

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 felt last weeks speaker, Craig Davis, exuded enthusiasm in his approach to his sport, his work, his charity and his life. The meeting last week had a real feel of fellowship and it made me happy to be president.

Thursday night was the get together at the Golden Coronet Restaurant. We had 31 foodis all chopsticking, chomping and chatting. Our restaurateur John, generously donated dinner for two as a raffle prize, a big thankyou to him and also to my wholesaler Action Electrical for a second prize donation. Whilst the night was not a fund raiser, with a raffle and a little profit on the meal we raised \$270 to go towards our charities. Thanks Steve for the organisation.

I must mention our bike riders. I hope you have all put in early registrations for the charity bike ride on November 2nd, Sydney to the Gong – a Rotarian as a winner would be good!!

Strathfield Spring Fair is on this Sunday 28th – don't forget to put your name down with Niall to help with the BBQ.

My apologies this week for "short" circuiting my electric lines. Penny and I had cultural pursuits in Melbourne - NO we were not at the AFL.

Apologies to Doug for not attending the Shute Shield on Saturday, well done Sydney Uni. A great idea Doug for happy Rotarians "playing together".

Thanks go to Rod for stepping in for Angelo who is also on a trip to Melbourne for a cultural experience.

Remember - Fun and Fellowship in Rotary

President Grahame

TONIGHT'S MEETING

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays

24/09/2008 **Keith Byrn**
28/09/2008 **Joe Saad**
30/09/2008 **Margery Foss**

Wedding Anniversaries

26/09/2008 **David & Charmaine Giri**

Rotary Anniversaries

NIL

LAST MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker was Craig Davis who was a prominent AFL player from 1973 to 1989. He played a total of 163 games during this period for Carlton, North Melbourne, Collingwood and finally the Sydney Swans. His son Nick is a current player with Swans. Craig was introduced by Peter Smith.

At the conclusion of his AFL career Craig became involved with Youth Off The Streets, an organisation founded by father Chris Riley with whom older members of our club would be more familiar as we ran a very successful function raising some twenty thousand dollars.

Craig became a Board member of YOTS in 1998 and served as Chair from 2000 until June 2008. He is currently an Ambassador for YOTS along with prominent actor Eric Bana. Why did Craig become involved with YOTS? Craig is of the opinion that by keeping youth involved in sport and recreation it keeps them active and doesn't allow them to become bored and wander off into the black hole of drugs and alcohol abuse. Craig then gave us a potted history of YOTS from the time of its founding in 1991 with a single food van offering meals to young homeless people in the Kings Cross area to the current where it has become a major youth specific agency providing a wide range of services. YOTS provides crisis care for young

people still living on the streets with the food van, youth refuge and outrage programs. It also operates an innovative drug and alcohol program specifically designed for young people. It operates accredited independent high schools providing flexible educational opportunities for young people who are unable to attend mainstream high schools. YOTS also operates long term residential rehab programmes in the Southern Highlands and the Hunter Valley.

YOTS has an annual budget of 20 million dollars the majority of which is provided by corporate and individual donations.

Although principally a NSW organisation YOTS has become an international charity with its involvement in Bandar Aceh following the tsunami.

Craig finished off his talk with a witty resume of his time as a leading AFL player.

Craig was thanked by PP Bert Houston

Website youthoffthestreets.com.au

Last Club Meeting's Statistics

Attendance: 39

Apologies: 10

Non-Apologies: 15

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

Exempt Members: - 3

The Sergeant raised \$191.²⁰

Last Club Meeting's Raffle

(The Raffle raised \$230)

1 st Prize	Picture Frame	Anu Kamkolkar
2 nd Prize	Street Directory	Niall King
3 rd Prize	Red Wine	Joseph Kim
4 th Prize	Dinner Next Week	Eve Dutton

FELLOWSHIP EVENING

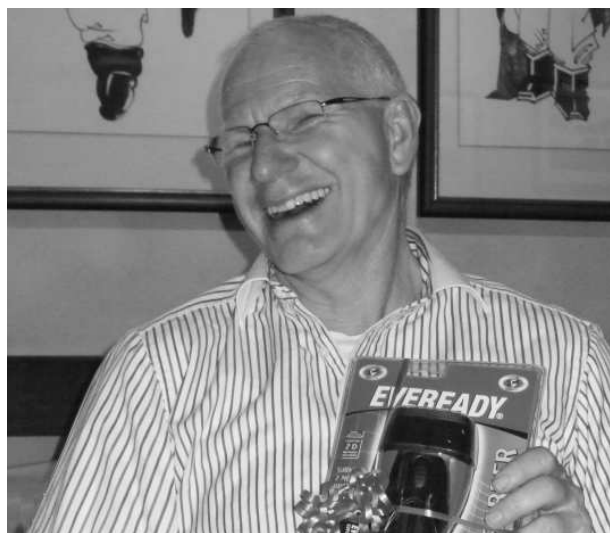
Approximately 30 members and partners enjoyed a relaxing but lively night of fellowship and dining at The Golden Coronet Restaurant last Thursday.

