



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.  
District 9690, New South Wales, Australia



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## SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

### PRESIDENT ELECTRIC'S LINES

Spring is here and even though we have had buckets of rain hopefully the warmer weather will arrive and it will encourage more enthusiasm in attendance.

Friday evening saw the opening ceremony of the Paralympics Games – unfortunately this does not have as much fan fare as the able Olympics; however the athletes strive equally as hard and deserve all our support Oi Oi Oi!

We welcomed District Governor Paul Erickson and his wife Suzanne at our meeting last week. Paul spoke on his goals for the current year. Some of the points were risk management; child protection and publicity. Paul also spoke on some of Rotaries short comings, his talk was well received.

I will be bringing up risk management at our next board meeting and will report on the outcome.

Our new members may not be aware of the forms to be signed if working with children i.e. BBQ's, driving children, schools etc. Please see Peter Van Der Sleszen to arrange this.

A thankyou must go to Strathfield Scene and our publicity team for their article on the "Police Officer of the Year". Publicity and Rotary awareness is one of Paul's points we excel at – articles, photos and website all top notch.

Drivers and helpers have been organised to take students to the RYPEN (Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment) camp next Friday - thanks Kevin for organising this.

Paolo indicated last week he needs someone to become involved in the GSE programme. Please speak to him for more information.

Recently the club has been receiving pamphlets on various organisations, I have left these on the front table for anyone who is interested to peruse.

Last meeting I mentioned upcoming social events – please don't forget to diarise them.

**Remember - Fun and Fellowship in Rotary**

**President Grahame**

### TONIGHT'S MEETING

**Loyal Staff and Loyal Customers**  
**Two Problems with One Solution**

Matt Balogh (McNair Ingenuity)

Introduced by Neil Kennan Thanked by Raymond McCluskie

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### **Birthdays**

10/09/2008

*Penny True*

14/09/2008

*George Helou*

16/09/2008

*Paul Giammarco*

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

*NIL*

#### **Rotary Anniversaries**

*NIL*

### LAST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKERS

Last Wednesday we had the official visit by DG Paul Erickson. Paul was accompanied by Suzanne and was introduced by PDG Harley Tarrant. Paul is currently the Principal of Kingswood High School and is an old 'Apexian'

Paul's address started with the concept of what is a good Rotarian and what is a good Rotary Club. The key things are an effective club with effective members. He spoke of the need for active involvement both within the regular club meeting place and also with external activities. He highlighted the need for clubs to have in place a plan for continuity on an on going basis rather than each year being seen in isolation. Long term planning is essential for the good of each and every Rotary Club.

Paul spoke of the need for the public perception of Rotarians in the public arena especially in the area involving children. Every club should have a Child Protection Officer and every club member should be signed up. He also would like all clubs to have a Risk Management Officer to ensure the safety of all members in whatever projects they are involved in.

Paul also highlighted the need for clubs to work with each other and give assistance especially to some of the smaller clubs in our district. He also spoke of the need

for clubs to address the cultural diversity within our communities.

Paul spoke of the need to effectively integrate new members into Rotary. Each new member should be assigned a mentor – something our club has done effectively over the last number of years.

Paul then spoke of the program of current world president – DK Lee from South Korea. DK Lee wants every club to commit US1000 per year for the next 3 years to once and for all rid the world of the scourge of Polio. He wants Rotary to support the children of the world. 26000 children die each day of the year. He also wants Rotary to assist in literacy programs across the world.

Paul spoke of the recent visit of DK Lee to Canberra where with 100000 Koreans now living in Australia only 1 Korean Rotarian was found to be present at his meeting – our own CS Yoon.

Paul then spoke of the use of the internet and its ability and capacity to keep Rotarians involved within each club and also within D96960.

Finally Paul spoke specifically of ongoing support for both the Shelter Box program and the Rotary Health Research Fund and also commended that clubs should endeavour to have all members as ‘Centurions’.

Paul was thanked by PP Peter Foss

### **Last Club Meeting’s Statistics**

Attendance: 40

Apologies: 11

Non-Apologies: 8

LOA: *Silma Ihram, Trevor Duxbury, David Croft, Connie Galletta*

Exempt Members: - 3

Visitors: - Suzanne Erickson (DG’s Partner), Penny True  
The Sergeant raised \$141.<sup>10</sup>

### **Last Club Meeting’s Raffle (The Raffle raised \$252)**

### **GSE Team to Brazil**

Members can investigate the exchange district clubs in Brazil following the link below. While Laura Fleurquin was here we did meet an exchange student from the Londrina Club in D4710, which is located 900km west of Rio de Janeiro.

