



Strathfield Rotary News



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

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August is Membership and Extension Month

Kev's Conveyances

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

Tonight we welcome students from Strathfield Girls High School, to entertain us with their Presentation Evening for the Literature Extension Program. A significant amount of time and effort has been contributed by the girls, their teacher, Gabrielle Corry, and Paul White, to culminate with tonight's presentation. We feel confident that it will be a rewarding and satisfying experience for all participants.

Last week we were provided with an informative and detailed presentation by Dr Michael Storey, from Sydney Water, on how our water is secured for life in four different ways, Dams; Recycling; Desalination and Water Efficiency. I now feel more confident about the future of our water supplies, after Michael's presentation.

On Friday night I attended the first President's meeting for the year, and enjoyed a pleasant evening hearing about the many activities happening throughout our district. I would remind members that District Governor Paul Reid, together with Julia, will be visiting our club, on September 16th, and encourage both members and their partners to be in attendance to show our support and enjoy a good night of fellowship.

The club has received two copies of a 10 minute video titled "What in the World is Rotary?" from the Rotary Club of Lane

This Week's Meeting

Literature Extension Program

Presented by
**The Pupils of
Strathfield Girls High School**

Introduced by Paul White Thanked by Raymond McCluskie

Cove. It is an extremely impressive and professional video presented by Roger Climpson, providing a wonderful recruitment tool for prospective new members. The Lane Cove Club has distributed two free copies to every Rotary Club in Australia, a most worthy gesture.

President Kevin

Last Week's Presentation by Peter Douglas

Water for Life

Our guest speaker was Dr Michael Storey, a microbiologist with Sydney Water. Dr Storey was introduced by Paolo Giammarco.

Water for Life is an ongoing project whose ultimate aim is to secure adequate water for the population of the Sydney basin for the foreseeable future. This project has 4 components-

1. DAMS - A series of water storage dams across the Sydney basin. The largest is Warragamba which holds by far the greatest amount of water. Other dams are at Cataract, Avon, Nepean and Woronora. Additional water is available from the Shoalhaven area south of Sydney.

2. RECYCLING - Secondary treatment of water for use in toilets, car washing and garden use. This is currently in operation in Newington (the Olympic suburb) and the newly developed housing area of Rouse Hill. The next major project is Hoxton Park. There are also major recycling projects being undertaken with large business-users of water. It is planned that recycling will supply 12% of overall water needs by 2015

3. DESALINATION - The plant

currently under construction at Kurnell will come on line in December of this year. In its current size it will produce 250 million litres per day which equates to 15% of current usage. Should the need arise this capacity can be doubled to produce 500 million litres per day. It was noted that this plant will be run on 100% renewable energy from a purpose built wind farm constructed at Lake George.

4. WATER EFFICIENCY - The aim is to save 24% of current consumption by 2015. This will be achieved by a series of innovations which are progressively being introduced. These include water efficient showerheads, houses designed to use less water, rebates for water efficient washing machines and rebates for people to install rainwater tanks. Also part of the water efficiency plan is to reduce leakage from the 21,000 kilometres of pipelines maintained by Sydney Water.

In addition there is an ongoing education program directed at all users to conserve water. It should be noted that currently water usage is at the same level as the early 1970's but we have had a population increase of 1.3 million.

Dr Storey produced graphs showing how the average rainfall has declined in the last five to ten years with the resultant decline in inflows into the dams, hence the need for all consumers to be aware of the need to be water wise. One other fact was that if there was no inflow into the water storage dams there was water to last 4 years at the current rate of adage.

The subject was obviously of great interest to all judging by the large number of questions asked.

Dr Storey was thanked by PP Keith Byrn.



President Kevin with Michael Storey

Last Week's Proceedings Recorded by Roger Vince

From President Kevin

Spoke of the success of the Police Officer's Award Night last meeting and what a most enjoyable evening it was for those in attendance. He was most impressed by the Police Commissioner and his analogy of the ideals of Rotary and the Police Force. The evening is a great way for the Police to meet in an informal way with members of the Community and the Police hierarchy. Kevin thanked Connie Galletta and Peter Smith for their splendid organisation of the night, Doug Potter for acting as MC, and Allan Teale for a very successful raffle. Reference was made to the inaugural night organised by PP Keith Byrn and how the night has become successfully embedded in the annual programme of the Club.

Encouraged members to attend the Strathfield Girls High School Literature Extension night on 19th August to give the girls a well-attended forum.

Asked members to support the Unity Walk in aid of Parkinson's Research on Sunday 30th August at Sydney Olympic Park either by walking or sponsoring somebody. The cost of the walk is \$20 and this includes admission to see the Bulldogs play the NZ Warriors later in the Stadium.

