

# 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

I was encouraged by the participation of members in our Club Assembly last week and look forward to ongoing active involvement throughout the year on how the club is performing.

The Club can only be strengthened by members raising issues and voicing their opinions in a positive manner. I was delighted to hear the range of topics discussed and assure members that the Board will be giving full consideration to all the matters that were raised.

I would like to thank all of the Board for their presentations in giving an overview of their programs for the coming year, and encourage members to provide their support where possible.

Allan Teale has taken on the role of Raffles Chairman this year with gusto, and is looking for a broad range of prizes. If you are able to help or provide a contact, please advise Allan.

Just a reminder that our first Partners Night, The Police Officer of the Year Awards, is on August 5<sup>th</sup>, with Commissioner

### Wednesday, July 22, 2009

## This Week's Meeting

### Rotarian Revelations

**Presentations by  
Doug Potter, Suzanne Freund, Godfrey Isouard**

Andrew Scipione being in attendance to acknowledge the dedication, commitment and service by Officers serving in the Burwood and Flemington Local Area Commands.

**President Kevin**

### Last Week's Club Assembly

*Recorded by Roger Vince*

#### President Kevin Freund

President Kevin explained the concept of Club Assemblies and invited all members to participate in the forum, normally held at the beginning and middle of the Rotary Year. He invited the Club Directors to announce plans for their portfolios and then invited members to participate with questions and comments to help make the Club function more efficiently.



#### President Elect Peter Smith

As did the President Elect in the previous year, Peter said he would be assisting the Board members in their portfolios where and when needed. He noted he was on several committees in which he would give leadership and assistance. In particular Peter mentioned the Membership Committee, chaired by Ray Wilson, which he felt was very important for the future of the Club. He said that the information nights were very important but he also believed there were other opportunities during the



whole year and perhaps not just on one night. He also mentioned the two important public relations events, Police Officer of the Year and Pride of Workmanship nights where he will be available to help make the nights great successes as has been in the past.

Another aspect the Club should be getting involved in is helping some of the Strathfield organisations, such as the Mens Shed. This organisation is struggling to get simple things like a business plan and budget put together to guarantee the success of their operation. They lack the expertise in this area and it is something our Club could help with. Another Strathfield organisation that needs help is the Strathfield Symphony Orchestra who, like ourselves, will be in their fortieth year in 2011. The Town Hall where they perform and practice is sometimes unavailable and the Council is looking to make them pay market value for its use. They are also in need of organisational help. We should be involved in helping the wider community, even if we take something on and it fails, at least we have given it a go.

#### Club Service Director Rod McDougall

PP Rod began with a brief discussion re singing of Rotary Grace. This will remain unchanged for the time being.

He thanked the new



Bulletin Editor and his team for the new look Bulletin. The editor is always looking for suitable contributions from members.

Encouraged members to contact Programme Chair Neil Kennan with names of quality speakers as this adds to the enjoyment of members who attend meetings. A list of speakers will be published from time to time.

PP Grahame True is to look after member contributions entitled Rotarian Revelations.

Thanked members who are chairing committees for the year.

Spoke about apologies and the importance of conveying them to Eric Khu either by phone, fax or email before 4pm Tuesdays. A large drop in the number of non-apologies is very welcome, and this was due mainly to the intervention of PP Grahame last year. Unfortunately, the problem is now 'late apologies' which are sometimes unavoidable for one reason or another. Eric Khu will not be able to pass on apologies received after 4pm on Tuesday and it will then become a late apology. The arrangement with the caterer regarding numbers is very flexible but it does not help if the Club is trying to reduce the cost of meals.

He advised that Peter van der Sleen is our Child Protection Officer and any questions on child protection should be directed to him.

## Last Week's Club Assembly (contd)

### Vocational Service Director Connie Galletta

Connie reported that organisation for the Police Officer of the Year night on 5<sup>th</sup> August is well under way and the Police Commissioner will be attending. Nominations are being sought from Burwood and Flemington Local Area Commands for the awards. Pride of Workmanship Awards will be held in October, but no date for this occasion has been set. No word as yet about the candidate interviewed for the NYSF.



### International Service Director Trevor Duxbury

The International Portfolio is comprised of the Rotary Foundation and International Service

The Rotary Foundation has several programs of which two are currently supported by the Club. We will continue funding the Polioplus Program as part of Rotary International's commitment to matching the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donation. Our commitment to the GSE Program is presently unknown.

As part of the International Service we will continue to raise funds for the Shelterbox and RAM Programs.

This portfolio also includes the



Centurion Program and it is hoped that more members will become Centurions.

Last year the Club also contributed to Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors without borders) and this will continue.

Trevor also asked any Rotarian who thinks that a project or cause is worth supporting to talk to him or any of his team, but they should be prepared to play a significant role in any fundraising events.

### Youth Service Director Kevin Beltrame

Kevin acknowledged the team of volunteers who will help make the year successful. He anticipated thanking members who will take young people to the various camps in the mountains during the year. He was a little concerned that the youth portfolio could cost the Club about \$9500. It will benefit over 70 young people during 2009/2010 but not generate any income.



### Community Service Director Paolo Giammarco

Paolo said he would be relying on his team to have a successful year. He was mainly looking to help local organizations.



### Treasurer Keith Stockall

PP Keith expressed concern about some budget predictions for the coming year. There will be some discussion at the next Board meeting about dinner fees and semi annual dues. The dues and fees will be held at the same rate for this calendar year.



### President Kevin Freund

Indicated the Club would again join with Strathfield Council at the Spring Fair on 29<sup>th</sup> September and also use our barbecue expertise more during the year for fund raising. Because we have a good image at the Spring Fair with a barbecue we could also introduce a raffle to run until the carols in early December and in between sell tickets in the shopping centre and the markets.

