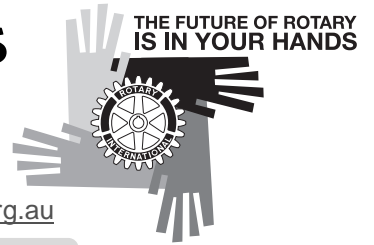


Strathfield Rotary News



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August is Membership and Extension Month

Kev's Conveyances

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Our club can feel proud in the acknowledgement of the dedicated service provided by all Police Officers in the Burwood and Flemington area commands. The Police Officer of the Year Awards, held last week, highlighted the vital role they play in maintaining an orderly society, whilst exhibiting the ethos of the Police Force, outstanding acts of courage, kindness, understanding, compassion, courtesy and devotion to duty.

Congratulations to Senior Constable Paul Wearne, from Burwood Command, and Constable James Peter Whelan, from Flemington Command, who were worthy recipients of the award.

The attendance of Commissioner Andrew Scipione, together with other senior members of the force, demonstrated the esteem that the awards now hold throughout the force. All those in attendance were extremely impressed by Commissioner Scipione's speech and it was an inspiration to witness his relaxed accessibility, as it provided for a great evening of fellowship amongst Police Officers and Rotarians.

The success of the evening would not have been possible without the sponsors and their continued support is greatly appreciated, thank you, Burwood Council; Homebush Community Bank; McDonalds Enfield; Premier Panelbeating

This Week's Meeting

Water for Life

Presented by
Dr Michael Shorey

Introduced by Paolo Giammarco Thanked by Keith Byrn

Greenacre; Richardson & Wrench Real Estate Strathfield; Selected Financial Broking; Selectprint Homebush; Strathfield Council; and Strathfield Golf Club.

It was great to be able to provide a donation of \$1500.00 to NSW Police Legacy, raised from the raffle, and thanks must go to Connie Galletta, Peter Smith, Suzanne Freund, Doug Potter, Allan Teale and George Helou for their efforts in providing for a most rewarding and enjoyable evening.

President Kevin

Last Week's Presentation *by Ian Johnson*

Our guest speaker was Andrew Scipione Commissioner of Police, who was introduced by Peter Smith.

The Commissioner started by stating how pleased he was to be present in the company of fellow police officers and members of Rotary. He thanked the Club for the significant effort involved in organising the Police Officer of the Year Awards night.

The Commissioner advised us that he was always inspired when he saw the Rotary motto 'Service Above Self'. He said that this was also a foundation block of the New South Wales Police Force. Police officers are happy to strive to serve the community without the expectation of personal accolades.

The Commissioner said that he was very proud to hear the nominations read out and to find out what the men and women of the local command areas had been doing. He congratulated the finalists on their courage and their contributions to the community. He thanked the family and friends of the police officers for their support of the officers in what was often a difficult job. He also pointed out that the support of the community was critical for police officers in their endeavours to reduce crime and improve public safety.



Commissioner Scipione with President Kevin

The Commissioner then detailed some of the initiatives of the Police Force to reduce crime. These included:

- ◆ A program focusing on juvenile antisocial behaviour in Burwood.
- ◆ A program focusing on crime hotspots including the provision of better lighting, cctv, signs and public education.
- ◆ The Police and Arabic Youth Program.

Rotary News *by Harley Tarrant*

NSW Premier supports RYDA

Premier Nathan Rees attended the RYDA venue at Penrith on 24th July to meet the 100,000th student to pass through the RYDA program. While there, the premier presented a cheque for \$20,000 to assist more students in Western Sydney to take part. The contribution by the government is designed to help families who may have difficulty meeting the cost of attending the program. The grant will help schools in Western Sydney provide transport to the training facility. Premier Rees outlined the benefits of the program and congratulated Rotary on its "commitment to saving the lives of young people on our roads."

Apart from these initiatives the police are out there doing their job 24/7 in apprehending offenders. The Commissioner advised us that he was confident that any fresh challenges arising in the future would be met by the Police Force.

In conclusion the Commissioner stated that he greatly valued the input of the community, represented through Rotary, in presenting the Police Officer of the Year Awards. The Commissioner was thanked by Bert Houston.

Last Week's Proceedings *Recorded by Roger Vince and Peter Smith*

Police Officer of the Year Awards

MC PP Doug Potter gave a warm welcome to the many visitors who were present. He later thanked the several sponsors who helped with the cost of the function.

President Kevin welcomed distinguished guests to the 7th Police Officer of the Year presentation and told the gathering that the occasion was Rotary's way of recognising the excellent work undertaken by local police in dealing with crime and community safety issues. He indicated that their dedication was unquestionable and the Rotary Club of Strathfield was proud to acknowledge the service they gave to the community.

