



# Strathfield Rotary News



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

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## July is New Rotary Officers' Month

### Kev's Conveyances

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

As I settle into my role, I would like to congratulate Trevor Duxbury, on the time and effort he has put in to provide us with the new bulletin format. His enthusiasm for this very demanding role is commendable.

The availability and good use of technology was demonstrated in a positive manner during the week, when President Elect, Chandra Kumar, of The Rotary Club of Bangalore, Koramangala, District 3190, India, was on a short visit to Sydney, and was staying with a friend in Strathfield.

He clicked on our website, then clicked to send a email, direct to me, requesting a meeting on Saturday, for a banner exchange and discuss the possibility of a sister club arrangement. We enjoyed a pleasant meeting and intend to strengthen our relationship.

I am sure all those in attendance at last week's meeting were impressed by our guest speaker, Rosemary Hamill from The Barnardos Children Family Centre, and her informative and inspiring speech. I encourage all members to read Ian Johnson's report.

### This Week's Meeting

#### Club Assembly

Presentations by President Kevin Freund and his Board of Directors

Tonight, is Club Assembly, and the opportunity for all members to participate and give strength to this year's theme of "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands".

*President Kevin*

### Last Week's Presentation

Recorded by Ian Johnson

#### "Barnardos Children's Family Centre"

Our guest speaker was Rosemary Hamill who is a senior manager at Barnardos Childrens Family Centre at Auburn. Rosemary was introduced by Tony Lanzafame.

Barnardos commenced in London in the 1800's. The government at that time asked Doctor Barnardo to do something about the hundreds of homeless children and young people living on the streets. He accepted this challenge and provided them with education and training as well as a safe place to live.

Barnardos in Australia is operated separately from, but is affiliated with, Barnardos in England. It has been operating in Australia for over 120 years. Auburn is the oldest centre in Australia.

Rosemary pointed out that Barnardos operate at the "hard end" of providing services to children and families in need of assistance. They assist children who live in poverty or are otherwise disadvantaged and children who are abused or neglected. They try to get involved as early as possible and provide services for as long as the child



Rosemary Hamill with President Kevin

and the family require them. Working in the interest of the child frequently involves assisting the parents address problems they are experiencing. If the Children's Court determines that a child should be placed outside the family Barnardos can arrange foster care.

Rosemary advised us that Auburn is one of the most culturally diverse areas in Australia. Whilst the government assists new arrivals in Australia with initial accommodation and provides some initial information, the new arrivals are then left to work things out for themselves. These people are typically on low incomes and when problems arise they are unable to access services that are available.

When Barnardos come into contact with such families they initiate a program of intense home visitation and assess which services the family requires and

the provision of this "bundle" of services is then implemented. A significant benefit of proceeding in this way is that the family do not have to go over their "story" a number of times to different service providers. The services provided may range from something as simple as arranging "day care" or counselling to enrolment in domestic violence or sexual assault programs.

Barnardos runs the largest permanent care program in the state. Research has clearly shown that non-government agencies do a better job with looking after children placed in long-term foster care. This conclusion has been reached after looking at indicators such as education, preparation for life after school and long-term stability. One third of long-term foster placements progress to adoption which provides a greater level of stability.

Barnardos operate in New South Wales and the ACT and employs 350 staff. It is also supported by 400 volunteers and foster carers. It has influence throughout Australia as an authority on what works in the areas of child poverty and child welfare.

In conclusion Rosemary noted that whilst significant funding is provided by the federal and state governments Barnardos also relies on community support. Rosemary was thanked by Trevor Duxbury.

## Last Week's Announcements *Recorded by Roger Vince*

### From President Kevin

Presented International Director Trevor Duxbury with a lapel badge.

Recommended members get involved with other Rotary events like the District Changeover held at Panthers on 4<sup>th</sup> July where several Strathfield Rotarians saw DG Paul Erickson become PDG when he passed the District leadership over to DGE Paul Reid. Paul introduced his District Committees and Assistant Governors to a well-attended gathering of Clubs from the District, including a large representation from the newest Club, Breakfast Point.

Encouraged members to attend the District Conference in Forster next year to get a broader picture of Rotary and discover what is happening beyond our own Rotary Club.

Mentioned our involvement at the 24 hour Mega Swim last weekend held at the Aquatic Centre with the RC Concord, Breakfast Point and Sydney Club to raise money for the MS Society

Appealed to members to attend and participate in next week's Club Assembly.