Never one to miss an opportunity for fund raising, President Grahame decided to tempt the group with a small raffle, expertly organised by Kevin Beltrame.

First prize of a dinner for two, kindly donated by The Golden Coronet, was won by Niall and Carol King.

Keith Stockall won the second prize, donated by Action Electrical, and was obviously delighted with the prospect of increased power! See below.

Thanks to Steve Taylor for organising a great evening.



LAST MEETING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From President Grahame True

- Advised that the Breakfast Point Jazz day was a success despite the weather with more than \$10,000 raised.
- Attended a Citizenship Ceremony at Strathfield Council where more than 100 people became Australian citizens. Addressed the gathering on Rotary and life in Strathfield.

From Stephen Taylor

- Golden Coronet dinner on 18 September 2008. 6-30 for 7pm. \$35 per head. Will be a small raffle.

From Director Peter Van der Sleen

- Thanked those members who had assisted with transporting participants to RYPEN.

From Director Janelle Watson

- The Board has decided that Fines from the next few weeks will go towards a Shelter Box. Also the proceeds from the sale of the containers provided by Peter Douglas will go towards the Shelter Box.
- The Board has decided that the proceeds from raffles over the next few weeks will go towards bed nets.
- Reported on GSE selection day. Of the two candidates put forward by our club one has been placed on the reserve list.

From Director Peter Smith

- Commitment Sheet for Pride of Workmanship Awards night. The night will be a partners night with the cost expected to be \$35-\$40 per head. Nominations for the awards close on 8 October 2008.

From Treasurer Charles Pitt

- All half yearly dues are in (i.e. in the bank account or in the hands of collection agents).

From P.D.G. Harley Tarrant

- Addressed members on the proposed changes to the regulations. Advised that our club has three votes which will be cast in favour of the resolutions.

From Doug Potter

- Rugby Union grand final tickets now available free of charge. Requested that those attending assist in the sale of raffle tickets to raise funds for a seriously injured player.

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

1st October 2008

Operation Atlas, ICAC Wollongong
PARTNERS' NIGHT 6:30 for 7:00pm
Lewis Rangott

Introduced by Neil Kennan Thanked by Rod McDougall

8th October 2008

Careflight
John Ebbott, Community Relations Officer
Introduced by Trevor Duxbury Thanked by Bradley Ayres

15th October 2008

Ronald McDonald House
Adrienne Pearson, General Manager,
Ronald McDonald House
Introduced by Keith Byrn Thanked by Angelo Franco

22nd October 2008

Performance Improvement, Becoming More Productive and Getting Better Results
Neel Raman
Introduced by Ted Ingall Thanked by Kevin Beltrame

29th October 2008

**Pride of Workmanship Awards,
PARTNERS' NIGHT 6:30 for 7:00pm**
Introduced by Peter Smith

5th November 2008

Experiences with Vision Australia
Nick Gleeson & Jo Anne Reeves
Introduced by Ian Johnson Thanked by Roger Vince

12th November 2008

Judicial Reminiscences
Justice Terry Sheahan
Introduced by Paul White Thanked by Bert Houston

19th 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

26th November 2008

Muslim Culture and Australian Integration
Silma Ihram
Introduced by Rod McDougall Thanked by Kevin Freund

3rd December 2008

AGM and Elections

10th December 2008

Christmas Party (Rotarians)

17th December 2008

Christmas Party (Children)

24th December 2008

NO MEETING

31st December 2008

NO MEETING

7th January 2009

Restaurant Social Evening (Venue TBA)

14th January 2009

Bowls Social Evening
South Strathfield Bowling Club, Augusta Street

21st January 2009

Club Assembly

COMING EVENTS

25th September 2008

Samuel Morris Foundation Race Day and Auction
Hawkesbury Race Course.

28th September 2008.

Strathfield Fair
Strathfield Park from 10am
Club BBQ to be manned 10am to 4pm

10th 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

23rd October 2008. (Thursday)

District Championship Golf Day
Strathfield Golf Club. \$70pp including BBQ

28th November 2008.

Trivia Night

14th February 2009.

Dinner at the Duxbury's
An evening of Victorian Elegance

6th – 8th March 2009.

District Conference
Cypress Lakes Resort, **Hunter Valley**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rotary Featured on CNN

Rotarian Tom Henderson, founder and CEO of the relief charity organisation ShelterBox, appeared on the international news channel CNN on 5 September after being selected as a CNN Hero. More than 3,000 people worldwide were nominated as ordinary people who do extraordinary work. The report highlighted the incredible achievements of Henderson and ShelterBox.

