



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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## MAY IS CLUB PLANNING MONTH

### PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

Last week it was great to hear of Terry's recent adventures, such fun and family bonding. Terry stepped in at short notice and proved again that some of our best speakers come from within the club – thanks Terry.

President elect Kevin and I had a pow-wow on Thursday night to make sure of an easy transition between boards, we feel it will be smooth sailing.

A fabulous day on Saturday at Concord Oval for the rugby, as usual P.P. Doug was a perfect host assisted by P.P. Terry the perfect bar man. A wonderful afternoon for the rugby desperates.

Strathfield Rotary has been blessed to have members so enthusiastic in the cause of the Salvation Army's' Red Shield Appeal – firstly P.P. George Hallworth followed by Peter Smith. Thank you to all who helped on Sunday for the appeal – a huge effort. Early figures show \$22,000.00 has been collected in our area, our board has decided to kick in \$500 which will increase this figure to \$22,500.00, well done all.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May is the last fellowship dinner for my year. P.P. Steve has done a great job in rallying us to enjoy these culinary delights. Let him know if you wish to attend, the more the merrier!

An email from Laura (last years exchange student) is always a pleasure to read. Penny and I have been watching her progress as she had been part of our family. Laura is finishing her schooling in France and still has plans to expand on her English language abilities.

The commitment sheet for the change over dinner will be circulating tonight, please give this your attention.

Tonight we welcome Kirk Wilson as our guest speaker. I am looking forward to hearing him speak on how depression can be helped with pins and needles.

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

### TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

**"Using Acupuncture to Treat Depression"**

Kirk Wilson

Introduced by Ray Wilson

Thanked by Suzanne Freund

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

31/05/2009 **Rhonda Hockley**  
2/06/2009 **Tony Brown**

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

31/05/2009 **David & Margaret Croft**  
**Kevin Beltrame & Karen Catalano**

#### **ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES**

30 May **Tony Brown**  
1 June **Croft, David**  
1 June **Galletta, Connie**  
1 June **Ingall, Ted**  
1 June **Saad, Joseph**  
1 June **Teale, Allan**

### LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

Our scheduled guest speaker was Peter Bourke who was to speak to the Club on "Ranfurly Library Services". Unfortunately, Peter was taken to hospital this week and was unable to attend.

Terry Rohan stepped into the speaker's position and told the Club of his recent travels to Tasmania and then to England and Prague. Terry was introduced by Janelle Watson.

Terry initially spoke of the great family get together of him and Stephanie, their 4 children and their respective partners along with 10 grandchildren who spent 2 weeks together at Bateman's Bay. Following this Terry and Stephanie set off for Tasmania via Melbourne where they spent time in Launceston and Hobart, then off to Port Arthur where he had first met Stephanie some 45 years ago. They also did the historical train trip from Queenstown to Strachan, the gateway to Tasmania's World Heritage area.

Following their return to Sydney Terry and Stephanie undertook the 25 hour journey to London where they stayed for a time with their daughter.

The next move was on to the Continent where they travelled to Prague in the Czech Republic. Prague

## LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

has a population of 1.2 million and is the capital of the Czech Republic which was formed with the peaceful separation of the former Czechoslovakia into the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic in 1993. The Czech Republic is landlocked and surrounded by Poland, Germany, Austria and Slovakia. The Czech Republic was admitted to membership in NATO in March 1999 and into the European Union in May 2004

The city of Prague had its beginnings in the 9<sup>th</sup> century with the building of the Prague Castle. The city has 4 defined areas - the old town which was established in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the lesser town which was established in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the castle area (Hradcany) and the Jewish quarter. The Hapsburg dynasty ruled the area from 1526 until 1918 and this was known as the Golden Era. The area was occupied by the Nazis during WW2 but fortunately no damage was inflicted by them. After WW2 it was under communist rule until 1989.

Prague has been described as the Heart of Europe and is a beautifully preserved city with amazing architecture, stunning old buildings, narrow winding streets and many famous sights. The Czech people are also renowned for their breweries and good wholesome food. From a tourist point of view it is also a cheap place to visit.

