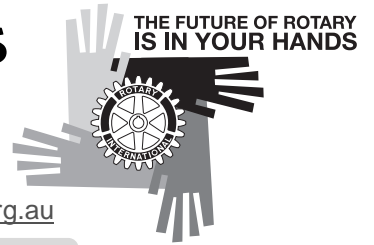


Strathfield Rotary News



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August is Membership and Extension Month

Kev's Conveyances

A very warm welcome to our guests this evening for this, our seventh, Police Officer of the Year Awards. We are all honoured that Commissioner Andrew Scipione is with us tonight to present the awards.

The Rotary Club of Strathfield is proud to help organise the awards to acknowledge the dedication, commitment and service, provided by officers serving our community in the Burwood & Flemington Local Area Commands.

Rotary's motto, "Service above Self", is also extremely applicable to all Police Officers, and in particular, those who have been nominated for this year's awards. The multitude of duties the Police undertake help all of us, throughout the community, enjoy a better life.

Congratulations to all those who have been nominated tonight, what you have achieved is something of which you should be extremely proud.

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

This Week's Meeting

Police Officer of the Year Awards

Special Guest

**Police Commissioner
Andrew Scipione APM**

My thanks to Connie Galletta and her committee for organizing tonight's awards, and trust everyone has an enjoyable evening.

President Kevin

Welcome to Strathfield Rotary

**Thank you for joining us.
We hope you enjoy your visit to our club.**

Strathfield Rotary is part of the worldwide Rotary organisation. Founded more than 100 years ago, Rotary provides community and humanitarian service and encourages high ethical standards in all vocations. Rotary was the world's first service organisation. Today, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to clubs in more than 200 countries.

Our motto is *Service Above Self*

Strathfield Rotary was formed over 30 years ago. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 for 6:30 pm at the Strathfield Golf Club, Centenary Drive, Strathfield. Please feel free to contact us or to visit our website to learn more about our organisation and our club.

Contact details can be found on page 4.

Rotary Grace

O, Lord and giver of all good,
We thank you for our daily food,
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve you all our days.

The Euan Watson Memorial Bike Ride

by Steve Taylor

On Sunday, July 26th ten riders, including mostly Strathfield Rotarians, rode from Cave Road, Strathfield, to Brighton Beach, in honour of the second anniversary of PP Euan Watson's death. As most Rotarians would be aware Euan was a keen cyclist and introduced many of the group to cycling, some eight years ago now.



The ride to Brighton was one of Euan's favourites, and it is a ride the group enjoys regularly.

For this particular ride the regular group were also joined by President Kevin on his return to cycling, former member Rick Collins, and Justin Woodcock (the young one), Euan's son-in-law.

Missing from the group was Allan Taylor, who was in NZ due to a death in the family.

Just as a small aside, PP Keith Stockall (arrowed) is wearing the cycle shirt designed by Euan and made by past Rotarian Peter Cippola for The Lake Taupo Cycle Classic in NZ in 2002, which Euan organised, and in which Euan, Keith, Steve, Allan and Rick participated.

Last Week's Announcements Recorded by Roger Vince

From President Kevin

Advised that Connie Galletta will phone those members who have not indicated if they will be attending next week's Police Officers' Award night.

Reported Janelle Watson had spoken to him about her inability to attend Rotary recently because she had been caring for her father who has been ill, she hoped to attend next week's meeting.

Also reported that Co-Sergeant at Arms, Tony Lanzafame, would be unable to attend meetings for two weeks because his son Jacob had broken his collarbone.

Recommended members fill in the survey form located in the current RDU magazine.

Reported that next week would see a national promotion of Rotary on both Pay-and-Free-to-Air television.

From PP Grahame True

Suggested members view Channel 9's

Random Acts of Kindness on Sunday evening and watch 95-year-old Eric Brown and Penny True talk about Meals on Wheels.

From Community Service Director Paolo Giammarco

Asked members to assist with donations for the weekly raffle.

From Club Service Director PP Rod McDougall

Reported our esteemed Bulletin Editor, Trevor Duxbury, is making a good recovery from an operation on his arm. Unfortunately it will stop him playing golf for a few weeks! One member wanted to know if it was golfer's elbow?

Encouraged members to read an excellent article about basic Rotary information in the August edition of Rotary Down Under. Reported that August is membership month and a good time for us all to think about colleagues and

friends who might like to join us and become Rotarians. Perhaps the RDU article can be passed on to them.

From PP Ted Ingall (Assistant Conference Chair)

Advised 20 Rotarians have indicated they will be attending the District Conference in March and the Club has booked 15 rooms at the Dorsal Boutique Motel at Foster. At this stage only 13 are needed as several Rotarians have made other arrangements. Any uncommitted Rotarians interested in the remaining two rooms should let Peter Smith know ASAP. Conference Registration forms are available on request and should be forwarded before 30th November to get the early bird discount.

