



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.  
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## MAY IS CLUB PLANNING MONTH

### PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

Following last weeks meeting P.P. Peter and I re-looked at the numbers committed for the bush dance. Due to the apathy of the club we decided with great disappointment we had no other option but to cancel. P.P. Peter has contacted the band and a cheque will be sent to them. Unfortunately because of this we will have less money in our coffers available for charity.

Under Peter van der Sleeson's directorship Tony Lanzafame along with Nicole Andary from Strathfield Council conducted an excellent youth awards. The club hosted the awardees and we welcomed their parents and friends. It is wonderful to highlight such excellence in our youth – it again makes me feel our future is in good hands. Many thanks to Tony aided competently by Bradley.

P.P. Steve Taylor's fellowship dinner at the Korean BBQ Restaurant at North Strathfield last Thursday was yet another great night of international gourmet cuisine. Excellent conversation and an indulgence in Korean beer. Thanks again P.P. Steve and also to Niall and Ray Wilson for their introduction to this venue – 'we are travelling the world on our taste buds'.

Fellows, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May is the Salvation Army's Red Shield Door Knock Appeal and as usual we will be on hand to help to ferry the school students for this collection – please give your commitment to Peter Smith.

I have been keeping my eye on our Rotary Grove in Edwards Park during the building of the new library – making sure they have not damaged our little forest and have left space for the next past president – all is fine.

I hope everyone is noting the upcoming guest speakers at our club meetings. This week we welcome Faye Yarroll whose presentation is on the Cochlear Awareness Network.

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

### TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

#### **Cochlear Awareness Network**

Faye Yarroll

Introduced by Bradley Ayres

Thanked by Joe Saad

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

9/05/2009 **Carol Houston**  
11/05/2009 **Mary Ingall**

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

6/05/2009 **Sal & Rita Tosto**

#### **ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES**

7 May **Harries, Peter**  
9 May **Freund, Suzanne**

### YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Awards are open to all young people aged 12 – 24 years who reside, train, work or study in the Strathfield Municipality. All young people are encouraged to become involved and participate in the awards. There are 6 categories for the awards:-

- **Arts & Culture**
- **Community Services**
- **Team Sports**
- **Senior & Junior Sport Awards**
- **Environment, Science & Technology**

The Youth Achievement Awards are currently in there sixth year. This year's awardees are:-

#### Arts & Culture (Two Awards for 2009)

The first recipient is **Maha Chahine**. Maha attended Strathfield South High School in 2008 and is currently studying for a BSc degree at UWS, Hawkesbury. Maha was the chair of the Steering committee which planned and implemented the activities for a joint project with Windsor High School – We are all Australian. Her role included organisation of meetings with the partner school, excursions, workshops and filming of the events. Crucial to this was the development of a storyboard outline that told the story of two different youth cultures meeting, developing relationships and exploring stereotypes based on ethnicity. The project was known as the Harmony Project at Strathfield South High School, and was aimed to reduce "racial stereotyping" particularly within the municipality in which we live, work and study. Maha also had the role of interviewer and narrator in the film that was

produced. The film has been sent out to all schools in NSW to help combat racism.

Our second recipient is **Shizu Duo**. In the last two years, Shizu has been involved in a wide variety of musical activities. She completed the HSC course for Music 2 and Music Extension as an accelerant last year whilst in year 10. She achieved a band 6 in both courses, was also nominated for ENCORE. She received first place in both courses. Shizu is an active member of the college Orchestra and Chamber Ensemble, and has played at many important liturgies and functions inside school both during and out of school hours. Shizu has been selected to perform at the Emerging Artists Series 2009 held by Theme & Variations Sydney. Shizu has won a number of prizes including a people's choice award and overall 1 place in the school's annual Festival of Music.

