



# Rotary Club of Strathfield

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**CLUB PRESIDENT**  
Keith Stockall



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**PRESIDENT-ELECT**  
Keith Byrn  
**CLUB SECRETARY**  
Kevin Freund  
**CLUB TREASURER**  
Allan Petersen

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### President's Pieces

Good evening fellows,

I hope you all enjoyed the "holiday" weekend just past and if you are Rugby League fan that you enjoyed the grand final game on Sunday night.

This evening we welcome Julie Erskine, Clinical Psychologist, to our club. Julie is no stranger to our club as she has visited us previous occasions and is also mother of Camille Erskine, who is the Ballerina student that this club has supported in the past and is currently dancing with a theatre company in Prague.

You will recall I mentioned we had received permission from Dan Murphy's to have a BBQ at their store one or two Saturdays a month. I'm now pleased to advise we have received permission from Strathfield Council, thanks to representations by Shirley and plan drawing by Keith Byrn, to allow us to

use part of the footpath to park our BBQ trailer.

The month of October is Vocation Month and of course we will be having our Pride of Workmanship awards next week at La Montage. Vocational Service Director, Brian Johnson tells me he has received a number of nominations and is in the final stages of completing preparations for the night, which promises to be another successful Pride of Workmanship awards evening.

Don't forget there will be a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team departing for Houston in April 2004. The District is seeking applications from suitable candidates in the age group of 25 to 40. The GSE program provides outstanding business and professional people an opportunity to study their profession in another country

A reminder to amend your diary for the car rally to

Domenico and Joanna Alvaro's house at Bowral, this event has been transferred from 26 October to 9 November 2003. The change of date was necessary due to a requirement for Keith Byrn to attend President Elect training on that day.

A comment on social activities. Over recent weeks we have tried to organise some social outings, such as a pizza night and various theatre group bookings and received little or no response. It takes some effort to put these together and is a little frustrating when they are not supported. One of the reasons for these social events is to enhance the Rotary Family, so if there are activities members wish to be organised, please let PP Steve Taylor know.

Have a good week.

*Keith*

## Tonight's Guest Speaker

Julie Erskine

"A Day in the Life of a Clinical Psychologist"

## Celebrations!

Sorry members but as I am filling in for Vicki, Birthdays and Anniversaries are not available this week.

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## Fines Session Highlights

Tony Lanzafame cleaned out his cellar last week and used the experience to clean out the pockets of members with related fines.

The process was very thorough as Tony had one of his better fine collections so far this year.

## Last Week's Guest Speaker

Ian Hay

"My Life with Finance and Flowers"

Introduced by Charles Pitt  
Thanked by Harley Tarrant

Ian Hay talked about two aspects of his life, his work with the Federal Treasury and his passion for Cacti.

The talk about his time with Treasury was a walk down memory lane for many members with names like Jim Cairns and Juni Morosi in the Whitlam era. Ian gave an insight into the 'Kemlami' loans affair that eventually contributed to the fall of the Whitlam Government. His work with Treasury took him to Saudi Arabia and the Philippines, where the ways of doing business were much different to Australia.

Ian's passion for Cacti and other succulents was obvious from his vast knowledge of the subject and his description of the many slides he showed of various cacti.

Many of the slides shown by Ian were taken of cacti owned by people both overseas and in Australia. Some of the questions asked were quite prickly!!!

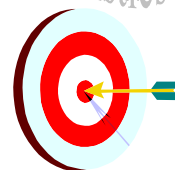
## Important: Apologies Timetable !!!!!

