



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

Kev's Conveyances

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Last week's meeting provided all the elements that make us feel proud of being Rotarians. District Governor Paul Reid's presentation enlightened members about his career and passion for Rotary. The pride, joy and satisfaction he derives from his commitment to his roles, together with the support of Julia is admirable.

It was a great evening of fellowship as Paul and Julia mingled with members before and after the meeting, creating a relaxed and informal atmosphere. The District's leadership is certainly in fine hands.

During the week I had a telephone conversation with John Watkins, who is not enjoying the best of health, but remains positive, and he extended his appreciation to George Hallworth, who visited him recently, and Roger Vince, who he met in Homebush whilst shopping, for sharing some time with him. He hopes to be able to attend a meeting when his condition improves and he is able to enjoy some good fellowship.

This Sunday, we will be flying the Rotary Banner at The Strathfield Spring Fair in Strathfield Park, providing barbecue

This Week's Meeting

Presentation by 2008-9 GSE Team

Graham Wilson
Team Leader

Introduced by PP Steve Taylor Thanked by Janelle Watson

delicacies to the masses. Strathfield Council has put in a considerable amount of effort to provide an enjoyable and entertaining experience for everyone who attends.

Tonight we welcome and look forward to the presentation from the GSE Team who travelled to District 4710, Brazil, this year.

Cheers, **President Kevin**

Last Week's Presentation

Recorded by Ian Johnson

Visit by DG Paul Reid

Our guest speaker was DG Paul Reid. Paul was introduced by PDG Harley Tarrant. Harley advised us that Paul had been an Assistant Governor in his year.

Paul advised us that our Club was the twentieth that he had visited since being appointed DG and that he had two clubs to go. Paul expressed the hope that we would be full of "Rotary spirit" by the end of the evening.

Paul reminded us that the theme for this year is "The future of Rotary is in your hands". He told us that the themes for prior years such as "Make dreams real" don't end with the end of the year but continue on to guide and inspire us.

Paul informed us that his journey began in May 2007. Harley had been one of the first to contact him to congratulate him and offer advice.

Paul advised us that he had undergone considerable training for his role as DG and had attended two Rotary Leadership Institutes. These are attended by DGs Elect from around the world.

Whilst everyone was looking forward to receiving their "jackets" there was a rumour that they may be tartan as John Kenny is from Scotland. It was with some relief that they discovered that only the lining was tartan (being the Black Watch tartan). The



President Kevin and wife Suzanne with Julia and Paul Reid

attendees were addressed by John Kenny and informed of the theme for the year. Paul told us that whilst he loved being DG, at the end of the day he is a Rotarian with the responsibilities that entailed.

Paul stated that the strength of Rotary lies in the strength of the clubs. A strong club does well in the community. Paul listed some of the achievements of our Club including our significant fund raising efforts for the Trish Foundation and our involvement with the Youth Programs.

Paul advised us that Bill Gates Jnr had addressed the attendees at the Institute and informed them that last year his foundation had given \$100m and that today he was giving \$255m for polio eradication and that he was giving the money to Rotary because "we trust Rotary".

Paul also told us of a friend who was asked by a couple of women on a train to take care of their sick father as they were unable to. He asked them why they would trust him on such a mission and was told "We saw your Rotary badge and we trust you". This trust from the community means that each Rotarian bears great responsibility in return.

Paul advised us that John Kenny's emphasis for the current year would remain on Water and Sanitation, Health and Hunger and Literacy. Paul also advised us that his chosen project would be

Indigenous Children's Literacy. Paul advised us that his wife Julia was also passionate about this project. The project will be run in partnership with the Fred Hollows Foundation. Packs will be handed to children who will take them home with the literacy benefits extending to the parents.

Paul pointed out that great benefits would accrue from an increase in funds flowing from the clubs to Rotary International. Paul also told us that we should all do our best to introduce new members to Rotary. He told us to wear our Rotary pins proudly and avail ourselves of opportunities to talk up Rotary (including having an "elevator speech" ready).

Paul was thanked by PDG David Croft who also handed a cheque to Julia for the Indigenous Children's Literacy project.

Last Week's Proceedings

Recorded by Roger Vince

From President Kevin

Welcomed DG Paul Reid and his wife Julia to the meeting.

Gave some details of the Board meeting held on 15th September.

Announced that Domenico and Johanna Alvaro have offered their home at Bowral for an outing on Sunday October 25th. The Board is looking at the possibility of hiring a bus for the day to transport everybody to their beautiful home.

A trivia night will be held on a Friday evening in November.

Mentioned that Paolo Giammarco rang during the Board meeting and said he was in Brescia in Northern Italy where he has enjoyed the hospitality of a Rotary Club in this beautiful city in Lombardy province. He hopes to visit our recent Exchange Student Laura Fleurquin when he travels to France.

