



**2014-15**

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**RI President - Gary Huang**

**RI Theme – LIGHT UP ROTARY**

Our local members, Federal member Craig Laundry Mayor Gullian Vaccari and Counsellor Daniel Bott and regularly the Strathfield scene, have supported the club tremendously. Each week we have the continued support of SelectPrint at Homebush for the printing of our weekly bulletin.

I'm sure that no one joins Rotary with the intent to change Rotary. I am sure its with the attitude to do good in the community and by giving the time and energy that each has at their disposal. And that's important, we should remember each and everyone's commitment is an individual assessment, we should remember Rotary is a voluntary organisation, as it was explained to me in the following manner, your family, work and then Rotary. It is important to bear in mind that each has a different level of commitment available at their disposal.

This year has seen some changes with some long-serving members moving on, it was sad to see them leave, but they will remain in our club in spirit for many more years to come I'm sure. This year again has seen the dedication of Peter Smith push and direct the ever willing interact members at Homebush Boys high to new high limits. They have an involvement with Concord Rotary with their markets that involvement and many of their events continues to grow. Well-done Peter. Not to be outdone by Peter's efforts is past president Roger Vince with the Meriden interact club. These two organizations show what enthusiasm and energy can regularly achieve. We have met these fine members of these two schools at our club.

Many outstanding members of this club in the way they have served us highlighted this year. The humour each week provided by Chris Virgona keeps a smile on everyone's face, and his challenging words keeps us thinking week in and week out. Graham True with the support of members has provided what could be argued as one of the best years lists of guest speakers Thank you, Graham. Anuradha Kamkolkar and Usha Garg they ensure that we go home lighter in the pocket than when we arrived, a remarkable job, done with the Raffles each week. Past president Rod McDougall has

diligently done the taking of the money and banking Thank you, Rod. There are many members I would like to acknowledge for their effort and support throughout the year, but one does need special mention. Dave Martin, his support for the Rotary Club of Strathfield is unending, David only knows one way to do things that are positive and giving 100% thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Past presidents, David Croft, Keith Stockall, Roger Vince, Steve Taylor and the tireless Peter Manenti and their partners once again presented us with a morning to remember on Anzac Day. Our guest speaker Paul Flannigan, and his wife Judy, personal friends of David Croft, brought home the real meaning of Anzac, a truly great day for all members and their guests to remember this moment of our history. My wife and I were truly moved by the wonderful gathering of Anzac Day, a job well done by all those involved.

The involvement of the club in many community activities is highlighted in May by the tremendous activity and work of past president Peter Smith. This highlight in organising and involving the club and the community in the Red Shield appeal day is fantastic. Peter's energy, commitment and dedication is an inspiration to all those involved. This year his commitment was no different to previous years and Peter was quite often observed collecting money for this worthwhile cause. Actually, a great effort by the club under Peter's direction to be involved each year for the salvos. A great job Peter.

I would also like to remind all members and guests of the upcoming evening at the Great Hall on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This evening will be a great night and it is a fundraiser for Lymphoma Australia please ensures that you keep your calendar clear for what will be a wonderful evening at a fantastic venue.