As well as the large fund raising in connection with the Trish Golf Day we could also have a fund raising day or night in May to raise money for the late Dr Chris O'Brien's Lighthouse project for the improved cancer cure centre at RPA. This centre is scheduled to open in 2011, the fortieth anniversary of our Club.

A Trivia night will be held in September.

## Members' Comments at Last Week's Club Assembly

### Ted Ingall

Thought more Rotary Information should be imparted to members. The attendance rules need to be advertised to members which includes the 85 rule and involves 28 members of the Club.

### Keith Byrn (Catering)

If members have any meal suggestions would they please advise him.

### Peter Douglas

Expressed the problem some Rotarians are having with the cost of Rotary because of the present economic situation. Asked the Board to address this problem which he feels could affect the membership and attendance of many Rotarians.

### Grahame True

Suggested the Board consider asking those members who never attend meetings for a donation in addition to their semi annual dues to cover raffles and the Sergeant fines.

### Bradley Ayres

Felt the calibre of guest speakers has been excellent over the last 12 months. Suggested we have Job Talks instead of a guest speaker on big sporting nights.

### Treasurer Keith Stockall

Suggested attendance figures not be announced at meetings to prevent any embarrassment to a Guest Speaker.

### Brian Driver

Enquiring about being a member of two clubs, 20 weeks in Cowra and balance of year at Strathfield. Cowra are going to make representation about dual membership.

Felt there could be a chance to make a link with another Club like Cowra where we could share functions and perhaps projects. He mentioned a special Cowra night in July which we could be involved in socially.

### Paulo Giammarco/Tony Lanzafame

Wanted easier access to email addresses.

### Raymond McCluskie

Advised that some members' email addresses were provided on the understanding that they not be issued to members of the public. A few of our members asked for complete privacy and that they not even be issued to other Rotarians. There is a generic Rotary email contact available that can be used

[info@strathfieldrotary.org.au](mailto:info@strathfieldrotary.org.au) to contact a Club member or members without personal email addresses being revealed. The public also use this email address to contact the Rotary Club of Strathfield and it is displayed on the website. A survey of members will be made about making a members email list available.

### Secretary Charles Pitt

Make Rotary meetings worth attending and fun so that when a member is making the decision about whether to come to a meeting, the answer is positive.

The Club needs to find other ways of creating wealth other than the Sergeant sessions and the weekly raffles.

### Suzanne Freund

Need to look beyond Club members for fund raising. A big raffle with good prizes and using those local organisations which will benefit, eg. all the money raised could go to local schools.

More partners' nights needed and also a greater involvement of partners in Club activities.

Also suggested we use the services of the Homebush Boys' HS bands at functions, they need uniforms, etc.

## 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

**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)**

***Water for Life***

Dr Michael Storey  
Sydney Water

**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

**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

**18<sup>th</sup> February 2010 (Thursday)**

***Trish MS Research Foundation Golf Day***

**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

### Last Week's Announcements

*Recorded by Roger Vince*

**From President Kevin**

Congratulated Trevor and his team on the new Bulletin format.

Mentioned he received an email from President Elect Chandra Kumar from the RC of Bangalore, Koramangla, in District 3190 who was staying in Strathfield and, as mentioned in the Bulletin, they exchanged Club banners.

**From PP Grahame True**

Trevor Duxbury was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his role as Club Services Director in 2008/2009.

**From PP Ted Ingall**

Asked members who are attending the 2010 District Conference to make sure they registered for the Conference, particularly those who are arranging their own accommodation.

### From the Editor

Strathfield Rotary News has a new editor and a new look. This is in no way a criticism of previous editors or of previously used formats. It was felt it was time for a change and time for PP Angelo to have a rest, if that's possible in Rotary. As a relative newcomer to Rotary, and a complete novice as an editor, I would welcome constructive criticism and suggestions as to how the content and appearance of the newsletter and its relevance for members can be improved. Contributions from members will also be most welcome. Articles, photos, news items, in fact anything that would be of interest to members. As for the future, Rod and I think that the introduction of colour would make a significant improvement. Unfortunately, colour costs money and to pay for it Rod and I have thought about seeking expressions of interest from possible sponsors and even advertisers. Enquiries regarding sponsorship or advertising should be directed to Club Services Director Rod McDougall in the first instance.

### Congratulations

**Birthdays**

28<sup>th</sup> July **Anuradha Kamkolkar**

**Wedding Anniversaries**

None

**Rotary Anniversaries**

None

**Last Meeting's Statistics**

**Attendance: 35**  
Apologies: 14  
Non-Apologies: 12

**The Sergeants raised \$93.60**

**Raffle raised \$200**

**Winners**  
Joseph Kim  
Grahame True  
Niall King

## Trev's Trivia

### Julie Andrews, 69

To commemorate her 69th birthday, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall. One of the musical numbers she performed was 'My Favorite Things' from the legendary movie 'Sound Of Music'.



Here are the lyrics she used:

If you sing it, it's even better

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,  
When the knees go bad,  
I simply remember my favorite things,  
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',  
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache, When the hips break,  
When the eyes grow dim,  
Then I remember the great life I've had,  
And then I don't feel so bad.

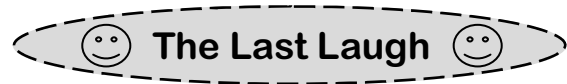
Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes.

### More Trivia

#### The Longest Screen Kiss

In 1941's film *You're In The Army Now* Regis Toomey and Jane Wyman found that military life was not quite as restrictive as may have been thought when they locked lips for three minutes and five seconds, officially the longest screen kiss ever!

*Inverne's Stage and Screen Trivia*



### For the Legal Fraternity—or not

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's twenty, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

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