



# 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

I inducted our new member Joseph Kim last week – it was wonderful to find that he is a neighbour of mine; there are now two Rotarians in Strathlora Street. Looking forward to Joseph having happy times in our club.

Matt Balogh was our guest speaker last Wednesday. I think we all now know how to keep businesses running like a well oiled machine (start at the top).

I was honoured to speak at the Citizenship Ceremony at the Strathfield Town Hall last Thursday. It was a joyous occasion as we welcomed over one hundred new citizens into our great country.

Thanks go out to Kevin Beltrame, Shirley Del Prado, Angelo Franco, Kevin Freund, Harley Tarrant and Peter Van Der Sleses who were our drivers and chaperones on the RYPEN student delivery run last Friday.

On Sunday Breakfast Point (creek) Club had their first major function "Jazz in the Park". Unfortunately the weather was not kind to them, however the great music and festivities continued in the sheltered area. Our Strathfield barbeque sizzled away with the help of some of our Rotarians, well done guys nurturing our "off spring". I am sad to hear the passing of PDG Ken Nicholls O.A.M and recipient of the "Rotary International Service above Self Award". Ken was a member of Granville Club and was the DG '87-88.

Looking forward to the fellowship night of Chinese cuisine on Thursday. I have my chopsticks at the ready (contact Steve Taylor for a late booking).

A final dinner for the winding up of Silverwater Homebush Bay Club will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> October – if you would like to attend see me for details.

Our Para Olympians are doing well in the medal tally. It looks like Australia will have a great result, bringing home the glory.

Don't forget our partners' night on the 1<sup>st</sup> October – I am sure the guest speaker from I.C.A.C. will be interesting for all. Make sure we have a great roll up.

OH NO the rugby! Congratulations Peter Douglas and dare I say it one of our sergeants – well done to the All Blacks.

**Remember - Fun and Fellowship in Rotary**

**President Grahame**

### TONIGHT'S MEETING

#### **Kids, the Ultimate Community Responsibility**

Craig Davis (Youth off the Street) Sydney Swans

Introduced by Peter Smith Thanked by Bert Houston

### CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations and Welcome to Mr. Joseph Kim, our newest Club Member. Joseph was inducted into Our Club at last Wednesday's Meeting by President Grahame. Joseph was sponsored by Ray Wilson and joins the ranks of our former Kiwi members.*



#### **Birthdays**

21/09/2008 **Megan Tarrant**  
22/09/2008 **Arthur Crossan**  
24/09/2008 **Keith Byrn**

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

21/09/2008 **Ian & Fiona Johnson**  
21/09/2008 **Doug & Olga Potter**

#### **Rotary Anniversaries**

**NIL**

### LAST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

Our Guest Speaker was Matt Balogh, the Client Services Director of McNair Ingenuity Research P/L. Matt was introduced by Neil Kennan, His subject was "Loyal Staff and Loyal Customers" Matt is working with employers and staff to develop an organizational culture that will allow companies to move smoothly forward.. He highlighted the fact that the character of a business flows downward from the 'boss'.

## **LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Advised members that various brochures received by the Club (e. g. Police Legacy Annual Report, Kokoda Memorial Newsletter). Will be left on the Treasurer's table at meetings for perusal by members.
- New member Joseph Kim was inducted into the Club following an introduction from Ray Wilson

### ***From President-Elect Kevin Freund***

- Would like to hear from members interested in nominating for Directorships next year and would be pleased to receive any other input.

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

- Thanked Joe Saad, Charles Pitt, Kevin Freund and President Grahame True for their assistance in conducting the Police Officer of the Year awards night.
- Advised that nomination forms for the Pride of Workmanship awards night on 29 October 2008 are now available.
- Interest in Christmas Puddings tested on a show of hands.

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

- Janelle and Paul will attend the District Interview Panel for the GSE to Brazil on 14 September 2008.
- Advised that Shelter Boxes are currently being deployed to Swaziland, Haiti and Nepal netting.