President Elect Peter Smith introduced the Police Officer finalists and later thanked **Connie Galletta** and **Suzanne Freund** for organising a very successful evening. He thanked **Burwood** and **Flemington Commands** for organising the finalists and supplying detailed information about each candidate.

The Finalists

Senior Constable Andrew Borychevich is attached to the **Burwood Highway Patrol** and has had over 22 years police experience. He was responsible for the arrest of six armed robbers, in two separate incidents, within two days in 2008. His peers acknowledge his courage, persistence and bravery. He is a recipient of the **Commissioners Medal of Valour**.

Roster Officer Linda Christenson is responsible for planning and producing a six-weekly roster for over 200 Police for the **Flemington LAC** while adhering to all legal and industrial requirements. Linda is a dedicated and loyal employee who handles what is a dynamic and demanding role with professionalism.

Leading Senior Constable Steven Coe was recognised by his peers at the **Flemington LAC** as an admirable and dedicated Police Officer. His natural leadership skills, work ethic and willingness to guide and assist all colleagues were deemed exceptional. He is extremely approachable and provides enormous support to all officers irrespective of rank and experience.

Detective Leading Senior Constable Michael Egan has been the lead investigator at **Flemington** into serious crime for the past 12 months. This included the double homicide of two women at **Auburn**, the attempted murder of an Asian student and investigations into ATM ram raids and armed robberies. He is described as being a passionate and motivated investigator.

Constable Robert Lorenc and **Constable Christopher Page** are attached to the **Burwood Proactive Crime**

Team and were jointly responsible for the arrest and prosecution of three known criminals who were active within the **Burwood CBD**. They also spent many months in a covert investigation into a large scale drug manufacturing operation which resulted in convictions and the confiscation of three **Harley Davidson** motorcycles, a **Porsche** and a home unit. In another case a \$1million trade mark counterfeiting operation was successfully prosecuted by **Constable Lorenc**.

Sergeant Allan Simpson is attached to the **Flemington Commuter Crime Unit** which operates at **Lidcombe** and services five of the local area commands on and around the public railway network. He was recognised for his ability to motivate staff to perform at the highest level. His knowledge and work ethic gives him the great respect of his peers, fellow **Sergeants** and senior management.

Leading Senior Constable Lance Stebbing has been attached to the **Flemington LAC** for over 11 years. **Constable Stebbing** was recently involved in the arrest of an armed offender who had just robbed the **Regents Park Hotel**. He attended the hotel with other Police and confronted the offender exiting the hotel. The offender had a loaded shot gun. After a chase on foot **Constable Stebbing** tackled him and effected the arrest. **LSC Stebbings'** bravery and courage shown that night were acknowledged by his peers and the victims of the hotel robbery.

Constable Michael Taylor is attached to the **Burwood Proactive Crime Team** and has consistently achieved above average statistics in break-and-enter incidents, person searches, drink driving and drug offences, resulting in numerous arrests. While recently off duty he was first at a fatal car accident where he tried his best to save the life of a teenage victim. For such a young **Constable** his efforts should be commended.

Leading Senior Constable Attila Yilmaz is attached to **Burwood LAC** and for the past few years has organised a Christmas lunch for victims of crime including displaced women and children. He has organised local restaurants and businesses in supplying meals and presents (mainly toys and gifts). Hundreds of women and children have been recipients of his hard work, dedication and generosity. His actions have brought the business community, Police and victims of crime together and, as result, has brought credit to himself and to all Police officers in **Burwood**.

President Kevin invited **Commissioner Andrew Scipione** to present the Awards and **Perpetual Trophies**.

Police Officers of the Year

Senior Constable Paul Wearne is currently an acting sergeant within the **Burwood Proactive Crime Team** and is responsible for training and mentoring the numerous staff attached to the unit. He has assisted them in gaining valuable knowledge which has resulted in some significant high quality arrests that have been successfully prosecuted. **S/C Wearne** is a professional and dedicated officer who has fulfilled his duty to the **NSW Police Service** and the local community with diligence and pride.



Paul Wearne - a worthy recipient of the **Police Officer of the Year Award** for **Burwood LAC**.

Constable James Whelan is attached to the **Flemington LAC Anti Theft Team** and is recognised for his excellent communication skills, his professional attitude and one who takes pride in his work. **Constable Whelan** recently prevented an inmate from committing self harm (the inmate had attempted to hang himself and then suffered an epileptic fit). **James** administered first aid until he recovered and then arrested him! In another instance this **Constable** saved the life of a stabbing victim by putting his fingers inside one deep wound and bandaged several other wounds, all by the side of the road.



James Whelan - a worthy recipient of the **Police Officer of the Year Award** for **Flemington LAC**.

President Kevin announced a donation for \$1500 to **Police Legacy** had been given to **Superintendent Sue Waites**.

