



# Rotary Club of Strathfield

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**CLUB PRESIDENT**  
Keith Stockall



Lend a Hand

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

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### President's Pieces

Our guest speaker last week was Rosemary Young, National Director of Frontier Services.

Rosemary provided us with a wonderful description of the services performed by Frontier Services, together with the experiences, challenges and success stories of their work in Outback Australia.

Last Friday night, Kevin Beltrame and I attended the monthly Presidents' Meeting at Penrith. Topics covered were:

Firstly, confirmation and congratulations to PP Bill Little, who has recently won selection as District Governor Nominee for the year 2005-2006. Bill is a member of the Rotary Club of Cabramatta and has been a member of Rotary for 22 years. He has been President of Cabramatta Club twice during that time

and served on many District Committees. Bill is currently assistant District Governor.

Secondly, Group Study Exchange (GSE). Alan Sweet of the Rotary Club of Padstow, has been selected to lead a team to Houston Texas, between 18<sup>th</sup> April and 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2004.

The District is currently seeking applications for team members for the Group Study Exchange program to go Houston. Applications close on 27<sup>th</sup> October and interviews will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2003.

Candidates must be aged between 25 and 40, currently employed on a full time basis, flexible and adaptable and team players, able to survive for a month on 4-6 hours sleep per night.

Thirdly, Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF). The District has become involved in a scholarship program for

indigenous medical students.

Fourthly, the District Conference 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> March, 2004. Resolutions for the conference are due in November.

Fifthly, Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS). The District currently has a program running in Vila called the "Vila Central Hospital Renewal Project".

The hospital has a desperate need to replace beds. Clubs are being invited to "adopt a bed" for \$100 per year for 3 years. Clubs participating will be acknowledged by a wall plaque next to the bed.

The "Donations in Kind" project run by RAWCS is experiencing increased costs and the District is foreshadowing a possible levy of \$42 per member, in the District dues, in January 2004.

Also, Risk Management Policy was a topic. The District has adopted a

'Risk Management Policy' which all clubs and committees will be expected to abide by.

I have received details of the Rotary International Convention, to be held in Osaka, Japan, 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 This pack includes registration forms, and accommodation reservation forms. Please see me if you require these.

October is Vocational Service month on the Rotary Calendar. Don't forget that nominations for our "Pride of Workmanship Awards" on 15<sup>th</sup> October should be with Brian Johnson or Grahame True NOW.

Have a good week

*Keith*

### Tonight's Guest Speaker

Ian Hay

"My Life with Finance and Flowers"

Directors' Reports

### Club Service

Keith Byrn

Conference registration forms are available. "Beach Boys" tickets are going "2 for 1". "Fleetwood Mac" are having a concert in February, but tickets are

around \$150 to \$200! Anyone interested?

### Vocational Service

Brian Johnson

The Hon. John Murray, past Speaker of the House, will be the guest speaker at the "Pride of Workmanship Awards" evening.

Sal asks for raffle donations, please!, for this evening.

### Youth Service

Kevin Beltrame

Could R.Y.L.A. nominations please be in by 7<sup>th</sup> October.

**Celebrations!**

Happy Birthday to:  
Grahame True (5<sup>th</sup>)

Happy Anniversary to:  
Ted & Mary Ingall (5<sup>th</sup>)



### Fines Session Highlights

Tony Lanza fame used the theme of "tax collection" to crack his fines whip tonight.

He had heard, for instance, that Harley Tarrant's and Joe Saad's horses had come in second and third, respectively, recently, in the same race, and it cost them!

## Last Week's Guest Speaker

Ms Rosemary Young  
"Frontier Services"

Introduction: George Hallworth  
Thanks: Peter Foss

"Frontier Services" is an off-shoot of "Flynn of the Outback" and The Flying Doctor Service, with which it still works closely.

Haven't heard of Frontier Services? Well, Rosemary said "We do the work, not sing the song."

An organization of missionaries to remote Australia, they go to areas, usually, where government services, banks and every essential support group, have already pulled out.

Advances in telecommunications have, of course, isolated people in the Outback, and elsewhere, more than they/we were previously.

Similarly, mandatory accreditation for aged care has been a disaster for aboriginal communities.