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

- Commitment Sheet for Strathfield Spring Fair barbecue on 28 September 2008

### ***From Director Peter Van der Sleen***

- Application forms for RYLA should be lodged by 10 Oct.
- Advised members that they may attend at the Sydney Tennis Centre on 18 October 2008 for an introduction to the new RYDA venue. Time 1pm to 4pm. Tickets required

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

- The next Board meeting will discuss the draft District regulations. An un-amended version of the regulations appears at page 80 of the District Directory. Joe Saad and Burt Houston have been asked to comment on the regulations.
- Reminded members to consider what would attract delegates to the RI convention in 2014 if it were to be held in Sydney.

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

- Commitment Sheet for Chinese banquet dinner on 18 Sept.

### ***From Neil Kennan***

- Commitment Sheet for ICAC partners night on 1 Oct. 2008.
- Advised that the Careflight night will now be held at the usual Club meeting place

### ***From Doug Potter***

- Will contact members in relation to organizing a group to attend the Rugby Union grand final.

### ***From Ray Wilson***

- District Championships to be held on 23 October 2008. There will be a sausage sizzle and golf. The cost is \$70-00

### ***From Joe Saad***

- Advised members of the death of Patrick Snowden a local solicitor who has been a guest speaker at the Club.

### ***From Roger Vince***

- Reminded members of the Jazz in Silverstone Park event organized by the Breakfast Point Club which is on 14 Sept. from 11am to 3pm.

He spoke of the problems of hiring the wrong people and the disruptive influence they exert on other staff members. People are different – you have some single and some married, some are young and others are older, staff have varying lifestyles and some are morning people and some are afternoon or evening people. The different lifestyles are expressed by the baby boomers 45+, Gen X 30-45 and Gen Y under 30.

What motivates people you hire? Indeed what does? Is it the management leadership that flows downward to staff or is it that employees are empowered to ensure they achieve what the organisation expects. Allowing staff a certain level of freedom to do their work is fundamental and management must place a level of trust in their staff but this trust is a two way street.

What is the reason for employees not performing? Do they lack ability or do they have no talent, is there no management plan in place to develop their latent potential or do they simply don't know what to do, or are they simply lacking in motivation?

Select the right people and any organisation will flourish.

Happy Employees means Happy Customers.

After questions Matt was thanked by PP Raymond McCluskie

### **Last Club Meeting's Statistics**

Attendance: 37  
Apologies: 14  
Non-Apologies: 10

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

Exempt Members: - 3

Visitor: - Joseph KIM

**The Sergeant raised \$142.<sup>80</sup>**

### **Last Club Meeting's Raffle**

*(The Raffle raised \$210)*

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Books & Electric Putter	Terry Rohan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Red Wine	Kevin Beltrame
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Dinner Next Week	Joseph Kim

### **SEPT. UPDATE FROM SHELTER BOX**

Mark Pearson, a member of the ShelterBox Australia Response Team, reports the distribution of Boxes to the flood victims of Sunsari in Nepal and the planned response to the hurricane victims in Haiti.

ShelterBox Australia is a project of the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills (Melbourne) since 2003 and is the authorised Australian affiliate of the ShelterBox Trust. Donations to ShelterBox Australia now exceed \$5.5 million.

The Cost of a ShelterBox is still \$1,200 and contains up to two 10-person dome tents, thermal blankets, water purification tablets, multi-fuel stove, tools and other essential equipment.

Our International Service Director, Janelle Watson, is continuing our Club's support of this Rotary Relief Effort.

## COMING EVENTS

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2008 (Thursday)**

**Social Evening, Golden Coronet Homebush.**

6:30 for 7pm. \$35pp. 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 10am to 4pm

**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.

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

**District Championship Golf Day**

Strathfield Golf Club. \$70pp including BBQ

**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**

## GSE TEAM MEMBER SELECTION TO BRAZIL D 4710, PARANA STATE

**The successful applicants were:-**

<b>Lucy Emery</b>	residential life coordinator
<b>Kathryn Ginn</b>	constable general duties
<b>Kathy Nash</b>	psychologist
<b>Sheryn Phillips</b>	pharmacist

**The reserve is**

**Catherine Thomson** social science teacher  
(proposed by Strathfield)

There were 16 applicants for the GSE Team  
Members of which 4 were to succeed and one  
reserve.

The selection ranking was closer than previous years  
but still distinct from the remainder of the field.

All of the applicants were sufficiently merited and  
gifted for selection.

The selection took place at Kingswood High School  
Sunday 14th September.

The selection panel was made up of the District GSE  
Committee and other Rotarians, a total of 15.

## FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

**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

## **Leather Wear**

From Grahame True

Three women friends, one in a casual relationship, one engaged to be married and one a long-time wife, met for drinks after work. The conversation eventually drifted towards how best to spice up their sex lives. After much discussion, they decided to surprise their men by engaging in some S&M role playing.

The following week they met up again to compare notes. Sipping her drink, the single girl leered and said, 'Last Friday at the end of the work day I went to my boyfriend's office wearing a leather coat. When all the other people had left, I slipped out of it and all I had on was a leather bodice, black stockings and stiletto heels. He was so aroused that we made mad passionate love on his desk right then and there!' The engaged woman giggled and said, 'That's pretty much my story! When my fiancé got home last Friday, he found me waiting for him in a black mask, leather bodice, black hose and stiletto pumps. He was so turned on that we not only made love all night, he wants to move up our wedding date!

The married woman put her glass down and said, 'I did a lot of planning. I made arrangements for the kids to stay over at Grandma's. I took a long scented-oil bath and then put on my best perfume. I slipped into a tight leather bodice, a black garter belt, black stockings and six-inch stilettos. I finished it off with a black mask. When my husband got home from work, he grabbed a beer and the remote, sat down and yelled, 'Hey, Batman, what's for dinner?'

## **The Meaning of Life**

From Allan Petersen

On the first day, God created the dog and said: 'Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years.' The dog said: 'That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?' So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said: 'Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span.' The monkey said: 'Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?' And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said: 'You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years.' The cow said: 'That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?' And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man and said: 'Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years.' But man said: 'Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?' 'Okay,' said God, 'You asked for it.'

So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

## **Scouts Letter to Mum & Dad**

From Grahame True

Dear Mum and Dad,

Our Scoutmaster told us to write to our parents in case you saw the flood on TV and are worried. We are okay. Only one of our tents and two sleeping bags got washed away. Luckily, none of us got drowned because we were all up on the mountain looking for Adam when it happened. Oh yes, please call Adam's mother and tell her he is okay. He can't write because of the cast. I got to ride in one of the search and rescue jeeps. It was neat. We never would have found Adam in the dark if it hadn't been for the lightning.

Scoutmaster Keith got mad at Adam for going on a hike alone without telling anyone. Adam said he did tell him, but it was during the fire so he probably didn't hear him. Did you know that if you put gas on a fire, the gas will blow up?

The wet wood didn't burn, but one of the tents did and also some of our clothes. Jimmie is going to look weird until his hair grows back.

We will be home on Saturday if Scoutmaster Keith gets the bus fixed. It wasn't his fault about the wreck. The brakes worked okay when we left. Scoutmaster Keith said that with a bus that old you have to expect something to break down; that's probably why he can't get insurance.

We think it's a neat bus. He doesn't care if we get it dirty and if it's hot, sometimes he lets us ride on the fenders. It gets pretty hot with 45 people in a bus made for 24. He let us take turns riding in the trailer until the highway patrol man stopped and talked to us.

Scoutmaster Keith is a neat guy. Don't worry, he is a good driver. In fact, he is teaching Jessie how to drive on the mountain roads where there aren't any cops. All we ever see up there are logging trucks.

This morning all of the guys were diving off the rocks and swimming out to the rapids. Scoutmaster Keith wouldn't let me because I can't swim, and Adam was afraid he would sink because of his cast, its concrete because we didn't have any plaster, so he let us take the canoe out. It was great. You can still see some of the trees under the water from the flood.

Scoutmaster Keith isn't crabby like some scoutmasters. He didn't even get mad about the life jackets. He has to spend a lot of time working on the bus so we are trying not to cause him any trouble.

Guess what? We have all passed our first aid merit badges. When Andrew dived into the lake and cut his arm, we got to see how a tourniquet works.

Steven and I threw up, but Scoutmaster Keith said it probably was just food poisoning from the leftover chicken. He said they got sick that way with food they ate in prison. I'm so glad he got out and became our scoutmaster. He said he sure figured out how to get things done better while he was doing his time. By the way, what is a pedal-file?

I have to go now. We are going to town to mail our letters and buy some more beer and ammo. Don't worry about anything. We are fine and tonight it's my turn to sleep in the Scoutmaster's tent.

Love, Matthew