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

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

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

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



The Address by Superintendent Sue Waites Chair NSW Police Legacy

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. On behalf of NSW Police Legacy I would like to thank the Strathfield Rotary Club for organising such a great night. It is wonderful that you have selected Police Legacy to be the charity that benefits from your fund raising activities.

Currently Police Legacy supports eleven hundred Widows and Widowers and 232 Children of deceased NSW Police Officers. We currently support children as young as four months old. Unfortunately this year alone, eight new

Legatee children are now part of the Police Legacy family.

Donations are used for educational scholarships, provision of holiday camps for the children giving their parents a well-earned break, provision of counselling services, and conducting functions throughout the year such as Christmas parties and birthday cheques for the children.

Police Legacy's Mission has been to ensure that no widow, widower or child of a deceased serving or former Police Officer ever feel forgotten or in need and your donation assists us in striving to achieve this. The fundraising activities of Rotary have assisted us in meeting our mission.

Police Legacy is indebted to Strathfield Rotary in supporting the families of deceased Police Officers. Thanks to all the Rotarians who have made tonight possible, your organisation is highly respected as you ensure, through your various programs, the success and happiness of many families, businesses and the local community life.

Once again thank you all very much for supporting your local police and the families of deceased police officers.

A Walk Down Memory Lane Abbey Road by Rod McDougall

Forty years ago last Saturday the Beatles posed for the cover for their album *Abbey Road*. It was to be the last album commenced by the group (*Let It Be* was begun earlier, but released later).

Photographer Iain Macmillan captured the image in a fifteen minute photo shoot. He took only seven or eight pictures, now in the *Apple* archive. The appearance of Paul in bare feet fuelled "Paul is dead" conspiracy theories. The album cover has only the

picture. It needed no text; the Beatles were the most famous band in the world. Today, the crossing can be visited via an internet webcam.





Captioning the Moment!

Here are the entries (in order of receipt):

'...and its looks like Sal has the better 'sleeper hold' manoeuvre!'

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

"You lika the cement shoes?"

Winner to be announced tonight.

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

Congratulations

Birthdays

12th August Marley Harries
Sal Tosto

14th August Eve Dutton
George Hallworth
Edith Watkins

Wedding Anniversaries

16th August Trevor and Nanette
Duxbury

Rotary Anniversaries

None

Last Meeting's Statistics

Attendance: 41
Visitors: 46

Raffle raised \$1225.00

Winners

1st Visitor
2nd Visitor
3rd Ted Ingall
4th Joseph Kim
5th Janelle Watson
6th Visitor
7th Visitor

Have a Laugh

Toward the end of the service the Minister asked, "How many of you have forgiven your enemies?"

Eighty percent held up their hands.

The Minister repeated his question. All responded this time, except one small elderly lady.

"Mrs. Jones, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?" the Minister asked.

"I don't have any" she replied, smiling sweetly.

"Mrs. Jones, that is very unusual. How old are you?"

"Ninety eight" she replied.

"Mrs. Jones, would you please come down to the front and tell us all how a person can live 98 years and not have an enemy in the world."

The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation, and said: "I outlived the bitches."

Anon

A Blast from the Past

An event best forgotten?

by Roger Vince

One very memorable event in the early life of the Rotary Club of Strathfield occurred in June 1977. The late Merv Perry was President and in his own words, as quoted in the late PP Maurie Moroney's Club history,

"The most vividly recollected event during my presidency, which I don't wish to remember, but can't forget, was the monstrous fireworks night at Concord Oval, organised in conjunction with Burwood Rotary Club. It was meant to be a huge financial success and a great social and recreational interest. Owing to the state of the weather on the night, insufficient

supporters passed through the gate and much food remained unavailed. When the time came for the pyrotechnical display, the public arrived in force but not through the 'turnstile'. They simply parked their cars at the kerb along the nearby streets and enjoyed the exhibition without financial contribution. A sizeable loss was incurred by both Clubs; but our Club was to finish the year with a record financial result to that date. How could I forget what was probably the first financial failure by the Club, in charity functions.'

PP Peter Foss recalls that event on the Queen's Birthday Holiday weekend. The late Rotarian Ken Mountford, one of the Clubs great characters, took a collection box around to gather donations from the

Queens Rd and Parramatta Rd 'onlookers' with limited success. These crowds saw for free a fantastic and expensive pyrotechnics display by Howard Bros. The expectation of a massive (paying) crowd had encouraged the Clubs to order mountains of food and drinks. My own recollection of the night was a large pile of boxes containing steak sandwiches, sausages and frankfurts that still remained at the end of the event. Also at very great expense, the Clubs had hired Humphrey B Bear as entertainment for the youngsters but the evening was too late for the pre-schooler set who were not there anyway!

"Thirty-two years later", Peter says "I guess we can laugh about it as one of Strathfield Rotary's Great Misadventures."

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