After experiencing Prague Terry and Stephanie returned to England where they ventured to the wilds of Cornwall.

Terry was thanked by Paul White.

### Last Club Meeting's Statistics

Attendance: 35      Apol: 8      Non-Apol: 92

LOA:                      4

*Suzanne Freund:*      till 31 May, 2009

*Garry Pearce:*        till 29 May, 2009

*Keith Byrn:*            till 06 June, 2009

*Peter Manenti*         till 24 June, 2009

The Sergeant raised \$96.<sup>55</sup>

### Last Meeting's Raffle

*(The raffle raised \$205.<sup>00</sup>)*

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Arnott's clock	Peter Manenti
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Wine	Doug Potter
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Purse	Neil Kennan
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Dinner next week	Tony Lanzafame

### *From President Grahame True*

- Commitment Sheets for:-
  - 2010 District Conference
  - Restaurant Night @ Dolce Cafe
- Scheduled guest speaker in hospital, Terry Rohan to substitute
- 6 volunteers needed for 29<sup>th</sup> May at RYDA, Penrith for St Patrick's College day. Contact Peter Van der Sleen
- Board Meeting last Tuesday decided on funding allocations
- Rugby afternoon next Saturday at 3:00pm
- Brian Johnson settling into life in Orange, but the Rotary Club not as social as Strathfield.

### *From Director Kevin Freund*

- Thank you to the Club for Sympathy during his family's bereavement.

### *From Secretary Allan Petersen*

- Inverell Rotary Club running a 14 day Caravan Tour of outback NSW & Qld. From 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. to 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2009, \$1,000 per vehicle plus \$20pp for evening meals. The Inverell Club will subsidise by \$30 per vehicle those without a caravan.
- Funds raised will assist with "Caravan of Hope" for rural NSW & Qld. Phone 02 6722 4488 or Mobile 0428 221004

### *From Treasurer Charles Pitt*

- Next payment of dues needs to be more punctual

### *From Steve Taylor*

- Next Thursday restaurant night will be at Dulce Café, Cabarita, \$30pp

## **SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL**

The Strathfield Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal was again supported by Strathfield Rotary. Door knockers set out from Strathfield Town Hall, with the Counting House in full swing by about 10:30am.

The first count of the collection in Strathfield for the Red Shield Appeal indicates approximately **\$22,500** was raised this year. This includes a donation from the Strathfield Rotary Club of \$500. Well done all those who assisted on Sunday morning.

## COMING EVENTS

**28<sup>th</sup> May 2009. (Thursday)**

**RESTAURANT NIGHT. *Dolce Cafe*** 7.00pm  
10 Cabarita Road, Cabarita \$30.00pp. BYO wine

**18<sup>th</sup> June 2009. (Thursday)**

**BREAKFAST POINT CHANGEOVER** 6:30 for 7:00pm  
Breakfast Point Country Club, 72 Village Drive,  
Breakfast Point

**25<sup>th</sup> June 2009. (Thurs) 10am REGISTRATION  
CONCORD ROTARY CHARITY GOLF DAY.**

The course now has a new feel with creeks and water  
features. Contact Margaret Bain Smith. Email

[mbainsmith@optusnet.com](mailto:mbainsmith@optusnet.com)

Phone 97430265, mobile 0406 757 270.

Golf \$95 Dinner \$60 Golf & Dinner \$140

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

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009. (Thursday)**

**TAGALONG OUTBACK EXPERIENCE 2009**

Inverell Rotary Club 14 day Caravan Tour. \$1,000  
per vehicle plus \$20pp for evening meals. \$30  
subsidy for non-vanners. Phone 02 6722 4488 or  
Mobile 0428 221004