### From Club Service Director Rod McDougall

Asked members to check details in the Member's Directory and Portfolio issued at last week's meeting. There are spare copies available if needed. Encouraged all members to consult the list as you may find yourself allocated to a job of which you are unaware. This has been a time honoured way of allocating jobs to members each Rotary year. If you are unable to take on the task, or are uncomfortable with the allocation, please see Rod or the Director responsible. If this is necessary try to get an alternative

person to do the job. Next week is a Club Assembly and there may be issues that are discussed which may affect the job you have been allocated, please check the list.

### From Secretary Charles Pitt

Encouraged attendance at our regular meetings to help maintain income.

### From Treasurer Keith Stockall

The current period semi annual dues have been issued and the Board will try to maintain the fees at this level this year.

### From Ted Ingall

Spoke about attendance at the District Conference to be held at Forster 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010. Peter Smith has made a group accommodation booking for Strathfield Rotarians and their Partners. A list for expressions of interest is being circulated. A great fellowship weekend is guaranteed. A 50% accommodation deposit will be required in November

### Attendance Chair & Webmaster

#### Raymond McCluskie

Explained various ways to makeup to help our monthly attendance percentage.

Raymond to set up a 30 minute study programme on the Strathfield RC website for members to visit to achieve a makeup. A makeup at another Club or Rotary function entitles a Rotarian to a makeup 2 weeks either side of the meeting missed.

### From Community Service Director Paolo Giammarco

Our recent French exchange student Laura Fleurquin informs us she has finished her final school exams and is going on holidays to the French Riviera. We look forward to hearing about her intended career.

### Last Meeting's Statistics

**Attendance: 41**  
Apologies: 14  
Non-Apologies: 3

**LOA.**  
Paul White 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Stephen Taylor 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**The Sergeants raised \$116.00**

**Raffle raised \$255**

**Winners**  
Ray Wilson  
Rosemary Hamill  
Connie Galletta  
Roger Vince

**Heads & Tails Raised \$77.50**

## Congratulations

### Birthdays

21<sup>st</sup> July *Janice Vince*

**Wedding Anniversaries**  
20<sup>th</sup> July **Charles & Olga Pitt**

**Rotary Anniversaries**  
None

## A Blast from the Past

### A Flight of Fancy

*by Roger Vince*

One of the outstanding events of Peter Roach's year as Club President in 1972/1973 was a flight to Alice Springs in a Fokker Friendship chartered from Airlines of NSW. A full load of Rotarians, partners and friends mainly from Strathfield RC with a few from Burwood RC enjoyed a great weekend away. The trip began with a middle of the night departure from Mascot on Friday and refuelling stops at Dubbo and Oodnadatta, necessary because of a fuellers strike in Sydney. After a low run over Ayers Rock resulting in a few green faces, the travellers arrived in Alice

Springs to be warmly greeted by the Rotary Club of Alice Springs early Saturday morning and then bussed to various motels. Following the afternoon spent sight seeing around Alice Springs by chartered coach all attended an evening dinner function hosted by the Alice Springs Rotary Club. The generous hosts also organised a visit on Sunday morning to Stanley Chasm and a barbecue lunch. The flies were very ferocious and a little too friendly and the outdoor meal was served on hinged lidded plates to keep them at bay. A late afternoon flight on Sunday from Alice Springs back to Sydney via Broken Hill ended a great fellowship weekend.

## A Letter from Laura

Hello everyone,

I have now passed my baccalaureat (HSC). I passed with 14/20, you just need to have 10/20 to pass. In France if you have between 12 and 14 it's average, between 14 and 16, it's good and between 16 and 18 it's very good. So I am really happy that I got GOOD!!! I only know four people who got very good! I was very surprised to see that I had 20/20 in maths!!!! For English, I had 16 (written exam) and 17 (oral exam), it's pretty good because they don't just care about the language but also on what you say. It's a lot different than in Australia, so we can't really compare. Thank you for sending me the changeover bulletin, I got it yesterday. It was nice to see what Rotary did this year with Grahame as president! I hope you are all well. I'll send you pictures when I get back!

Love Laura

## 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](mailto:brontin@bigpond.com)

**Late apologies by 5.00pm Wednesdays to Kevin Freund 0412 494 125**

**22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009 (Wednesday)**

***Rotarian Revelations***

Doug Potter, Suzanne Freund, Godfrey Isouard

**29<sup>th</sup> July 2009 (Wednesday)**

***House With No Steps***

Dennis O'Reilly,

General Manager Fund Raising & Community Relations

**5<sup>th</sup> August 2009 (Wednesday) [*Partners Night*]**

***The Police Officer of the Year Awards***

Commissioner Andrew Scipione APM

6.30 for 7.00pm

**12<sup>th</sup> August 2009 (Wednesday)**

***Sydney Water***

Speaker to be advised

**19<sup>th</sup> August 2009 (Wednesday)**

***Strathfield Girls High School***

***Literary Extension***

**26<sup>th</sup> August 2009 (Wednesday)**

***RYDA***

Greg Rappo

Director of Program Development

**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 (Wednesday)**

***Visit by Assistant District Governor Keith Roffey***

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**9<sup>th</sup> September 2009 (Wednesday)**