**<http://www.rotary4710.org.br/>**

Paul Giammarco

## **LAST MEETING’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***From President Grahame True***

- Commitment sheet for RYPEN on 12 September 2008.
- Congratulations to P.P. Brian Johnson for winning a Strathfield Council building award.
- Congratulations to Domenico Alvaro for winning a MBA award.
- Thanked Peter Smith for the smooth running of the Police Officer of the Year Awards night.
- Date for Golden Coronet dinner changed to 18 September 2008.

### ***From Director Peter Smith***

- Advised that the date for the Pride of Workmanship Awards has been changed to 29 October 2008.

### ***From Director Janelle Watson***

- Advised that the Board had approved the allocation of \$1200-00 for a Shelter Box and \$2000-00 for bed netting.

### ***From Director Niall King***

- Advised that the Club has been requested to provide the barbecue for the Strathfield Council Spring Fair on 28 September 2008

### ***From Secretary Allan Petersen***

- Advised that a Certificate of Appreciation had been received from the Rotary Club of Erina in relation to the 2008 Century Challenge.
- Drew our attention to the article by D. K. Lee in Rotary Down Under regarding planning ahead in relation to attending the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England in 2009. Also requested that we consider what would attract delegates to attend the Rotary International Convention if it were held in Australia.
- Advised that the District Resolutions and Legislation Committee is seeking comments on five pages of proposed regulations.

### ***From Treasurer Charles Pitt***

- Will conduct a review to determine if any dues are still outstanding.

### ***From Stephen Taylor***

- Cost for Golden Coronet Dinner on 18 September 2008 is \$35-00 per head.

### ***From Peter Douglas***

- Large food grade containers available free of charge to a good home.

### ***From Paulo Giammarco***

- The Club has put forward two applicants for the GSE team. A selection session will be held on 14 September 2008.

### ***From Peter Foss***

- Breakfast Point event on 14 September 2008 commences at 11am and concludes at 3pm.

### ***From Angelo Franco***

- Referred members to the letter by Constable Justin Veitch included in the Bulletin and to the significance of the sentiments expressed therein.

### ***From Peter Harries***

- Presented a banner from the New Plymouth, New Zealand Rotary Club to the Club following his attendance at that Club for a number of meetings.

## COMING EVENTS

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2008 (Sunday) 11am – 3pm**

### **JAZZ IN SILKSTONE PARK**

**Tennyson Road, Breakfast Point**

*Music by “The Capitols”*

([www.thecapitols.com](http://www.thecapitols.com))

**Wine Tasting, Food, BBQ, Family Entertainment.**

**Pacific Cruise Raffle \$5 per ticket; 3 for \$10**

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**Social Evening, Golden Coronet Homebush.**

Contact Steve Taylor

**25<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**Samuel Morris Foundation Race Day and Auction**

*Hawkesbury Race Course.*

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2008.**

### **Strathfield Fair**

Strathfield Park from 10am

Club BBQ to be manned

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2008. (Friday)**

**“WAKE” for Rotary Club of Silverwater**

**Homebush Bay**

*Waterview-Dooleys at Silverwater*

(Cnr Silverwater Rd and Clyde St).

7:00 for 7:30pm. \$60pp. 80 guests only.

Tel: 9890 3333 Fax: 9890 7433

Email: [mcphil@mccarthysalked.com.au](mailto:mcphil@mccarthysalked.com.au)

**23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008. (Thursday)**

**District Championship Golf Day**

Strathfield Golf Club

**28<sup>th</sup> November 2008.**

**Trivia Night**

**14<sup>th</sup> February 2009.**

**Dinner at the Duxbury’s**

*An evening of Victorian Elegance*

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2009.**

**District Conference**

Cypress Lakes Resort, **Hunter Valley**

## THE ROTARY E-LEARNING CENTRE

[http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningAClub/Announcements/Pages/080903\\_announce\\_elearning.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningAClub/Announcements/Pages/080903_announce_elearning.aspx)

The Rotary E-Learning Centre is your online resource for the independent study of Rotary, particularly for new members and club officers. The Rotary E-Learning Centre has updated some of its e-learning modules. Click on the link above and learn something new about:-

- The Rotary Foundation
- Member Access
- Rotary International Programs
- Your Club, district, and RI
- Community Service
- Interact
- Club President Roles and Responsibilities
- Rotary Community Corps
- Rotary Volunteers
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- Vocational Service
- World Community Service
- Youth Exchange

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**Kids, the Ultimate Community Responsibility**

