. 'He took out his lunch so I took out mine.'