Help will be needed from members at the Strathfield Spring Fair to be held on Sunday 27th September (10am - 4pm) to operate the Club barbecue and perhaps sell raffle tickets.

Encouraged members to nominate suitable candidates for the Pride of Workmanship night on 28th October, nomination forms will be available in the near future.

Announced Burwood Rotaract Club will

be holding a Mental Health Forum for young people on Tuesday evening 8th September at the Burwood RSL Club. There will be a number of speakers on mental health and attendance is free.

Also announced that Burwood RC is putting on a wine appreciation night in conjunction with The Wine Society on 11th September at Burwood RSL costing \$35 a head for dinner and cheese.

From Janelle Watson (RYPEN Coordinator)

Announced a commitment sheet to be circulated requesting drivers to take year 10 students from Schools in our area to the RYPEN camp at Springwood on Friday 11th September.

From International Service Chairman Trevor Duxbury

Thanked Janelle Watson and Arthur Crossan for their help with the candidates before they were interviewed on Saturday 8th August for the team leader role with the Group Study Exchange team to Nova Scotia in 2010. The successful candidate was David Ross from the Rotary Club of Parramatta City.

Announced the winner of the Bulletin 'Captioning the Moment' (see p.4). The prize was twenty tickets in the next Club raffle.

From Youth Chairman Kevin Beltrame

Announced he had received an email from Richmond Manyweathers, RAM National Bed Net Co-ordinator advising the Meriden Interact Club's donation of \$2000 to RAM has resulted in the Interactors being allocated three small villages in PNG – Sorom, Matesiora and Noupan. The donation from our Club was being used for nets in the village of

Torojian, also in PNG. These donations will keep the villagers protected for the next 5 years.

Urged that applications for the 2010 RYLA camp for 18 to 25 year olds are needed and are available from the RYLA Co-ordinator, Paul White. The Board has budgeted for four applicants and requested members to look at their own family, friends and others for suitable candidates in the age group.

From Club Service Director Rod McDougall

The two-page survey from the recent RDU will be formally copied and given or sent to members to fill in as a Club project. The Membership Committee of Peter Smith and Ray Wilson have added some more questions to the survey. Rod feels the survey will help decision making by the Board. He encouraged members to complete the survey and return the questionnaire promptly in the reply paid envelope to ensure privacy and anonymity. The survey will give input to the Board on what members are thinking and hopefully some direction for the future. He announced, after some prompting by a member, there could be a prize for the best suggestion if it did not compromise the anonymity of the survey.

From Secretary Charles Pitt

Announced he would distribute invitations he had received from Strathfield Council re an Area Community Forum for Strathfield and Homebush to be held at Strathfield Town Hall on Wednesday 19th August.

From Niall King

Announced there will be a working bee at the MS centre garden at Lidcombe on Saturday morning August 29th and asked for volunteers.

Unity Walk

On Sunday August 30th at 12 noon The 4km Unity Walk in aid of Parkinson's Disease research will take place around Sydney Olympic Park.

The entry fee of \$20 will also entitle walkers free entry into the Bulldogs game at ANZ Stadium.

This event will be a great way to support Parkinson's research, and get some exercise at the same time, and perhaps see a good game of footy too.

For those wanting more information or wishing to enter or make a donation, please go to the following link:

<http://www.unitywalk.com.au/>

I look forward to seeing you there on the day.

Many thanks

PP Steve Taylor

Trev's Trivia

According to *The Times*, *Jerry Springer: The Opera* has the most swear words of any opera ever written: 8,283 to be precise.

Inverne's Stage and Screen Trivia

What are Rotarians really thinking?

Please keep an eye on your mailbox (the old-fashioned one that accepts actual letters!) for a survey posted to all club members this week. President Kevin and the board would like to know what you really think about our club, and to learn of any improvement suggestions that you may wish to offer. They are particularly interested in hearing from members who may not be getting as much from Rotary as they once did. The survey may be completed anonymously.

A stamped addressed envelope has been included for return of the completed document. Please post by 4th September 2009.

Peter Smith or Ray Wilson may be contacted for more information.

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

26th August 2009 (Wednesday)

RYDA

Greg Rappo

Director of Program Development

Introduced by Kevin Beltrame Thanked by Peter Manenti

30th August 2009 (Sunday)

**Unity Walk in Aid of Parkinson's Research
Sydney Olympic Park**

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

Rotarian Revelations

Suzanne Freund

23rd September 2009 (Wednesday)

Presentation by 2008-9 outbound GSE Team

27th September (Sunday)

Strathfield Spring Fair

30th September 2009 (Wednesday)

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

Erin Greenhalgh

14th October (Wednesday)

Travelling the Silk Road

Brian Lawrenson

Past President

Breakfast Point Rotary Club

28th October (Wednesday) [Partners Night]

Pride of Workmanship Awards

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

Rotary News

by Harley Tarrant

2011-12 RI President

The Nominating Committee for President of RI has selected Kalyan Banerjee of Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India as President for 2011-12. He will become president-nominee if there are no challenging candidates on 1 October.