### Community Service

This year's recipient for Community Service is **Michael Gordon**. Michael is currently in Year 12 at St Patrick's College, Strathfield. Michael has been in Scouting since he was seven years old and it was from this experience that Michael decided to give something back to the community and became a Cub Scout volunteer. Michael volunteers his time every week teaching different Cub activities. Michael also assesses the Cubs for their Awards and can sign off that they have completed their activity or award with competency. This is usually conducted on a one on one basis as each Cub is at varying levels of their Awards. In addition to Michael managing his full time study load and his weekly commitment to Cubs, giving up his time freely, he has also volunteered at Meals on Wheels for the July 2008 school holidays; attended many and various Social Justice activities organised by St Patrick's College at Strathfield; trained and earned his Senior First Aid Certificate; volunteered his service at Cubs and at Cub Camps; trained and earned an Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) card where he has used these safety skills at Cubs during craft, wood work and other activities; completed the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award in 2006; completed the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award in 2007; completed the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and is awaiting his Award and is a member of the Under 17 years Basketball and Soccer team for St Patrick's College.

### Environment, Science and Technology

**Melanie Raumer** was the Deputy Environment Leader as part of the Student Committee and had an integral role in designing and instituting a new paper recycling system across the secondary campus at Santa Sabina School. Previously, the campus did not have an effective recycling system, due to the issues we had with rubbish being collected in the paper recycling bins and the overall attitude of students and staff towards the recycling process. However, last year a new system was established and has been running successfully across the school. Through implementing this new system, she had to re-educate the staff and students of how the new system works, and the items that can actually be recycled. It may seem simple, but the majority of our time was spent

trying to break bad, old habits. Melanie had to speak at numerous school assemblies. Every Friday morning Melanie spent collecting the recycling and sorting it. Considering that every Friday a new homeroom (hence new staff member and new group of 14 + girls) was on recycling duty. Previously, the Santa Sabina recycling bin was in such a horrendous state, that no one would collect the recycling, now they are lucky to find 10 pieces of non-recyclable material in the recycling bin.

### Individual Sports – Junior Category

**Lucy Humphries** was the Overall — Australian Female Youth Champion in Mogul Skiing 2008. Lucy won every mogul competition in the female youth division in 2008. Lucy was 1st in NSW junior mogul championships Perisher Blue, series I and II; 1<sup>st</sup> in Australian Freestyle Championships, Perisher Blue (August 2008); 1<sup>st</sup> in ABOM mogul challenge, Mt Buller (August 2008). Lucy trains with the Perisher Blue Winter Sports Club Freestyle team every weekend of the ski season and all of the June/July school holidays. Lucy has represented Meriden in the ski team to National level every year since 2001 (age 6). She has been awarded a Highest Achievement Award for sports at Meriden every year since 2001. She trains at a water jump camp in Melbourne three times a year and has recently been asked to train with the Australian Aerial ski team on the water jump in April 2009. Lucy was awarded a SERAS (South East Regional Academy of Sport) scholarship in 2008 for mogul skiing. Lucy is also the 2008 Female State trampolining Champion for under 14 years, competing at National Trampoline Championships in Bendigo with the NSW team. She trains 4 x per week with the Ryde RSL youth club. Lucy also represents Meriden in the following sports:

- Aerobic gymnastics — training 4 x per week
- Cross-country running
- Athletics and during summer
- Diving (school junior champion 2009)- training once a week (summer term only)
- Softball — training once a week, competing once a week (summer term only)

Lucy is keen to make it into NSWIS (New South Wales Institute of Sport) for mogul skiing, aerial skiing and/or trampolining and represent Australia in World Cups and the Olympics.

### Individual Sports – Senior Category

**Christopher Ashwood** has gone from strength to strength. His achievements are as follows

- Trans-Tasman series 2<sup>nd</sup> 800m 3<sup>rd</sup> 400m freestyle
- New Zealand championships 1<sup>st</sup> 1500m freestyle and 2<sup>nd</sup> 400m Freestyle
- Australian Age Championship 1 150m
- Australian Open Olympic Trial 8<sup>th</sup> in the final of 1500 free
- Australian Short Course 7<sup>th</sup> in 1500
- NSW State Age 1<sup>st</sup> 1500 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400 freestyle
- NSW State Open Championships 2<sup>nd</sup> 1500m
- Christopher hold 4 NSW swimming records & 4 NSW metropolitan records

## LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *From President Grahame True*

- Commitment Sheets for:-
  - Bush Dance – 9<sup>th</sup> May
  - Restaurant Night – 30<sup>th</sup> April. \$35pp
  - Red Shield Appeal Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May
- Welcome to special guests, awardees and their guests

### *From Secretary Allan Petersen*

- Reminder to Club members to submit nominations for the “Service Above Self” Award

### *From Director Janelle Watson*

- Thank you letter from Rotarians Against Malaria Project (RAM) for donation of \$1000 from the Club

### *From Director Niall King*

- Thank you to Ray Wilson for the Junior Golf Day last week that raised \$11,000 for the Junior Golf Club

## Last Club Meeting's Statistics

Guests: -

David Ingall (UK visitor, Ted's son)  
Keith Kwon (Mayor Strathfield)  
Nicole Andary (Strathfield Council)  
Dr Julie Greenhalgh (Meriden)  
Peter Valenti  
Awardees & their guests

Attendance: 39      Apol: 12      Non-Apol: 3

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*Les Hockley:*                      till 22 April, 2009

*Brian Driver:*                      till 30 April, 2009

*Terry Rohan:*                      till 1 May, 2009

*Suzanne Freund:*                      till 31 May, 2009

The Sergeant raised \$146<sup>.20</sup>

## Last Meeting's Raffle

*(The raffle raised \$444.<sup>00</sup>)*

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Leather Bag	Grahame True
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Golf Jumper	Les Hockley
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Books	Kevin Beltrame
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	DVD's	Guest

- Australian Junior Flippers Squad
- Australian Junior Team Trans Tasman
- NSW Institute of sport emerging athlete program

Christopher is also the captain of swimming at St Pat's and leads by example. Christopher Ashwood unfortunately couldn't make the night as he was competing in a swim meet.

### Team Sports Award

The St Patrick's First Eleven Cricket Team comprised of

<i>Michael Galbraith</i>	<i>Nick Khalifeh</i>
<i>Nick Iaquinto</i>	<i>Declan Kennedy</i>
<i>Andrew Squillaciotti</i>	<i>Isaac Taylor</i>
<i>James Collins</i>	<i>James Matthey</i>
<i>Tristan Ofner</i>	<i>Vince Cerone</i>
<i>Justin O'Neil</i>	<i>Clinton Doughan</i>
<i>Alex Bloomfield</i>	<i>James Wohlfiel</i>

*Coach – Justin Newman      Manager – Mark Tyler*

- The team lost 3 out 4 of their first four games
- They competed in the Australasian Christian Brothers cricket carnival in Brisbane and beat teams from WA, Qld and NZ to reach the final by .03 of a quotient point. In every game they looked like loosing until great team spirit lead to victory.
- They chased 215 runs to win. This was only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in 33 years that St Pats has won.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> XI went on to win the ISA Cricket as well in the final.
- They were undefeated in their last 19 matches.

They are a great team who play fairly and respect each other and the opposition.

## COMING EVENTS

~~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,

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

RED SHIELD APPEAL

Strathfield Town Hall

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

BREAKFAST POINT CHANGEOVER 6:30 for 7:00pm

Breakfast Point Country Club, 72 Village Drive, Breakfast Point

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

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Penrith Panthers. \$30pp.

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

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 Isouard

29<sup>th</sup> July 2009

### **House With No Steps**

Dennis O'Reilly,

General Manager Fund Raising & Community Relations

## HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

### **THE VALUE OF DRINK**

From Shirley Del Prado

"Sometimes when I reflect back on all the wine I drink I feel shame. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the vineyards and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this wine, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered.

Then I say to myself, "It is better that I drink this wine and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver."

*Jack Handy*

"I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day."

*Frank Sinatra*

"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading."

*Henny Youngman*

"24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not."

*Stephen Wright*

"When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. so, let's all get drunk and go to heaven!"

*Brian O'Rourke*

"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

*Benjamin Franklin*

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza."

*Dave Barry*

To some it's a six-pack, to me it's a Support Group.

Salvation in a can!

*Dave Howell*

A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

*Cliff Clavin*