**Before Noon Tuesdays:**  
Ring 9746-0397

**Emergencies thereafter:**  
Ring 9743-3765  
**NO OTHER FORM OF CONTACT POSSIBLE**

## Statistics

For Last Meeting



Wednesday  
1<sup>st</sup> October.  
2003

Rotarians Present 42  
Apologies 11  
Non apologies 2

Raffle Prizes:  
1<sup>st</sup> Hair Care Products-value \$150 (donated by "Bellezza Hair Salon" 4/51-57 Norton Street, Leichhardt (9572-6977)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bottle of Wine 3<sup>rd</sup> Dinner this Week

Raffle Raised \$240.00

Sergeant-at-Arms was:  
Tony Lanzafame  
S/Arms Raised \$93.00

Meeting Closed 8.30 pm

## Dates to Jot Down:

Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2003  
BBQ at South Strathfield Primary School 3.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m

Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2003  
Car Rally to Domenico and Johanna Alvaro's home at Bowral

Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 2003  
AGM and Club Elections

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2003  
Christmas Carols Night

Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2003  
Christmas dinner:  
Transfer meeting.

February, 2004  
Trish Foundation Golf Day

19-21 March, 2004  
District Conference at  
Gosford

***Next Week's  
Meeting***

**Transfer Meeting to Le  
Montage Leichhardt for**

**The Pride of  
Workmanship Awards.**

6:30pm for 7:00pm

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**MEMBER  
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**INNER STRENGTH**

If you can start the day without  
caffeine or pep pills,

If you can be cheerful,  
ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining  
and boring people with your  
troubles,

If you can eat the same food  
everyday and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when  
loved ones are too busy to  
give you time,

If you can overlook when  
people take things out on you  
when, through no fault of  
yours, something goes wrong,

If you can take criticism and  
blame without resentment,

If you can face the world  
without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension  
without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the  
aid of drugs,

If you can do all these things,

***Then you're probably the  
family dog.***

From Steve Taylor

**Quote of the Month**

"I voted Republican this  
year.

The Democrats left a bad  
taste in my mouth."

- Monica Lewinsky

**For men tired of receiving  
male-bashing jokes**

How many men does it take to  
open a beer?

None. It should be opened by  
the time she brings it.

Why is a Laundromat a really  
bad place to pick up a  
woman?

Because a woman who can't  
even afford a washing  
machine will probably never  
be able to support you.

Why do women have smaller  
feet than men?

It's one of those "evolutionary  
things" that allows them to  
stand closer to the kitchen  
sink.

How do you know when a  
woman is about to say  
something smart?

When she starts her sentence  
with "A man once told me..."

How do you fix a woman's  
watch?

You don't. There is a clock on  
the oven.

Why do men break wind more  
than women?

Because women can't shut up  
long enough to build up the  
required pressure.

If your dog is barking at the  
back door and your wife is  
yelling at the front door, who  
do you let in first?

The dog, of course. He'll shut  
up once you let him in.

What's worse than a Male  
Chauvinist Pig?

A woman who won't do what  
she's told.

I married Miss Right. I just  
didn't know her first name was  
Always.

I haven't spoken to my wife for  
18 months: I don't like to  
interrupt her.

Scientists have discovered a  
food that diminishes a  
woman's sex drive by 90%. It's  
called a Wedding Cake.

Marriage is a 3-ring circus:  
Engagement Ring, Wedding  
Ring, Suffering.

Our last fight was my fault: My  
wife asked me "What's on the  
TV?" I said, "Dust!"

In the beginning, God created  
the earth and rested. Then  
God created Man and rested.  
Then God created Woman.  
Since then, neither God nor  
Man has rested.

Why do men die before their  
wives?

They want to.

A beggar walked up to a well-  
dressed woman shopping on  
Rodeo Drive and said, "I  
haven't eaten anything for  
days."

She looked at him and said,  
"God, I wish I had your  
willpower."

Young Son: "Is it true, Dad, I  
heard that in some parts of  
Africa a man doesn't know his  
wife until he marries her?"

Dad: That happens in every  
country, son.

A man inserted an  
advertisement in the  
classified:

Wife Wanted." The next day  
he received a hundred letters.  
They all said the same thing:  
"You can have mine."

The most effective way to  
remember your wife's birthday  
is to forget it once.

Women will never be equal to  
men until they can walk down  
the street with a bald head  
and a beer gut, and still think  
they are beautiful.