



2012-13

President -Ray Wilson OAM

Secretary – Joe Saad
Treasurer – Rod McDougall

District Governor -
RI President - Sakuji Tanaka

RI Theme – Peace Through Service

The Board members, namely, Niall King, Allan Teale, David Martin, Anuradha Kamkolkar and Rod Rimes, have recorded everything in their individual annual reports. Ray was grateful to Trevor Duxbury for his good counsel and support throughout the year.

A very special vote of thanks, says President Ray, goes to Chris Virgona, (Sergeant), Keith Stockall (Bulletin Editor) Tony Lanzafame (Raffles Chairman), Raymond McCluskie (Website co-ordinator) Janelle Watson and Suzanne Freund (Program Directors) for their individual help week in and week out without whom the Club could not function as it does. President Ray acknowledges Rod McDougall who he says performed a minor miracle in getting him used to the computer.

Fellowship evenings were enjoyable parts of the Rotary year. The transfer meetings to the Tigers Club at Sydney Markets, Strathfield Croquet Club and The Men's Shed at Homebush. These were well attended fellowship evenings and provided variety to our weekly meetings.

Some of our special activities this year that are worthy of mention included our Club's involvement in the Strathfield Spring Fair, Carols in the Park, the V8 Supercars and Muscle Cars at Eastern Creek and School Barbeques. These provided a wonderful opportunity for members to again enjoy fellowship and be seen to give service to the community.

Peter Smith did magnificent work in getting the graffiti trailer to its present state and on the verge of being operational.

Highlight events for the year included the Anzac Day Breakfast, our famous restaurants nights, golf day, the US Masters Golf Breakfast, the Club Christmas Party and the Childrens' Christmas Party, the wine and cheese tasting evening organised by Adrian Risi and Angelina Canturi and the annual visit to the Alvaro's Bowral property

There have been a number of "ordinary" Club meetings this year that have been anything but ordinary.

- The Clarrie Edwards "Strathfield Reminiscing Evening" which was highly entertaining.
- School debate between Meriden and St Patricks College which was keenly contested, with St Pats winning a close one
- The Intra-Club Debate involving six of our members which was a first for our Club and very successful event.
- The Inter-Club Debate with Breakfast Point (in which our team of Joe Saad, Alan Teale and Keith Stockall were victors).

PP Raymond McCluskie deserves great credit for his expertise in organising all the debates.

- Local Government evening (which caused some controversy) but was a very enjoyable evening nevertheless.
- The International Korean Night for which Anuradha's hard work and dedication is highly commended.
- Pride of Workmanship Award brilliantly organised again by David Martin.
- Police Officer of the Year Award which was an outstanding success again thanks to David Martin.
- Our trivia night which is always a great hit with members and well organised by Allan Petersen with my great appreciation

During the year we inducted two new members, Romolo Adorna and Nazih Touma.

Sadly, we received resignations from two long standing and much valued members of our Club. PDG Harley Tarrant and PP Peter Foss. PP Ted Ingall was lost and found. It was Ted's intention to resign from the Club, but the Board resolved to make him an Honorary Member.

Ray Wilson was upfront in admitting that being deaf has been a huge struggle for him as President of the Club, whether it be at our regular meetings, Board meetings, or even on the telephone and acknowledges the benefit of the written word. You particularly wanted to especially thank Secretary, Joe Saad for being your ears. In reality, Ray, the Club all had a good and enjoyable year and in fact your disability was not overtly apparent; perhaps Joe did a good job in camouflage.

2012 to 2013 was a vintage year; a year which was a focus on Rotary and an emphasis on our heritage most notable with the 'banners' on display at our meetings.