### ***Hello from Our Former Exchange Student in Rodez, France***

Dear Strathfield Rotary Members,  
I hope you and your families are all well and I am really sorry  
for not writing earlier on. I'm starting to get really busy  
studying; HSC is not even in a month. I'll finally end high  
school on the 29th of June and then I can start something new!  
So I really can't wait for HSC to be over. So for next year (it  
actually starts in October in France), I think I will be studying  
international business but I don't know where yet. I have been  
already admitted to a school in Montpellier in the South of  
France and I'm still waiting for the results from Toulouse (I  
had to do an exam last week end for it). So I'll let you know  
when I'll choose. I realized that doing a gap year in a foreign  
country was a really big advantage to enter good universities.  
So I'm so pleased I did it because it's now helping me a lot.  
So summer is coming here and the weather is a lot better now,  
we finally had more than a week with sun and everyone is  
wearing shorts and tops instead of big coats and jumpers! So  
when I will be on holidays, I am planning to go to London for  
about 4 days just to speak a little bit of English and to visit as  
well. I'll also be going to Spain for a week with friends (it's  
only a 4 hours drive from Rodez!). And then in August I will  
be working in a hotel in my town and I really hope I'll get to  
meet a few English persons to practise a bit!  
And in about 2 weeks, I will be voting for the first time so it's  
exciting as well. It is not compulsory in France like it is in  
Australia. So there are going to be European elections but I  
still don't know who I can vote for but it's still a big step! Ok I  
think that was all I had to say for now and I'll really try to  
write more often but you know I will be on holidays soon so it  
should be better!

All my love,

*Laura Fleurquin*

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

**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**

**Club Assembly**

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

**Job Talks.**

Doug Potter, Suzanne Freund, Godfrey Isouard

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

**House With No Steps**

Dennis O'Reilly,

General Manager Fund Raising & Community  
Relations

# **HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS**

## **THEY SAID WHAT?**

From Grahame True

JACK (age 3) was watching his Mum breast-feeding his new baby sister. After a while he asked: "Mom why have you got two? Is one for hot and one for cold milk?"

MELANIE (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, "If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six."

STEVEN (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mum good night. 'I love you so much that when you die I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window.'

BRITTANY (age 4) had an ear ache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a child-proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: 'How does it know it's me?'

SUSAN (age 4) was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. 'Please don't give me this juice again,' she said, 'It makes my teeth cough.'

DJ (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: 'How much do I cost?'

MARC (age 4) was engrossed in a young couple that were hugging and kissing in a restaurant. Without taking his eyes off them, he asked his dad: 'Why is he whispering in her mouth?'

TAMMY (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her Mom knew. Tammy looked at her for a while and then asked, 'Why doesn't your skin fit your face?'

JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' Concerned, James asked: 'What happened to the flea?'

**SUNDAY'S SERMON**....'Dear Lord,' the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face 'Without you, we are but dust.' He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four year old girl voice, 'Mom, what is butt dust?'

## **PLANE TESTING?**

From Shirley Del Prado

A brand spanking new Airbus 340-600, one of the largest passenger airplane ever built, sits just outside its hangar in Toulouse, France, without a single hour of airtime on the clock. Enter the Arab flight crew of Abu Dhabi Aircraft Technologies (ADAT) to conduct pre-delivery tests on the ground, such as engine run-ups prior to delivery to Etihad Airways in Abu Dhabi. The ADAT crew taxied the A340-600 to the run-up area. Then they took all four engines to takeoff power with a virtually empty aircraft. Not having READ the run-up manuals, they had no clue just how light an empty A340-600 really is. The take-off warning horn was blaring away in the cockpit because they had All 4 engines at full power. The aircraft computers thought they were trying to take off, but it had not been configured properly (flaps/slats, etc.). Then one of the ADAT crew decided to pull the circuit breaker on the Ground Proximity Sensor to silence the alarm. This fools the aircraft into thinking it is in the air. The computers automatically released all the brakes -and set the aircraft rocketing forward! With the result that the Abu Dhabi Aircraft Technology crew had no idea that this is a safety feature so that pilots can't land with the brakes on. Not one member of the seven-man Arab crew was smart enough to throttle back the engines from their max power setting, so the \$200 million brand-new aircraft crashed into a blast barrier, totaling it. The extent of injuries to the crew is unknown due to the news blackout in the major media. This was because coverage of the story was deemed insulting to Muslim Arabs. Finally, the photos are starting to leak out. £200 million aircraft meets wall. Wall wins.