"I'm delighted that ShelterBox was selected to appear on this year's CNN Heroes," says Henderson, member of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, Cornwall, England. "I would like to thank all of our loyal supporters and volunteers who have helped us grow to become one of the most effective aid agencies in the world.

The ex-Royal Navy search-and-rescue diver says the idea behind the ShelterBox came to him "literally in a heartbeat" while watching the news in 1999. Henderson was struck by the footage he saw of relief workers dropping food on the ground to victims of a disaster.



Shelterbox Founder and CEO, Tom Henderson

"I decided there and then that I would try to make a difference in a more sensible and dignified way," he recalls. "I went to my study and I got a piece of paper out, and I wrote down 'shelter,' 'warm,' 'comfort,' and 'dignity.' And that's where it started."

In 2000, he brought his idea to the local Helston-Lizard Rotary Club, where members adopted the cause. In January 2001, the first 143 ShelterBoxes were flown to earthquake-ravaged Gujarat, India. Since then, the ShelterBox organization has responded to more than 70 disasters in 46 countries.

HUMOUR FROM OUR MEMBERS

In Australia

From Grahame True
& Shirley Del Prado

An Australian, a Kiwi and a South African are in a bar one night having a beer.

All of a sudden the South African drinks his beer, throws his glass in the air, pulls out a gun and shoots the glass to pieces. 'In Seth Efrika our glasses are so cheap that we don't need to drink from the same one twice,' he says.

The Kiwi, obviously impressed by this, drinks his beer, throws his glass into the air, pulls out his gun and shoots the glass to pieces. 'Wull mate, in Noo Zulland we have so much sand to make the glasses that we don't need to drink out the same glass either,' he says.

The Australian, cool as a Koala, picks up his beer and drinks it, throws His glass in the air, pulls out his gun and shoots the South African and the Kiwi.

He turns to the astonished barman and says, 'In Strailya mate, we have so many bloody South Africans and Kiwis that we don't need to drink with the same ones twice.'

Space Facts

From Tony Lanzafame

The ancient Greeks called our galaxy the Milky Way because they thought it was made from drops of milk from the breasts of the Greek goddess Hera.

Yuri Gagarin survived the first manned spaceflight but was killed in a plane crash seven years later.

Astronauts become a little taller in space. There is less gravity, so their bones are less squashed together.

Astronauts' footprints and Lunar Rover tyre tracks will stay on the moon for millions of years as there is no wind to blow them away.

About 1500 stars are visible at night with the naked eye in a clear, dark sky. There are 88 constellations altogether. The smallest star measures about 1700 km across. It is a white dwarf called LP 327-16.

The first object to orbit earth was Sputnik 1, launched by the USSR in October 1957.

The first animal in space was the Soviet dog, Laika, in November 1957. It died on the flight.

The first animals to survive in orbital spaceflight were the Soviet dogs, Strelka and Belka, launched in Sputnik 5 in August 1960.

The first person to orbit earth was Yuri Gagarin, from the USSR, in April 1961.

The first American to orbit earth was John Glenn in February 1962.

The first woman in space was Valentina Tereshkova, from the USSR, in June 1963.

The first person to walk on the moon was Neil Armstrong in July 1969.

A Day at the Races

From Grahame True

A group of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, accompanied by two female teachers, went on a field trip to the local race track to learn about thoroughbred horses.

When it was time to take the children to the bathroom it was decided that the girls would go with one teacher and the boys would go with the other.

The teacher assigned to the boys was waiting outside the men's room when one of the boys came out and told her that none of them could reach the urinal.

Having no choice, she went inside, helped the boys with their pants, and began hoisting the little boys up one by one, holding on to their 'privates' to direct the flow away from their clothes.

As she lifted one, she couldn't help but notice that he was unusually well endowed.

Trying not to show that she was staring the teacher said, 'You must be in the 5th grade.'

'No, ma'am', he replied. 'I'm riding Silver Arrow in the seventh race. But I appreciate your help.'

Church Appearance

From Grahame True

A few minutes before the church services started, the congregation was sitting in their pews and talking.

Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church.

Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate.

Soon the church was empty except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence.

So Satan walked up to the man and said, 'Do you know who I am?'

The man replied, 'Yep, sure do.'

'Aren't you afraid of me?' Satan asked.

'Nope, sure ain't.' said the man.

'Don't you realize I can kill you with one word?' asked Satan.

'Don't doubt it for a minute,' returned the old man, in an even tone.

'Did you know that I can cause you profound, horrifying AGONY for all eternity?' persisted Satan.

'Yep,' was the calm reply.

'And you are still not afraid?' asked Satan.

'Nope,' said the old man.

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, 'Why aren't you afraid of me?'

The man calmly replied, 'Been married to your sister for 48 years.'