



## STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.  
District 9675, New South Wales, Australia



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*Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."*

*Paul P. Harris*

**1 July 2015**

### **PRESIDENT PETERSEN'S PAGE**

#### **AGENDA FOR THE CLUB ASSEMBLY TONIGHT**

- ***Members' reactions to the Changeover Program***
- ***Members' reactions to the Strategy 360 Initiative***
- ***Club Succession arrangement for 2016-2017 President***
- ***Ongoing follow-up by members concerning August 22 "Gift for Life" Ball***
  - 1. Introduction to the L>>M>>O>> Guessing Competition Ticket sales***
  - 2. Support for table ticket sales***
- ***Increase in Weekly Dinner Costs***
- ***Number of Hours spent on Club Activities***
- ***Involvement in obtaining District Grants Funds***
- ***S.W.O.T. Analysis (as time permits) in Directorate groupings***
- ***National Rotary Success Conference and Youth Summit, Canberra in September***

**PROGRAM FOR JULY, 2015**

- Wednesday July 1:** Club Assembly: refer cover page for Agenda  
**Wednesday July 8:** Anne Marie Byrne, Communication and Development Manager  
Ashfield Infants' Home  
Game Three of State of Origin  
**Wednesday July 15:** Nate Brown, Salvation Army Welfare Program  
BOARD MEETING  
**Weekend: July 17/19** District initiated RYPEN Program at Redfern  
Roger Vince arranged for Meriden student attendance  
**Wednesday July 22:** District Governor, Graham Wilson and Helen Wilson  
Rotary International Representative for District 9675  
**Wednesday July 29:** Dot Hennessy District Representative for SES/Rotary  
**Friday July 31:** Partners' Social Outing: "Christmas in July"

**Saturday  
22  
August**

**SATURDAY 22  
AUGUST 2015**

**THE GREAT HALL  
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY**  
A GALA EVENING OF DINNER AND DANCE  
IN THE SPLENDID GREAT HALL.

**TICKETS: \$125**  
**TABLES OF 10 \$1250**  
**SPONSOR TABLE PACKAGE \$2500**  
(INCLUDES TABLE OF 10 & ADVERTISING)

**INCLUDES:**  
3 COURSE DINNER, DRINKS  
GREAT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
JELLYBEAN JAM AUSTRALIA'S  
PREMIERE PARTY BAND!  
MAGICIANS, AUCTIONS  
RAFFLES & PRIZES

**TICKETS**  
BRADLEY AYRES 0412 284 196  
ARIE PAPPAS 0417 700 717

**DRESS**  
BLACK TIE

**Lymphoma  
Australia**

**OBJECTIVES**

*To enliven the supporting members of Strathfield Rotary Club and to encourage further and foster the ideal of SERVICE as a basis of worthwhile enterprise.*

*To develop greater acquaintances of each other as supporting members of an outstanding community minded fraternity as an opportunity of FELLOWSHIP at both Club and arranged social occasions.*

*To demonstrate high ethical standards in our Club operations that encompass both service and fellowship at both meetings and opportunities of community connectedness as a result of taking opportunities offered and/or identified by the Club Administrative Team.*

*To communicate the outcomes of service to our members and community and the Rotary District through a weekly newsheet that highlights the effectiveness of chosen programs and plans.*

*To collaborate with adjoining Rotary Clubs to fulfil the mantra of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" by joining in a united ideal of both fellowship and service.*

*To apply the ideal of international understanding, goodwill and peace making through the world of business and professional Rotarians and overcome the stigma that Rotary is seen by some for white men only and is a closed "secret" organization.*

**BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD**

**BACKGROUND TO THE PLANNING FOR THIS ROTARY YEAR:**

1.
  - a) *To adequately implement the plans of the Club it is essential that sufficient lead TIME is allocated to each and an ad hoc approach is avoided at every opportunity.*
  - b) *In connection with these plans to account for a BUDGET that includes dues and reference to Rotary International; District 9675; and our Club nominated community programs and reconciled by fundraising, donations or Grants and the support of Club members' time.*
  - c)
    - i. *That the President will hold a Board Meeting on the third Wednesdays of the months of July, August, September, October, November, February, March, April, May of the Rotary Year.*
    - ii. *That the President will hold a Club Assembly in the 1.4/90 period and the 3.4/90 period and at other times as deemed necessary.*
    - iii. *That the Club AGM will be held during the first Wednesday of December 2015 and a combined Board Meeting of 2015-16 and 2016-17 Board be held in June 2017*
2.
  - a) *Club Directors will be encouraged to Chair a Club Meeting in the month of their designated Directorate responsibility.*
  - b) *Club Directors will provide a lead and maintain an ongoing committee membership of their Directorate throughout the Rotary year, ably supported by the mentoring process initiated by PDG David Croft.*
  - c) *Members' input will be sought to seek a change of venue, day and or time for a weekly Club meeting if the need arises.*
3. *The Club President will liaise with the Weekly Newsletter Editor to produce a single folded A4 page newsheet which is reader friendly comprising limited prose content.*
4. *The Administrative Team will pursue the prospects of planning for in association with PP Graham True, Social Contact for the Club :*
  - i. *The 111<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Paul Harris' Inauguration of the Rotary Movement;*
  - ii. *The 100<sup>th</sup> Centenary Celebrations of Taronga Park Zoological Gardens*
  - iii. *The 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Inauguration of the Rotary Club of Strathfield*
  - iv. *The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ABBA as a social occasion for members and partners.*

5. *The Administrative Team will support an identified Club Director and members to fundraise :*
  - a) *In the 1.4/90 period for Lymphoma Australia at a pre-arranged "Gift of Life Ball" to be held at the Great Hall of the University of Sydney in August.*
  - b) *in the 4.4/90 period of the Rotary Year for identified medical support of the Rotary Ward at the Westmead Childrens' Hospital*
  
6. *Greater emphasis will be placed throughout the year on the role that the Rotary International Foundation plays in the life of this Rotary Club particularly through the Centurion Program and the Polioplus initiative.*

**TENURE OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP: A Perspective 30 June, 2015**

*During this forty fourth year of life of Strathfield Rotary Club membership is experiencing a significant crossroad of operation. At this crossroad we find the following situation:*

*A paid-up membership band which is represented by one in three members who cannot be regarded as regular attendees of weekly Club meetings. Our Club Constitution states: 'A member should attend this Club's regular meetings'*

*The elder age status of proportion of members has led to a significant number seeking Leave of Absence, which is a perfect right either to travel, seek medical assistance and in another category to resign*

*Induction of five members in President Allan Teale's Rotary Year has significantly arrested the drop in membership, considering all of the above to an effective total of forty four member A reticence on the part of some members, normally because of other community commitments, workloads , family pressures and resulting time constraints*

*At the time of writing there has not been a nomination for the position of Club President Nominee for the 2016-2017 Rotary Year of the Club.*

*In view of the foregoing challenges of membership tenure I have chosen to nominate the STRATEGY 360 to be implemented in four quarters of the year of ninety days each. Hence the first quarter will be known as 1.4/90: (July to September 2015) While the Administrative Team has agreed to 360 Days of 2015-16 commitment the various positions listed on the adjoining sheet will be a responsibility for a ninety day period. Members will be encouraged to retain the position if they wish or change to another or seek whatever commitment their personal circumstances dictate at the changeover time.*

*Support of the District Membership Contact, the Assistant District Governor and adjoining Club Executives will be sought to increase and rejuvenate Club Membership, while exhorting those paying, though non inclusive individuals calling themselves Rotarians to become more actively involved firstly by attending weekly meetings. Ours is a productive enterprise which pursues our OBJECTIVES of SERVICE and FELLOWSHIP with zest and enthusiasm.*

**Allan Petersen. Club President**                      30 June, 2015

**Statistics**    **17.6 Members** **18 Partners** **0 Guests** **0 Raffle \$135.00** **Sergeant \$81.35**  
**27.6 Members** **24 Partners** **15 Guests** **31 Raffle \$715.00**

 Burwood Council 1-17 Elsie St Burwood 9911 9911	 McDonalds, Enfield 9742 6334	 Richardson & Wrench - Strathfield 9745 2733	 Selectprint (NSW) Pty Ltd 16 The Crescent Homebush 9746 6434	 STRATHFIELD COUNCIL Strathfield Council Homebush Road Strathfield 9748 9999
 Homebush Community Bank 27 Rochester St Homebush 9764 6616	 PREMIER PANELBEATING Premier Panelbeating 65-67 Rosedale Ave. Greenacre 9790 6960	 Selected Financial Broking selectedfinance@optusnet.com.au	 Strathfield Chamber of Commerce	 Strathfield Golf Club 9642 0326