



# STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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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

PRESIDENT PETERSEN'S PAGE

**12 August, 2015**

FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 2015

THAT'S LESS THAN A FORTNIGHT AWAY

## DATE OF 'GIFT OF LIFE' BALL

DO YOU HAVE YOUR TICKETS? TABLES OF TEN ARE FILLING FAST AT \$125 PER PERSON

Thank you!      Thank you!      Thank you!      Thank you!      Thank you!

**AT LAST WEEK'S CLUB MEETING THE 'GIFT OF LIFE' BALL WAS SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED IN THE PRESENCE OF MEMBERS, SPONSORS AND LYMPHOMA AUSTRALIA REPRESENTATIVE SHARON MILLMAN CEO**

- Master of Ceremonies Lou Greco attended
- SPONSORS INCLUDED:
- Bartercard reps: Katinka Zagon and Gail Knight attended
- Boomart printers were represented by Romio and Rania Georges
- VLC Partners present were Hector Vieira and Nelson Lopes
- Kuburlis Catering had Jim Kubeurlis and Louise Hobbins present

*Costco and Strathfield Council have offered their support.*

*All donations received have been between \$500 and \$3 000.*

**COULD YOU ASSIST WITH A DONATIOIN FOR THE SILENT AUCTION?**

*Arthur Crossan has: He's an Honorary Rotarian and self-taught landscape Painter. He has donated an original Australian watercolour landscape for Inclusion in the Silent Auction fundraiser for the Ball. You could give Jewellery; appliances; bottles of wine; travel vouchers; accommodation.*



## An Invitation

Club Members' support to invite  
a relative, workmate, neighbour,  
friend, prospective Rotarian to

### **A MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

### **MEETING: WEDNESDAY AUG 19**

**Guest Speaker: PP Stephen Knightley**

**District 9675 Membership Co-ordinator 6.15pm for 6.30pm**

Fathers' Day Weekend

September 5 and 6

### **STRATHFIELD COUNCIL SPRING FAIR**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5**

**STRATHFIELD PARK**

**MUSCLE CAR MASTERS**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**EASTERN CREEK**

#### **ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED THIS WEEK**

- August 14 George Hallworth Birthday
  - August 15 Gulian Vaccari Birthday
  - August 17 David Croft Rotary
  - August 18 Allan Petersen Birthday
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## ***City2Surf – A Partners Say.***

***Strathfield Club was represented by PP Peter Smith, Rotarian Ian Johnson and Dinesh the author:***

Call it winter madness or just plain craving for excitement, City2Surf 2015 provided both in sheer abundance. City2Surf is a great race which tests the weather tolerance and physical fitness, not only of the race participants, but also of thousands of volunteers who get up early in the morning, don heavy woollens and brave low temperatures in trains and buses to reach their volunteer locations in readiness for the race to start. As the day advances and gets warmer, it is interesting to watch the people, participants and volunteers alike, peeling off layers of woollens one by one and enjoying the soothing warmth of the sun and the great ambience of the race atmosphere.

I am glad to have the opportunity to volunteer as the Traffic Marshall for the race. After having participated in the race four times in six years and having enjoyed every moment of it, it was time for me to give something back and experience the fun from the other side at the same time. As they say, preparation is half the fun and living through the actual event is the other half. When you are excited or passionate about something, the heat, cold, sun, rain or wind does not bother you.

We were required to be at our volunteer locations latest by 6:45am, therefore, it was imperative for us to catch the bus pickup at Bondi Junction at 5:30am. Needless to say, getting up later than 3am was not an option. I caught the train at Strathfield station just around 4.00am.

At Bondi Junction, we were welcome in the bus by the local event Coordinator Russell Paine (from Bondi Rotary Club), provided packed sandwiches and water bottles and given a brief outline of our responsibilities. We signed on a paper selecting a location, although having no prior knowledge of locations or facilities at these locations, any location was as good as the other. I and Peter Smith chose the intersection at Military Road/Peel Road/Kobada Road. Our stars must have been in perfect alignment, this location turned out to be quite good. It was the high end of the streets at an intersection, had good visibility of the race participants as far back as 1 km and had spectacular views of the sea. And to add to the fun this great

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location was also chosen by some live entertainers, a cheer squad of 10 young girls who sang, danced and cheered the runners all through.

Our role as the Traffic Marshal was to ensure that the vehicles, cars and spectators were kept off the course and to escalate any incident of non-compliance to the Traffic Controller or our Event Coordinator. In general, people were well behaved and responded to our instructions and directions without any objection or resistance. For all practical purposes, the race finished at our location at 12:30pm. This was then followed by 45 minutes of clean-ups before all clear was given to open the roads for normal traffic. We were picked up by the bus at 1:30pm, arriving at the Bondi junction at 2pm. We were home by 3pm.

Though it was a long shift, we somehow did not feel it that way at the end. It was physically taxing, but mentally exhilarating. I am glad my Rotarian partner Usha asked me join in this adventure and regret that she dropped out not convinced that she would pass this fitness test which I attributed partly to lack of timely and clear information. This event has the potential to become a regular high profile annual event in the Rotary Calendar, subject to fine tuning the communication process between the participating Rotary clubs and ensuring timely availability of the information (including transport logistics) to the participating volunteers.

*Dinesh Garg*

<b>MEETING STATISTICS</b>	<b>5 8 15</b>
Members present	19
Partners	8
Guests	10
Leaves of Absence	9
Apologies	10
No apologies	9
Make-Ups	0
Raffle	\$250.00
Sergeant-at-Arms	\$101.35