The Board has decided to help with the fund-raiser barbecue for the Ashfield Infants Home at Bunnings Ashfield on Saturday 7th November. All food and equipment will be supplied and we are only required to supply the labour.

From Kevin Beltrame Youth Service Director

Asked members to assist at the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) day on 20th October at the Homebush Tennis Centre from 9am to 2pm. The school involved on that day is Fort Street H.S. This school is out of our area but it saves us from going to the other venue at Penrith. When a school in our area has to go to Penrith another Club further west will hopefully help out.

Later advised details of the six students the Club sponsored to the Rotary Youth

Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN) camp last weekend – two from St Patricks, two from Homebush BHS and two from Meriden. This number was greatly appreciated by the RYPEN organisers.

From Trevor Duxbury International Service Director

Announced that the interviews for the outbound GSE team to D7820 in Nova Scotia, Canada were held last Sunday, 13th September. There were 12 applicants of whom 5 were chosen and one of these is Cate Thomson, a teacher at Strathfield GHS. The other team members are from Holroyd, Springwood, Richmond and Central Blue Mountains. In February next year when the inbound team arrives from Nova Scotia and visits our zone, we will be expected to help with hosting. This will be certainly expected if Cate is one of the four who make the final team. Unfortunately there is always one who has to be a reserve.

As Editor of the Bulletin he asked that members keep sending in suitable jokes for use in the Bulletin. Even though they may not be used immediately they are stockpiled for later use in the Bulletin to enhance a similar topic on the night of publication.

From PP Rod McDougall Club Service Director

Thanked the 37 members who took the time and effort to reply to the recent survey. Requested that those who have not filled in the survey do so as a matter of urgency as they can still be included. The survey is being analysed by the membership team of Ray Wilson and Joseph Kim. The survey will be combined with comments made at the Club Assembly and presented to the Board and the results of the survey will also be made available to the Club for comment. He stressed that it is still not too late for those

who have not done so to fill in the survey and send to PO Box 268 in the prepaid envelope. Survey forms are also available from Ray or can be downloaded from the Club website.

Announced there will be a wine tasting night on 18th November thanks to Peter Manenti who is organising the night with the help of Cabarita Cellars. Keith Byrn will organise an appropriate menu with the Golf Club caterers. Members will be asked to help with serving the wine and it will be a Partners' night.

From Connie Galletta Vocational Service Director

Advised that the Pride of Workmanship night will be held on 28th October and is a Partners' night. Notification of the night has been emailed to members and a commitment sheet will be circulated next week.

From PP Peter Foss

Advised that the Rotary Club of Breakfast Point raised \$20,000 at their recent art show. President Margery, through Peter, thanked all the Strathfield RC members who attended on Friday night and Saturday.

From Anuradha Kamkolkar

Reported her visit to the Rotary Clubs of Aadarsh Hyderabad and Hyderabad Metro in District 3150 India. During her visit she exchanged banners with each club and later attended a marathon promoting polio eradication awareness and organised by Aadarsh Hyderabad RC. The Hyderabad Metro RC is involved in giving pacemakers to the needy and they have also adopted a village of 5000 people where they are supplying school uniforms, textbooks and stationery. Anuradha presented President Kevin with a banner from each Rotary Club.

The Man and The Message

A candid shot of Paul Reid at last week's meeting.



Have a Laugh



Two bored casino dealers were waiting at the craps table. A very attractive blonde woman arrived and bet \$20,000 on a single roll of the dice. She said "I hope you don't mind, but I feel much luckier when I'm completely nude." With that she stripped from the neck down, rolled the dice and yelled, "Come on, baby, Mama needs new clothes." As the dice came to a stop she jumped up and down and squealed, "YES, YES! I WON, I WON!" She hugged each of the dealers, picked up her winnings and her clothes, and departed. The dealers stared at each other dumb-founded. Finally, one of them asked, "What did she roll?" The other answered, "I don't know—I thought you were watching."

MORAL:

Not all blondes are dumb,
but all men are men.

Food for Thought

If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge,
would they call it Fed UP?

If quitters never win, and winners never quit,
what fool came up with "Quit while you're ahead."?

VENI, VEDI, VISA: I came, I saw, I did a little shopping.

If it's true that we are here to help others,
then what exactly are the OTHERS here for?

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.