These are just two of the enormous problems the group tackles.

They don't run the facilities – they help others do it themselves.

Migrant services in W.A. in remote mining communities, is another

area Rosemary's workers are found helping.

It was shocking to hear that there is organized gambling in aboriginal communities, by which she means that conmen 'do the rounds' of the remote reserves, 'fleecing' unsuspecting customers, then 'flying by night' with the takings.

'Frontier' also helps the children of fishing trawlermen, and shearers, often providing families with whom these youngsters can live so that they can get some sort of education and a few living skills.

Frontier Services has been operating, and helping, for 90 years now. They have a staff of 430, with 20 constantly patrolling ministers, who are also trained as counsellors. Out of a budget of \$20 million, they receive \$17 million from the government.

Rosemary expressed her appreciation that Strathfield Rotary Club has decided to help make up the difference by nominating Frontier Services as one of our recipients of donations this year.

Important: Apologies  
Timetable !!!!!

**Before Noon Tuesdays:**

Ring 9746-0397

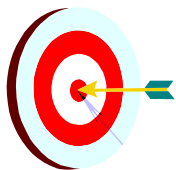
**Emergencies** thereafter:

Ring 9743-3765

**NO OTHER FORM OF  
CONTACT POSSIBLE**

Statistics

for  
Last  
Meeting



Wednesday  
24<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
2003

Rotarians Present 40

Apologies 11

Non apologies 3

Leave of Absence 5

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 +  
tickets to S.S.O. at Opera  
House

3<sup>rd</sup> Dinner this Week

Raffle Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Arjun Jeganathan  
2<sup>nd</sup> (shared) Bala & Bert  
Houston  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vicki Wybrow

Raffle Raised \$227.00

Sergeant-at-Arms was:

Tony Lanzafame

S/Arms Raised \$93.55

Meeting Closed 8.12 pm

Dates to Jot Down:

Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2003

Tom Burlinson "Frank  
Sinatra" special at Star  
City, starts 8 pm.

Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2003  
"Beach Boys" theatre  
party

Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2003  
"Pride of Workmanship  
Awards" at La Montage

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2003  
Car Rally to Domenico  
and Johanna Alvaro's  
home at Bowral

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

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  
Speaker*

Julie Erskine

"A Day in the Life of a  
Clinical Psychologist"



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# *The Best Things About Being a Girl!*

We get off sinking ships first.

We can scare male bosses with mysterious gynaecological disorders.

If we forget to shave, noone has to know.

Lisa Simpson is a girl. So was Germaine Greer.

When we marry, we get to choose whether to keep our own name, or use one that we like even better.

At least one girl always survives in horror flicks.

Makeup can do heaps!

We don't feel the need to slap our team-mate's buttocks when she makes a good play.

We don't need to practise pick-up lines.

The coolest, sweetest love poems have been written to us.

We don't have to sit on our wallets.

And our purses have a place for coins.

We have nicer handwriting than guys.

We always smell sweet after a shower or washing our hair.

We don't wear size 11 shoes.

Girls with guy's first names, like Sam or Jerry, sound cool, but it doesn't work the other way round.

We give really, really good advice.

We can dress ourselves.

We get taken out to dinner and don't even have to pay.

We don't have the problem of stuffing boxers into our jeans.

We can talk to guys without having to try and picture them naked.

We don't look at each other when we go to the toilet.

We don't have to worry about getting hurt, um, down there.

We get yummy chockies and flowers and stuff from guys.

We don't have to keep reaching down there just to check we're still in place.

Taxis stop for us.

We don't have to stuff hankies in the front of our leotards to feel cool.

We can jump around a lot and shake our hair and it looks like we know how to dance.

Girls talk.

We have prettier underwear.

Our friends don't say hello to us by punching us on the arm.

Our magazines have horoscopes.

There are times when chocolate really can solve all our problems.

Everybody still likes us even if we wear earrings.

If we're not turned on, we can at least fake it.

We can wear dresses without getting weird looks from people.

We don't think a beer gut is attractive to the opposite sex.

When we get old, we can still do it and not just think about it.

We are smarter than guys.

And let's not even mention circumcision!