Webmaster PP Raymond McCluskie

Advised email to be sent to members in connection with email addresses, privacy and freedom of information.

Last Meeting's Statistics

Attendance: 35
Apologies: 16
Non-Apologies: 5

The Sergeants raised \$107.75

Raffle raised \$210.00

Winners
Angelo Franco
Ian Johnson
Kevin Freund
Keith Stockall

Congratulations

Birthdays

None

Wedding Anniversaries

None

Rotary Anniversaries

1st August Harley Tarrant

Have a Laugh

What not to say to a traffic cop

- ◆ Hey officer, that's terrific! The police officer who pulled me over yesterday only gave me a warning too!
- ◆ Hey, you must have been doing at least 160 kph to keep up with me. Great job!
- ◆ Do you mind holding my beer while I find my driver's license?

Rotary News

by Harley Tarrant

Breakfast Point Supports Timor Leste

Our daughter club, Breakfast Point has developed a special relationship with MLC Burwood in supporting the Baucau Teachers College in Timor Leste and has already sent computers to the college. Last Saturday evening MLC in conjunction with Breakfast Point held a musical evening to provide further funds for the college. The girls from MLC presented a splendid programme of music to the delight of the audience of about 80 and four of the girls told of their recent visit to Timor Leste.

The evening was attended by Timor Leste's goodwill ambassador who addressed the gathering and a range of beautiful Timorese craftworks were on sale to assist the local women.

Have another Laugh (or not)

The World of Finance

From Kevin Beltrame

It is the month of August, on the shores of the Black Sea. It is raining, and the little town looks totally deserted. It is a tough time, everybody is in debt, and everybody lives on credit.

Suddenly a rich tourist comes to town.

He enters the only hotel, lays a 100 Euro note on the reception counter and goes to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to select one.

The hotel proprietor takes the 100 Euro note and runs to pay his debt to the butcher.

The butcher takes the 100 Euro note and runs to pay his debt to the pig grower.

The pig grower takes the 100 Euro note and runs to pay his debt to the supplier of his feed and fuel.

The supplier of feed and fuel takes the 100 Euro and runs to pay his debt to the town prostitute that, in these hard times, gave her services on credit.

The hooker runs to the hotel and pays off her debt to the hotel proprietor with the 100 Euro note, to pay for the rooms that she rented when she brought her clients there.

The hotel proprietor then lays the 100 Euro note back on the counter so that the rich tourist will not suspect anything.

At that moment, the rich tourist comes down after inspecting the rooms, and takes his 100 Euro note, saying that he did not like any of the rooms, and leaves town.

No one earned anything.

However, the whole town is now without debt, and looks to the future with a lot of optimism.

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is how the Western world is doing business today.

And if that doesn't scare the hell out of you...

Dates for Your Diary

For catering purposes, please remember to send apologies or details of extra attendees by
4.00pm Tuesdays to Eric Khu 9746 0397
 email: brontin@bigpond.com
 Late apologies by 5.00pm Wednesdays to Kevin Freund 0412 494 125

12th August 2009 (Wednesday)

Water for Life

Dr Michael Storey
Sydney Water

Introduced by Paolo Giammarco Thanked by Keith Byrn

19th August 2009 (Wednesday)

***Strathfield Girls High School
Literary Extension***

Introduced by Paul White Thanked by Raymond McCluskie

26th August 2009 (Wednesday)

RYDA

Greg Rappo

Director of Program Development

Introduced by Kevin Beltrame Thanked by Peter Manenti

2nd September 2009 (Wednesday)

Visit by Assistant District Governor Keith Roffey

3rd 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

9th September 2009 (Wednesday)

***Raising Positive Kids in a Negative World:
Challenges for Schools and Parents***

Dr Julie Greenhalgh
Principal of Meriden

16th September 2009 (Wednesday)

Visit by District Governor Paul Reid

23rd September 2009 (Wednesday)

Presentation by 2008-9 outbound GSE Team

30th September 2009 (Wednesday)

***From the Desert to the Beach,
all in the name of Education***

Erin Greenhalgh

10th November (Tuesday)

District Golf Day

18th February 2010 (Thursday)

***Transfer meeting from 17th February
Trish MS Research Foundation Golf Day***

19th to 21st March 2010

***District 9690 Conference
Forster NSW***

The Rotary Club of Strathfield meets every Wednesday evening at Strathfield Golf Club, Centenary Drive, Strathfield.
Visitors welcome

A Blast from the Past



Capturing the Moment!