Banerjee has been a Rotarian since 1972 and is a director of India's largest agrochemical manufacturer. Previously he has served as a director of RI and a trustee of The Rotary Foundation and in many other leadership roles. In particular, he has served as a member of the International PolioPlus Committee and has represented Rotary at meetings of the World Health Organization and UNICEF. He is keen to see Rotary International become the world's most important NGO.

He will be the first RI president from India since Rajendra Saboo in 1991-92.

Last Meeting's Statistics

Attendance: 35

Visitors: 1

The Sergeants raised \$85.25

Raffle raised \$230.00

Winners

Charles Pitt

Ray Wilson

Eric Khu

Trevor Duxbury

Roger Vince

Congratulations

Birthdays

22nd August **Ann McCluskie**

25th August **Sue Abbott**

Angelo Franco

Wedding Anniversaries

24th August **Welwyn and Allan Petersen**

Rotary Anniversaries

21st August **Angelo Franco**



Have a Laugh



**Stay
from Kevin Beltrame**

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the local shopping centre and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador retriever pup had fresh air. She was stretched full-out on the back seat, and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there.

I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me?"

"Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car gave me a strange look and said, "Why don't you just put it in 'Park'?"

More Rotary News

Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) Programme

The following information was sent by Richmond Manyweathers, RAM National Bed Net Coordinator

I am happy to advise of the names of the villages which have been allocated to your club following your generous support for RAM's treated bed net program. As a result of your generous support the villages named below will have protection from the spread of malaria for many years to come.

Note that in some cases a club has been allocated several small villages and in other instances several clubs will share villages. On their behalf, I thank you.

Tennant Creek 9550	Lihon 1
Milton Ulladulla 9710	Tanamalo
Tumut 9710	Tanamalo
Warrnambool 9780	Telatu
Port Fairy 9780	Lantong
Dingley Village 9810	Nissan High School
Mont Albert & Surrey Hills 9810	Nissan High School
Wollongabba 9630	Han, Lesila, Lolasa
Sunnybank Hills 9630	Mortlock
Diamond Creek 9790	Toroar, Larum, Tosiavi
Bright 9790	Toroar, Larum, Tosiavi
George Town 9830	Puto
East Shepparton 9790	Puto
Surfers Sunrise 9640	Tarbut
Cairns 9550	Kulis, Tanamalit, Kalil, Sigon Station
Holbrook 9790	Telatu
South Nowra 9710	Tanamalo
Strathfield 9690	Torojjan
Wallacia Mulgoa Valley 9690	Torojjan
V. Necyporuk 9690	Torojjan
Hornsby 9680	Namatoa, Parobana, Skky
Australian Harvester Products Ltd., 9680 (Rotaract)	Namatoa, Parobana, Skky
Meriden School Interact Club 9690	Sorom, Matesiora, Noupan
Mitchell River 9820	Busuria



Captioning the Moment

**And the Winner is
Kevin Beltrame**

"Rotarians Sal and Steve rejoice after being advised that second helpings of dessert will be served."

"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

Dept of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina.

"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."

Mariah Carey

No wonder men are happier.

The Last Laughs

Why Men are Happy!

from Keith Stockall

Men are just happier people, what do you expect from such simple creatures?

- Your last name stays put.
- The garage is all yours.
- Wedding plans take care of themselves.
- Chocolate is just another snack.
- You can never be pregnant.
- You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.
- You can wear NO shirt to a water park.
- Car mechanics tell you the truth.
- You never have to drive to another petrol station restroom because this one is just too icky.
- You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.
- Wrinkles add character.
- Wedding dress: \$5000; Tuxedo rental-\$200.
- People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.
- New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.
- One mood: all the time.
- Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.
- You know stuff about tanks.
- A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.
- You can open all your own jars.
- You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.
- If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.
- Your underwear is \$6.95 for a three-pack.
- You almost never have strap problems in public.
- You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.
- Everything on your face stays its original colour.
- The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.
- You only have to shave your face and neck.
- You can play with toys all your life.
- One wallet and one pair of shoes: one colour for all seasons.
- You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.
- You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife.
- You have freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache.
- You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24th in 25 minutes.

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