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

27th September (Sunday)

Strathfield Spring Fair

28th October (Wednesday) ► Partners' Night ◀

Pride of Workmanship Awards

30th September (Wednesday)

*From the Desert to the Beach,
All in the Name of Education*

Erin Greenhalgh

10th November (Tuesday)

District Golf Day

Introduced by Peter Manenti Thanked by Bert Houston

11th November (Wednesday)

MS Ambassador

7th October (Wednesday)

*The Climate Change Issue
Carbon Ready... or not?*

Andrew Petersen

Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers

18th November (Wednesday) ► Partners' Night ◀

Wine Tasting Evening

Hosted by Cabarita Cellars

Introduced by Allan Petersen Thanked by Welwyn Petersen

25th November (Wednesday)

Hearing Voices Network

14th October (Wednesday)

Travelling the Silk Road

Brian Lawrenson

Past President, Breakfast Point Rotary Club

9th December (Wednesday) ► Partners' Night ◀

Strathfield Rotary Christmas Party

Introduced by Joe Saad Thanked by Ray Wilson

16th December (Wednesday)

Children's Christmas Party

21st October (Wednesday)

*Awareness: An Effective Way
to Beat Prostate Cancer*

Hayes van der Meer

18th February 2010 (Thursday)

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

Introduced by Peter Smith Thanked by Peter Foss

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**

Congratulations

Birthdays

24th September **Keith Byrn**

28th September **Joe Saad**

Wedding Anniversaries

None

Rotary Anniversaries

None

A Few More Laughs

Golf

Golf is a game in which a ball (one and a half inches in diameter) is placed on a ball (eight thousand miles in diameter), the object being to hit the small ball but not the larger.

John Cunningham

I know I'm getting better at golf because I'm hitting fewer spectators.

Gerald Ford

Golf is a good walk spoiled.

Mark Twain

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

George Burns

Last Meeting's Statistics

Attendance: 45

Visiting Rotarians: DG Paul and Julia Reid

Visitors: Margaret Croft

Welwyn Petersen

Marlene Smith

Apologies: 12

Non-Apologies: 4

L.O.A.: Warren Abbott

Paolo Giammarco

Doug Potter

Raffle raised \$290.00

Winners

Roger Vince

Ray Wilson

Niall King

Janelle Watson

George Hallworth

The Sergeants raised \$129.15

A Rotarian in Antarctica

Do you like to travel but are not the adventurous type?

Do you hate the hassles at airports?

Then grab a friend and come along to our September meeting and take an exciting and relaxing trip to Antarctica. Millie Eliasek, a member of the Breakfast Point Rotary Club, will give a presentation of her trip to this fascinating, ice-covered continent.

Venue: Strathfield Library, 1pm, 26th September.

Further information: Marlene Smith, President, Friends of Strathfield Library

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FELLOWSHIP GOLF DAY - STRATHFIELD GOLF COURSE

17 SEPTEMBER 2009

ORGANISED BY RAY WILSON



Ray Wilson organised another very enjoyable golf day last Thursday at Strathfield Golf Club for a select group of members and their friends (including a Breakfast Point Rotary contingent).

The whole day was arranged by Ray including a pre-round sandwich lunch, the golf, refreshments (personally delivered on course) and for the many in need, a few tips on how to get the ball to at least head in the general direction of the hole.

The weather was warm but a little windy, the latter quickly becoming the favourite excuse for those hitting wayward tee shots or missing unmissable putts. A record was set for the number of balls per player making their way on the full into the Cooks River.

Keith Stockall chose not blame the wind, but, instead, the fact that he forgot his golf spikes, commenting that players of his calibre need the right equipment to play well. And always the CEO, he spent a good part of the round on the phone approving strategic business deals. Raymond McCluskie drove well but discovered that on the fairway he could kick the ball further than he could hit it. And spotted on his mobile phone more than once, Kevin Beltrame strenuously denies that he was calling Ray Wilson for advice on club selection.

On one hole, in flagrant violation of the four way test, Peter Foss persuaded Ray Wilson to hit his drive for him (with the ball landing two metres from the pin). And early in the round Roger Vince decided that given the standard of his play, his enjoyment of the day would be substantially improved if he simply stopped scoring. To top it off, he and Raymond McCluskie concluded at the fourteenth that golf was thirsty work and headed for the club house, where Les Hockley later gave every impression that the nineteenth was easily his best hole.

David Martin played with the group for the first time and was observed to be a good long hitter of the ball - often onto the wrong fairway. Niall King managed a birdie on the first hole, but refuses to discuss the rest of his round.

A terrific day thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all players. Many thanks to Ray - the next outing is eagerly awaited.

Rod McDougall

Trev's Trivia

Golf-Finger—The golf match in the James Bond film *Goldfinger* (1962) was filmed at Stoke Poges golf club in Buckinghamshire, close to Pinewood Studios. Both the writer Ian Fleming and the film's Bond, Sean Connery, were keen golfers, Fleming being a member of Royal St George's, Sandwich, and Connery a member of the Royal and Ancient.

Fotheringham's Sporting Trivia

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