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

Dr Julie Greenhalgh

Principal of Meriden College

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2009 (Wednesday)**

***Visit by District Governor Paul Reid***

**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 (Wednesday)**

***Presentation by 2008-9 outbound GSE Team***

**30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 (Wednesday)**

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

Erin Greenhalgh

**19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> 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**



### Have a Laugh



**Golfing Couple**

*from Bradley Ayres*

Out on the golf course with his wife, the husband hesitates at the tee and says, "Darling, twenty years ago I had a brief affair. It meant nothing. I hope you can forgive me."

His wife was hurt but said, "Dearest, those days are long gone. What we have now is far more valuable. I forgive you." They embraced and kissed.

Several holes later, the husband was starting his back swing when the wife blurted out, "I'm sorry darling, I've been

so conscience-stricken since you told me, but since we're being honest with each other, I have something to tell you also. Thirty years ago I had a sex change operation, I was a man before I met you. I hope you can forgive me."

The husband froze at the top of his back swing, thought for a moment, then slammed the driver into the ground, kicked the ball into the woods and stormed off the tee.

"You liar...you cheat...you despicable witch! How could you?"

All these years you've been playing off the ladies tee!

### 9690

### District Conference Forster 2010

The 9690 District Conference will be held in Forster in 2010, from Friday, March 19 to Sunday, March 21. The costs for both the conference and accommodation are very reasonable. Rooms at the Dorsal Boutique Hotel are being snapped up quickly (only two left). As in previous years it promises to be an interesting and stimulating meeting with lots of fun and fellowship. Why not join us and support your President and your District. Make it a holiday, there's lots to do.

For further information contact PE Peter Smith or PP Ted Ingall.

*Ted Ingall*

**Trev's Trivia**

"Give me my golf clubs, fresh air and a beautiful partner, and you can keep my golf clubs and the fresh air."

*Jack Benny*

Pink Floyd's *The Dark Side of the Moon* stayed on the *Billboard* Top 200 album charts for 591 consecutive weeks—11.4 years. The LP has moved in and out of the Top 200 for an incredible 741 weeks (14 years) and has spent 26 years on various other *Billboard*

charts. At Pink Floyd's outdoor concert at London's Crystal Palace Bowl in 1970, they played so loud that most of the fish in the lake in front of the natural amphitheatre's stage were killed.

*Sullivan's Music Trivia*



They've been standing like that for the last four hours. No one can get near the sausages!



You call that a straight line?

## MS Society 24 hour Mega Swim at the Aquatic Centre



How cool is that? The handing over of the Rotary Sausage to the incoming team.



How long do we have to keep smiling? Everyone else went home ages ago.



### Trev's Trivia

#### Underwater Swimming

This event featured for the first and last time at the Paris Olympic Games of 1900. Two points were awarded for each metre swum underwater, and one point was given to each competitor for every second he remained below the surface. Frenchman Charles de Venderville won by swimming 60m and staying submerged for 1min and 8.4sec, although Denmark's Peder Lykkeberg stayed underwater for longer but mostly swam in circles and traveled just 28.3m.

*Fotheringham's Sporting Trivia*



### The Last Laugh



#### Bob and the Blonde

*from Grahame True*

Bob walked into a sports bar, sat down next to a blonde at the bar and stared up at the TV. The 10pm news was coming on. The news crew was covering the story of a man on the ledge of a large building preparing to jump.

The blonde looked at Bob and said, "Do you think he'll jump?" Bob said, "You know, I bet he'll jump."

The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't."

Bob placed a \$20 bill on the

bar and said, "You're on!"

Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy on the ledge did a swan dive off the building, falling to his death. The blonde was very upset, but willingly handed her \$20 to Bob, saying, "Fair's fair. Here's your money."

Bob replied, "I can't take your money. I saw this earlier on the 5pm news, and so I knew he would jump."

The blonde replied, "I did too, but didn't think he'd do it again."

Bob took the money...

#### Four Worms

*From Shirley Del Prado*

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars.

The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the

sermon, the Minister reported the following results: The first worm in alcohol - dead.

The second worm in cigarette smoke - dead

The third worm in chocolate syrup - dead

The fourth worm in good clean soil - alive.

So the Minister asked the congregation: 'What did you learn from this demonstration?' Maxine was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, 'As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!'

That pretty much ended the service

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