This is a photograph from Rod McDougall's archives. It was taken in 2003 when Sal Tosto received his Paul Harris Fellow Award from President Steve Taylor.

Captioning the Moment!

It is such a wonderful photo I thought I would challenge our members to come up with some appropriate captions, speech balloons or thought clouds for the photo. Prize for the best contribution will be 20 free tickets in one of our regular weekly raffles.

Hello—is there anybody out there?

I have had no entries so far so I have decided to give you all another chance. You may remain anonymous if you wish.

Entries in writing to Trevor at news@strathfieldrotary.org.au
or by fax to 9764 6943 or 8004 8115.



Have a Laugh



A car accident. Both cars are badly smashed but neither driver is hurt. They crawl out of their cars, brush themselves down and agree that they're very, very lucky not to have been killed.

"This must be a sign from God that we should be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days," said one of the motorists, a not unattractive woman.

The other driver, a man, replied "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God."

Then the woman said "And look at this—another miracle. Though my car is completely demolished, this bottle of Grange Hermitage didn't break. Surely the Lord wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." So she handed the bottle to the man, who, nodding his head in agreement, popped the cork and took a few big swigs.

Then he handed the bottle back to the woman, who graciously declined it. "No, you can have the rest."

The bloke said "Are you sure you don't want any?"

And she replied: "Yes. I think I'll just wait for the police."

Last Week's Presentation *Recorded by Peter Douglas*

House with No Steps

Our guest speaker was Dennis O'Reilly, General Manager - Fund Raising and Community Relations for the House With No Steps. Dennis was introduced by Alan Teale.

The House with No Steps had its origins in 1962 when Lionel Watts who suffered a bout of Polio in the 1950's, went into respite care, and was appalled with what was provided in the facility.

The Mission statement of HWNS is 'Helping People With Disabilities Make The Most Of Their Abilities' and, since those early days in 1962, the HWNS has supported children and adults with an intellectual, physical, sensory and/or psychiatric disability to live, learn, work and connect to the community.

One in five of the population (say 4.2 million) has a disability and of these 1.3 million have a profound disability. HWNS supports 2,000 people in 150 locations throughout NSW and Queensland. Of these, 90% have intellectual disabilities and 10% have a combination of sensory, psychiatric, and physical disabilities.

HWNS runs many businesses both in NSW and Queensland. Amongst these are Landscape Maintenance services to the M2, M5 and M7 Motorways in the greater Sydney area. A Therapeutic Manufacturing facility in the Hunter



Dennis O'Reilly in action

Valley assembles DNA Testing Kits for all Australia requirements. Summerland House at Alstonville on the North Coast is a working farm growing Macadamias and Avocados and has an attached fruit packing facility which is the largest in the region. There is also a Café and Function centre located there. There are

two commercial laundries operating in the greater Newcastle area. A bakery at Forbes produces a wide range of biscuits especially for the Hotel/Motel trade. Closer to home there is a café called the Upper Crust Café at Normanhurst which, as well as operating as a café, also has a catering business. In all of these establishments HWNS employs people with a wide range of disabilities who are supported in their endeavours by able bodied people who are dedicated in ensuring that those with disabilities are able in some way to contribute to the overall economy.

HWNS has an independent living program where people with disabilities are assisted into shared houses and taught the basic skills of housekeeping. At this point there is an unmet need for accommodation for at least 2000 people. In addition HWNS offers respite care to those who are involved for the caring of those with long term disabilities. There are 15 such centres across NSW and Queensland.

In the last year HWNS had income of 78 million dollars of which 52 million dollars came from State and Federal governments and 16 million dollars was raised from the public.

After a series of questions Dennis was thanked by PP Grahame True.

Trev's Trivia

Did you know?

A microorganism, a fungus in fact, is said to have put an "Irish cop on every street corner of New York". The fungus in question was *Phytophthora infestans*, which causes Late Blight of Potatoes. During the period 1845-1849 the potato crops in Ireland were very badly infected with the pathogen which resulted in the Irish Potato Famine. Because potatoes were the staple food of the Irish at the time it had disastrous consequences. During that short period out of a population of only eight to nine million, over 750,000 people died and more than two million emigrated, most to the U.S., many of whom became police officers.

The Last Laughs

Counsel: Have you any idea what your defence is going to be?

Defendant: Well, I didn't do it, sir.

Counsel: Yes, well, er, I think we can afford to fill that out a little. It's not in itself a cast-iron defence.

Defendant: Well I didn't do it, sir! And if I did it, may God strike me dead on the spot, sir!

Counsel: Well, we'll just give him a moment shall we...

"I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: No good in a bed, but fine against a wall."

Eleanor Roosevelt

"Last week I stated that this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement."

Mark Twain

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