Craig Davis (Youth off the Street) Sydney Swans

Introduced by Peter Smith Thanked by Bert Houston

**24<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**Shaping a Vision**

Catherine Giammarco

Introduced by Suzanne Freund Thanked by Brian Johnson

**Model United Nations Assembly**

Juan Fernandez+2 students from Homebush Boys HS

Introduced by Paul White Thanked by Garry Pearce

**1<sup>st</sup> October 2008**

**Operation Atlas, ICAC Wollongong**

*PARTNERS’ NIGHT 6:30 for 7:00pm*

Lewis Rangott

Introduced by Neil Kennan Thanked by Rod McDougall

**8<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

**Careflight**

John Ebbott, Community Relations Officer

Introduced by Trevor Duxbury Thanked by Bradley Ayres

**15<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

**Ronald McDonald House**

Adrienne Pearson, General Manager,

Ronald McDonald House

Introduced by Keith Byrn Thanked by Angelo Franco

**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008**

**Performance Improvement, Becoming More Productive and Getting Better Results**

Neel Raman

Introduced by Ted Ingall Thanked by Kevin Beltrame

**29<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

**Pride of Workmanship Awards,**

*PARTNERS’ NIGHT 6:30 for 7:00pm*

*Introduced by Peter Smith*

**5<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**Experiences with Vision Australia**

Nick Gleeson & Jo Anne Reeves

Introduced by Ian Johnson Thanked by Roger Vince

**12<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**Judicial reminiscences**

Justice Terry Sheahan

Introduced by Paul White Thanked by Bert Houston

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**The Centurion Program**

PDG Warwick Tester PP Lyn Tester

Introduced by Harley Tarrant Thanked by Janelle Watson

**Rotaract**

Aaron Sivasothy

Introduced by Bradley Ayres Thanked by Godfrey Isouard

**26<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**Muslim Culture and Australian Integration**

Silma Ihram

Introduced by Rod McDougall Thanked by Kevin Freund

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008**

**AGM and Elections**

## HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

### **Walking the Dog**

From Katie Franco

A WOMAN was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. The man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight

He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?' The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs.' Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!



### **Help for His Hearing**

From Peter Smith

Leroy goes to the revival and listens to the preacher. After awhile, the preacher asks anyone with needs to be prayed over to come forward. Leroy goes up and the preacher asks, 'Leroy, what do you want me to pray about for you?'

'Preacher,' says Leroy, "I need you to pray for my hearing.'

The preacher puts one finger in Leroy's ear and he places the other hand on top of Leroy's head and prays and prays and prays. After a few minutes, the preacher removes his hands and stands back.

'Leroy, how is your hearing now?'

'I don't know, Reverend,' says Leroy. "My hearing's not until next Wednesday.'

### **School 1960 vs. School 2007**

From Peter Harries

**Scenario: Johnny and Mark get into a fistfight after school.**

**1960** - Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up mates.

**2007** - Police are called; SWAT team arrives and arrests Johnny and Mark. Mobiles with video of fight confiscated as evidence. They are charged with assault, AVO's are taken out and both are suspended even though Johnny started it. Diversionary conferences and parent meetings conducted. Video shown on 6 internet sites.

**Scenario: Jeffrey won't sit still in class, disrupts other students.**

**1960** - Jeffrey is sent to the principal's office and given a good paddling. Returns to class, sits still and does not disrupt class again.

**2007** - Jeffrey is given huge doses of Ritalin. Counselling to death. Becomes a zombie. Tested for ADD. School gets extra funding because Jeffrey has a disability. Drops out of school.

**Scenario: Billy breaks a window in his neighbor's car and his Dad gives him a whipping with his belt.**

**1960** - Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college, and becomes a successful businessman.

**2007** - Billy's dad is arrested for child abuse. Billy is removed to foster care and joins a gang. Psychologist tells Billy's sister that she remembers being abused herself and their dad goes to prison. Billy's mum has an affair with the psychologist. Psychologist gets a promotion.

**Scenario: Mark, a college student, brings cigarettes to school.**

**1960** - Mark shares a smoke with the school principal out on the smoking area.

**2007** - Police are called and Mark is expelled from School for drug possession. His car is searched for drugs and weapons.

**Scenario: Vinh fails high school English.**

**1960** - Vinh goes to Remedial English, passes and goes to college.

**2007** - Vinh's cause is taken up by local human rights group. Newspaper articles appear nationally explaining that making English a requirement for graduation is racist. Civil Liberties Association files class action lawsuit against state school system and his English teacher. English is banned from core curriculum. Vinh is given his Y10 anyway but ends up mowing lawns for a living because he cannot speak English.

**Scenario: Johnny takes apart leftover firecrackers, puts them in a model plane paint bottle and blows up an anthill.**

**1960** - Ants die.

**2007** - Security and ASIO are called and Johnny is charged with domestic terrorism. Teams investigate parents, siblings are removed from the home, computers are confiscated, and Johnny's dad goes on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

**Scenario: Johnny falls during recess and scrapes his knee. His teacher, Mary, finds him crying, and gives him a hug to comfort him.**

**1960** - Johnny soon feels better and goes back to playing.

**2007** - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces three years in prison. Johnny undergoes five years of therapy.